

HOCKEY
First Game of Season
DAL vs ACADIA
Friday Night — At Acadia

DAL SPORTS

BASKETBALL
DAL vs ACADIA
Place — Dal Gym

CAGERS CLIPPED IN OPENER

Lack Of Practice Evident As Tigers Lose To St. Mary's

by DIGGORY NICHOLS

In the initial contest of the 1955-56 Intercollegiate basketball league the Dalhousie Varsity Tigers were edged out by the red and white hoop specialists from Saint Mary's University by a close 5-point margin, 49-44. The Frankie Baldwin coached crew, in securing their first win on Dal hardwood, played consistent ball throughout. On the other hand the Tigers showed an obvious lack of finesse both at the foul line and around the basket.

The Tigers started strong in the first frame after Don Clarke, with a long one-handed push shot, had opened the scoring for St. Mary's. At the end of the first 10 minutes Dal had a slight scoring edge but this was quickly overcome by the close-pressing St. Mary's five, a lead they never did relinquish. In the first half Dal's "Bebo" McKeen, a veteran Dal hoop star, had to leave the floor as the lack of conditioning began to tell, but in the last half was back playing his standout forward position. This half both teams played cautious ball as they seemed to be feeling for each other's weaknesses. Scoring was at a premium and the first 20 minutes of play ended with Dal on the short end of a 27-22 count.

The second half was much as the first with Dal missing many golden chances with what looked like too many colorful shots and not enough baskets resulting. St. Mary's kept up the sustained lead although both teams trooped to the foul line consist-

ently and this was the telling factor in the game as St. Mary's netted a phenomenal 80% in sinking 16 out of 20 attempts whereas Dal quintet was woefully weak in this department in sinking only 10 out of 24 for a miserable 42%.

With a little over half of the last frame gone, St. Mary's Ken Dunsworth, fouled out after netting on four baskets 8 points. He was quickly followed by teammates Jack Laurence and Don Clarke each with 7 points on two baskets and three foul shots. On the misdemeanor side for Dal was "Bebo" McKeen who with about six minutes to go fouled out with one point after playing a strong two-way game. Next came the two "old reliables" high scorer Ernie Nickerson with 16 points and "Big Gord" Rankin with 12 points who played an amazingly strong game considering he had just the week before finished a gruelling football season at centre for the semi-finalist Tigers.

Standouts and high-scorers for St. Mary's were Robin Falconer

Watch It Little Boy



Big Gord Rankin goes up for a rebound in Saturday's game which the Tigers lost 49-44. Gerry Conrod and Robin Falconer of St. Mary's. Photo by Thomas

with 11 points, Ken Dunsworth 8, and Laurence Clarke 7.

Leading the Dal quintet and all scorers was hard working Ernie Nickerson with 16 points, all but 6 of them on foul shot, indicating St. Mary's constant desire to stop him. Gordie Rankin with 12 points and hustling Paul Goldman with 8 points were Dal's scoring leaders.

ST. MARY'S: Falconer 11, Dunsworth 8, Laurence 7, Clarke 7, Conrod 6, Phenney 5, Burns 3, Carew 2, Shepard, Ross, Leach and MacDonald.

DALHOUSIE: Nickerson 16, Rankin 12, Goldman 8, McGregor 2, Matheson 2, Jones 2, McKeen 1, Anderson 1, Weatherston Johnston, Sinclair, McKinnon.

Badminton Club Meets

The King's Badminton Club will meet in Room 3 Monday evening to outline its program for the year. It is hoped that play will begin Thursday evening in the newly renovated gym. Work on the gym has been progressing rapidly, and we expect that much of our Intre-Bay sports program will centre around this long awaited addition to the college.

Glossary

(for the inquisitive and uninformed)

- FORWARD PASS—Getting acquainted with the coed in the front row.
 - ILLEGAL INTERFERENCE — "Take your hands off my Mickey!"
 - UNBALANCED LINE — Alfred Street at 1:45 Saturday afternoon.
 - QUICK OPENER—New use for buck teeth.
 - COACH—An ulcer on a salary.
 - END RUN — "We know where you're going!"
 - PLACEMENT—Dropping 7-Up on the kids under the stands.
 - CHEERLEADER—Megaphone on springs.
- Thank to Queen's Journal.

WANTED! SWIMMERS YOU MAY DO?

Mixed, recreational, and team practices have been taking place at the YMCA on South Park Street. The turnout for swimming has been rather poor but the hopes are that it will pick up after exams. There is room for everybody no matter if you're a speed swimmer or just a general splasher. Any Dal student may go down for a plunge on Tuesday, 11:00 to 12:00; on Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:00; and on Thursday, 3:00 to 4:00.

