

Hockey Season To Open Saturday; Acadia Here

Dal rink will be the scene of the opening game of the 1959-1960 Intercollegiate Hockey League Saturday night. At 8:00 p.m., Dalhousie will battle with the Acadia Axemen in the first game of their title defense.

The Tigers are sharpening their plays and working into great shape as they anticipate a tough pre-Christmas schedule. "I have every confidence," reports Coach DeWitt Dargie, "that, by late January, we will have developed tremendous offensive power — that is, of course, barring troublesome injuries. We have two games to play before Christmas and they will be a real problem since at least six of our potential squad cannot participate until after the examinations."

Defence Problem

As was earlier reported, defense still poses the greatest problem. Replacing Bill MacLeod, Carl Day, Dave Gardner and Claude Brown is a coach's nightmare. Gardner has been advised to take a layoff because of medical reasons. MacLeod and Day have graduated and Brown is now ineligible. Bill Rankin, a possible replacement for Brown in goals is supporting a leg cast due to a football injury.

The offense is suffering a temporary relapse while John Graham recuperates from a shoulder complication but will look brighter with his return and with the appearance of Doug Cudmore and Eric Parsons after Xmas.

Rookies Excel

The rookie situation is extremely good with Gene Schieble, a top prospect, ready to step in at a forward slot. Other newcomers include Briggs, Lund, Don Bauld and Cameron. Dargie is presently using Cameron, a centre, on defense and

the other newcomers play on the front line.

If Pete Corkum, Errol Nickerson and Brewer Auld make their appearance and fill the defense requirements satisfactorily, Dargie will be able to move Cameron back to centre and have three strong offensive units. Walt Fitzgerald, Frank Sim and John Graham will probably form the top offensive trio.

Regardless of the outcome of the two games before Christmas (against Acadia and SMU), Dal fans are insured of seeing a much improved team in the New Year.

GOOD LUCK, TIGERS . . . LET'S FILL THOSE NETS WITH PUCKS!

Skating
EVERY SUNDAY
DAL RINK
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Hockey Schedule

- Nov. 28—Acadia at Dalhousie
St. Mary's at St. F.X.
- Dec. 3—Acadia at St. F.X.
- Dec. 5—St. Mary's at Dalhousie
- Dec. 12—St. F.X. at St. Mary's
- Dec. 15—Acadia at St. Mary's
- Jan. 16—Acadia at N. S. Tech
Dalhousie at St. F.X.
- Jan. 23—St. Mary's at Acadia
N. S. Tech at Dalhousie
- Jan. 30—N. S. Tech at Acadia
Dalhousie at St. Mary's
- Feb. 2—St. F.X. at N. S. Tech
- Feb. 6—Dalhousie at Acadia
N. S. Tech at St. F.X.
- Feb. 13—St. F.X. at Acadia
Dalhousie at N. S. Tech
- Feb. 20—St. F.X. at Dalhousie
St. Mary's at N. S. Tech
(afternoon game)

DAL SPORTS

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

by Joel Jacobson

WANTED: BASKETBALL PLAYERS

"At the present time, Dalhousie cannot compete on a Senior Varsity level in basketball in the Maritime Intercollegiate League because of the lack of material." These were the words of basketball coach Merv Shaw last week as he reported on the deplorable turnouts at basketball practices. Out of approximately 800 male students, between five and ten showed up at the opening few workouts. Surely there are more basketball players or potential basketball players at the university. **PRACTISES ARE BEING HELD EVERY WEEK NIGHT BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE DAL GYM.**

Dal has been forced, by the other schools in the league, to function on an extremely high level of play. These other colleges, Acadia, St. F.X., and Saint Mary's, have brought in Americans and other out-of-province players to bolster their rosters. The coaches and administration feel that Dalhousie should not have to look to foreign lands for athletes. The aforementioned schools have taken the game away from our local boys and given it to the Americans. There must be enough boys at Dalhousie who are interested in playing basketball for Dal and in supporting the fine name the Tigers have built in Intercollegiate sports.

In the past three or four years, the Bengals have depended on Ted Wickwire, Bill White, Nick Weatherston, Dave Matheson et al for our basketball squad. Granted these boys are fine basketball players but they cannot last forever and, at this writing, Wickwire and Cam Smith are the only returnees this year. In those four years, there have been two or three players of varsity caliber to appear on the scene—Bruce Stewart and Ted Brown, for example. These boys are now in their junior years and there are no younger players ready to fill their shoes. Dalhousie shouldn't have to depend on graduate students—e.g. Wickwire, Smith—but should be able to reap their players from the freshmen, sophs and juniors. **IF THIS CONTINUES, NEXT YEAR WE WILL BE UNABLE TO COMPETE AT ALL IN OUR OWN LEAGUE.**

SUPPORTERS ARE NEEDED, TOO

Tiger fans! This message is directed at you and there should be 1820 Bengal Boosters reading this.

Support for our football stalwarts at the Purdy Cup game (and for most of the regular season games) was extremely poor. At most of those games, Dal rooters were outnumbered at least TWO to ONE by people not belonging to Studley campus. Not that these fans weren't welcome, but when players see and hear cheers for the opposition and not for themselves, they get this attitude: "Why should we give our all if our friends and fellow students don't care whether we win or lose?"

If you want winning teams, in both basketball and hockey get out and support your athletes. It costs no more than twenty-five cents to see either sport played. It's much cheaper than the movies. And you wouldn't be studying on Saturday nights (when most games are played) would you?

INTERBAY SPORTS

Volleyball

Radical Bay won its first game in four years of Inter-Bay competition November 17, when they defeated Middle Bay in two out of three keenly contested games in the King's Gym. The Radical Boys edged Middle in the first game, lost the second encounter and convincingly won the payoff contest. Turning in stellar performance for the winners were Fern Wentzell, Pete Wilson and Brian O'Donoghue. For the losers, Jim Carfa, Mel Heit and Sandy MacDonald were outstanding.

Hockey

by BASIL COOPER

'Middleman' Gerald Curnew slammed in six goals to pace Middle Bay to a 12-6 victory over Chapel Bay in the Inter-Bay Hockey League November 16. The game, played at Dal Rink, saw Rollie Canning and Bob Shepherd each tally twice and Doug Oram and Sandy MacDonald each flashed the red light once.

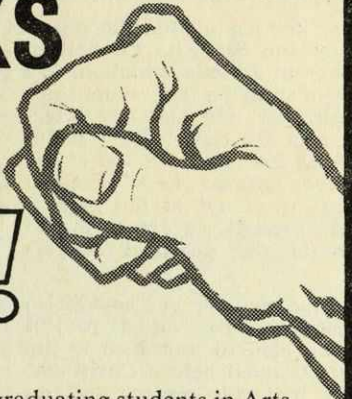
For Chapel Bay, Jack Dean scored three times while Rollie Lines, Dave Knickle and Bob Jackson scored once. Goal tender Tom Lebrum was a standout for Middle, as was John Bessonette. For the losers, Garth Christie, Don Stevenson and Cliff Shirley excelled.

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