It is expected that the old veterans will be back in form again this year. Dave Brown, who is well-known for his backstroke will probably swim for Dal in this department. Also trying for the backstroke is freshman Rick Dawson. Gus Bookbinder and Ian MacKenzie are well-seasoned veterans who will be trying to bring home all the breast stroke honors. Dave Thomas, local ex-lifeguard and well-known photographer for the Gazette is getting back into shape to star in the free-style division. It is hoped that many more freshmen will be out to the practises after Christmas to fill out the rest of the ranks. How about it Freshmen?

King's Swamp Tech In Opener

In the opening game of the Halifax Senior "A" League, played at Stad Gym last Wednesday night, King's swamped Tech 61-43. The Tech squad built up a 5-0 lead in the first minutes of the game, but quickly fell behind as the sharp-shooting Kingsmen found the range. Play was very close in the first half, and when the whistle blew at half-time, King's was leading 22-19.

The Walker coached squad forged ahead mid-way through the third quarter, paced by the high scoring trio of Drysdale, Walker and Nicholson, with 20, 17 and 16 points respectively. The Kingsmen piled up 39 points in the last half, compared to a 24-point effort by the Sliderule trio.

It is felt that the King's team will be a hard team to beat in the Senior "A" circuit this year.

FLYERS TAKE PURDY CUP

The Shearwater Flyers defeated the Greenwood Bombers 32-5 in a very uneven contest at Wanderers Grounds last Saturday. The Shearwater team showed the reason why they won the league schedule so handily and also why Bob Hayes was voted the most valuable player award this year.

Hayes did most of the ball handling in the game and he came up with a 12-point performance. Jim Stroud scored two majors for 10 points and Walker and Axford scored the other TD's. Big John Hudson scored the Greenwood major early in the first quarter.

The game did not measure up to expectations. It was thought that two very evenly matched teams would battle down to the wire to see who would go home with the Purdy Cup which was won by Dal last year. However this was not the case as the Shearwater 12 dominated the play for the last three quarters.

On behalf of the entire Dal student body, the Gazette would like to extend congratulations to Don Loney and his Flyers on their win and also our condolences to the Ted MacLarty Greenwood Bombers.

Tigers Make Creditable Showing As Awards Given And Dream Teams Picked

by PETER BENNETT

Once again the Nova Scotia Senior Football has come to the end of another successful season, and as usual the coaches, sportswriters and officials make their choices of dream teams, most valuable players, etc. This year has been no exception and during the past few weeks the ballots were sent out and choices received.

Dalhousie players received their share of glory as Don Nicholson was named the "Rookie of the Year" and given the CHNS Trophy. This handsome new trophy was donated to the league this year for the top new hand in senior ball. The requirements for eligibility call for not having played any higher category than high school or junior previously.

Don, a med student, is a switchover from rugby. He made the metamorphosis in great style—taking to the Canadian game like a duck to water. He still has a few years left as a Dal student and most fans look for great things from him in future season.

Bob Hayes, the starry backfielder of the Shearwater club was the unanimous choice for the Duffus Trophy which is awarded to the league's outstanding player. Hayes is a top competitor. He showed his driving spirit when he had a hand in all three Shearwater scores against Dal in the semi-finals, despite a painful hip injury.

The Milovitch Memorial Trophy which is awarded in honor of Mike Milovitch, who lost his life in an airplane crash while serving in the RCANS was won this year by Don "Moose" Mulligan of Greenwood for winning the scoring championship with a total of 71 points. Mulligan was a driving force on the Greenwood team throughout the year and was one of the prime reasons why they reached the finals against the Flyers.

Roger Greer of Dal was runner-up to Packy MacFarlane of St. F.X. as the league's most outstanding lineman. The voting for this trophy ended in a tie but was broken by the votes of the respective team coaches.

MacFarlane was picked on nearly every one's all-star team

this term. He started his football at Cheverees Jesuit High School in Portland, where he also starred in basketball. The 200-pounder who stands five-feet was co-captain of his school's grid squad.

Greer is a Halifax native. A right guard when his team has the ball he shifts to outside backer on defence. He is 22, 186 pounds and hits the six-foot mark. Roger is a product of Queen Elizabeth high school grid clubs and has just completed his fourth season with Dal.

Meanwhile while the choices were being made as regards the various player choices, those concerned, were deciding on the players who were to fill the slots on the league all-star team. When the voting was finished the result was an overloaded roster but a power packed squad.

Only three men were chosen on both going and stopping teams. Two of them were from Dal. End Gary Watson and tackle Don Lyons were considered by the voters good enough to play two-way ball on the dream club. Xaverian stalwart Packy MacFarlane caught the eyes of the coaches as a valuable man to have at centre and centre-linebacker, so he was pressed into two-way duty.

OFFENCE
 Ends: Fran Shea (FX), Gary Watson (Dal.)

Tackles: Doug Brown (St.), Lyons (Dal), Verrier (FX).

Guards: O'Brien (Dal), Bosse (FX), Matchett (Sh), Toohey (St), Nicholson (Sh), MacDonald (Gr), Eckroth (Gr), Cooper (Gr).

Centre: MacFarlane (FX)

Backs: Hayes (Sh), Hudson (Gr), Bryson (Dal), Mulligan (Gr).

Quarter: Lesaux (FX).

DEFENCE

Ends: Ivor Axford (Sh), Gary Watson (Dal), Mel Grant (FX).

Tackles: Don Lyons (Dal), Hugh Cutler (Sh).

Guards: Duguid (Gr), Dick Eager (Dal), Dale Klassen (Sh).

Backs: MacFarlane (FX), Moose Mills (Sh), Paul Susce (Gr), Moe Jonsson (Gr), Dave Theakston (Dal), Paul Gowan (Sh).

This year a new trophy was added to those already in circulation and that was the Admiral Bidwell Trophy which was donated by Rear Admiral Roger E. S. Bidwell, Flag Officer, Atlantic Coast. It is awarded to the squad winning the regular schedule, the 1955 winner being the Shearwater "Flyers."

The last one to be presented and the most sought after is the Purdy Cup emblematic of Nova Scotia rugby supremacy and this year was won by Shearwater. This trophy was donated by Carson Purdy back in the early years of the league.

Tigers Growl As Axemen Approach

Dal takes to the ice this Friday evening as they take on Acadia Axemen in the opening game of the Intercollegiate hockey wars. The squad, under coach Witt Dargie, has been undergoing practice for the last few weeks in preparation for the opener. There is no doubt that the Tigers will have their hands full as they meet the Fred Kelly coached Acadia aggregation. It is well known that Kelly never sends in a mediocre squad.

Coach Dargie will have a former Axeman in the nets in the person of Don McNeil, a very capable man as many Dal forwards of last year knew. Also back guarding the twine will be Gerry Gaydamack, who split the duties with Barry Sullivan during last season. Back again in the rearguard will be Rolly Perry and John Fitch on the first string, with Don Grant and Donnie McLeod, rounding out the quartet.

Three strong forward lines are lined up to give what is hoped to provide adequate force up front. Back from last year will be Dave Street, Don Hill, Dave Green, "Googie" Fitzgerald. New members will be Bob Dauphinee, Steve Pfahny, Mark Sajatovitch, Steve Atwood, Bob Thompson and Russ Hattan.

Dargie is attempting to ice a team that will play fast and pressing hockey and that will have lots of punch up front

where it does the most good. So, in case you are in the vicinity of the rink at Acadia this Friday night, call in and support the team in their first tilt.

CUP

During the last few weeks the various Maritime Universities have been receiving wires from each other as regards to various sports events and occurrences. The news of Dal's prospective trip to the Boston States for instance was carried in the other college papers throughout the Maritimes. In one of the recent issues of the *Brunswickian* there was an article dealing with the fracas taking place at the Intercollegiate games in Ontario. The stories are sent by the various universities in the CUP hookup

Athletic Trophies To Adorn Residence

One of these days that glass and wood monstrosity in the main entrance of Men's Residence is going to hold a few of Dal's trophies. Why, when or how, one knows.

As a matter of fact in order to obtain a line on the trophies one has to look in several different places for the trophies. It is understood that there are are hard to find. It doesn't look like the Purdy Cup will make the cabinet since Dal was eliminated last week. This is a shame because a lot of people never saw it even while it was here. Awards to Reg Cluney last year was the Little Trophy for being the most valuable player on the team, this will be shown in the cabinet along with several badminton trophies among them the Alan Curry Cup, the G. E. Leslie Trophy, and the Jenny W. Leslie Trophy, all for intercollegiate badminton in both men's and women's fields. The swimming team trophy which Dal won at Acadia last year, The Standard Paving Trophy, will be shown along with a few of the other older trophies. But as we say, "no one knows when!"

throughout the country. Although very few sports stories are sent on the Maritimes, the coverage on the news and feature scenes is quite wide.