

Women's hockey seeking inaugural AUAA crown

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

This weekend, the Dalhousie women's hockey team will take part in the first ever Atlantic University Women's Hockey Championship at the University of New Brunswick. Acadia, St. Francis-Xavier, SMU and host UNB will also be participating. The AUAA champions will then go on to the inaugural CIAU tournament which will take place at Concordia University February 28 to March 2, and will be the only non-varsity team in the competition.

Even though Dal has had a women's hockey team for several years, they are still considered a club team. As there is no varsity league in the Atlantic provinces, the Tigers play in a nine-team senior

Nova Scotia league as well as against intramural teams.

Dal currently stands at 8-3-0 with 4 season games left and will be looking to defend last year's provincial championship title. The team will face off against Acadia first at noon on Friday, a team they defeated for last season's league title. Being a club, the team has some non-student players that they will have to do without for AUAA's however team captain Tanya MacDonald does not appear too worried.

"We are up against Acadia first," she notes. "It will be a tough game, but we have a good chance to win if we all work hard as a team."

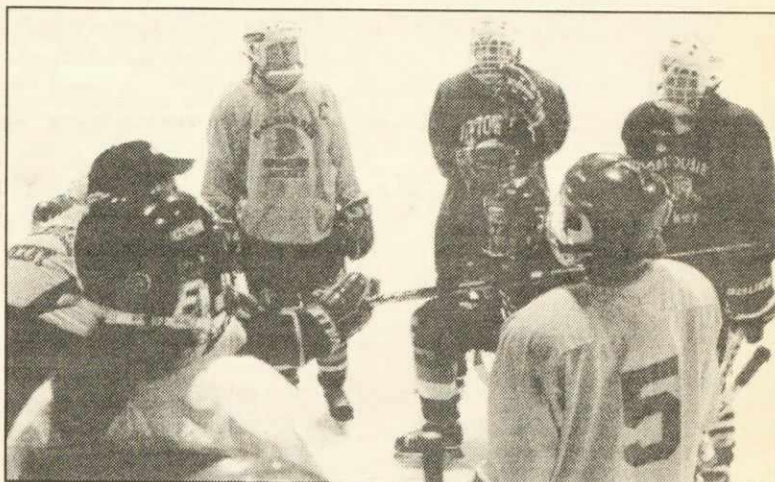
Yet MacDonald recognizes the problems that go with club status. A varsity league may or may not

figure in the near future of women's hockey in Nova Scotia but, for the time being and like most of its league contemporaries, the team currently has very little ice-time and is terribly under-funded.

"One problem we are faced with by being a club is that most girls who want to continue playing at a university level leave the Atlantic region," she adds. "All provinces outside the Atlantic four have varsity teams, so we need to get some groundwork done. Having AUAA's is a start."

Dalhousie women's hockey AUAA team

Centre: Tanya MacDonald, Nadine Hopkins, Sarah Keyes
Left wing: Kathy Robertson, Jenn Campbell, Laura Cormier



Women's hockey team during an early morning practice. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

Right wing: Sara Nesbit, Beth Sharp, Amanda Currew, Shelley Malcolm
Defense: Ros Day, Nancy Austin, Kenize Tobin, Simone Page
Goal: Stacey Laskis, Jenni Bannerman

Tigers take two

BY CARMEN TAM

On Sunday the Tigers swept the Mount Allison Mounties 3-0 by game scores of 15-10, 15-7 and 15-4 in Sackville, New Brunswick to take third place in the ten-team conference with a 6-1 record. Alicia MacFarlane totalled nine kills and four blocks for the Tigers and was named Player of the Match. Teammate and fifth-year middle blocker Jen Parkes added seven kills, four digs and three blocks.

"It was probably our biggest game of the year as they have beaten us twice before in tournament play," said MacFarlane, a leftside hitter for the Tigers. "So beating them on the weekend gave us a big edge for the rest of the season."

On Saturday, the Tigers topped the Moncton Anges Bleus 15-8, 12-15, 15-7 and 15-8. Parkes had

10 kills in the victory while MacFarlane lead the defense with 17 digs.

Dal will host the 1998 Dalhousie Classic and will face competition from

the Université de Montreal, McGill University, Acadia University and the Université de Moncton. The Tigers will look to improve on last season's sixth-place finish in the Classic. Dalhousie will face the Acadia Axettes in their tournament opener on Friday at noon.

"We have pretty high goals — we are not just going for the experience, we are going in to be ranked," said MacFarlane. "If we put a good show here, we'll hopefully end up in the top ten — it is important for us in that respect."

It is a really important time for us because it is our last out-of-conference play this season."

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Top Scorers for Women's Hockey

	GP	G	A	P
Sara Keyes	11	9	8	17
Tanya MacDonald	9	9	7	16
Beth Sharp	9	8	3	11
Nadine Hopkins	10	3	7	10
Ros Day	11	1	8	9
Jenn Campbell	11	2	5	7

DAL WRESTLING CLUB EVENTS

The Dal Wrestling Club has already participated twice at Concordia and the Eastern Canadian Championships, with excellent results, and there is more to come. This Saturday, Dalhousie will be the site for the 1998 Dal Wrestling Open, so come out and support your team! Action begins at 9am in Studley Gym.

The Dal Wrestling Club is off to the UNB Open on January 24, the Nova Scotia Open on January 31, the AUAA's @ UNB on February 14, the CIAUs @ Brock, and finally the the Atlantic Open in March.

If you are looking for a new exciting sport on campus this winter check out the Dal Wrestling Club!

Upcoming events

MEN'S BASKETBALL		
Jan. 17	Dal@MUN	8pm
Jan. 18	Dal@MUN	2pm
Jan. 21	ACA@Dal	8pm
Jan. 25	UNB@Dal	3pm
Jan. 28	Dal@SMU	8pm
Jan. 31	Dal@SFX	8pm

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		
Jan. 17	Dal@MUN	6pm
Jan. 18	Dal@MUN	noon
Jan. 21	ACA@Dal	6pm
Jan. 25	UNB@Dal	1pm
Jan. 28	Dal@SMU	6pm
Jan. 31	Dal@SFX	6pm

HOCKEY		
Jan. 17	MTA@Dal	7pm
Jan. 18	UNB@Dal	2pm
Jan. 21	Dal@ACA	7:30pm
Jan. 24	SMU@Dal	7pm
Jan. 31	UPEI@Dal	7pm

SWIMMING		
Jan. 18	Dal vs Nova Scotia Select	4pm
Jan. 19	Blue vs Whites	2pm
Jan. 23	MTA/Dal@UNB	7pm
Jan. 24	UNB/Dal@MTA	2pm

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL		
Jan. 16	Dal Classic	
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Jan. 18	Dal Classic	
Jan. 24	Dal@UNB	7pm
Jan. 25	Dal@UNB	1pm
Jan. 30	Dal@Laval Tournament	
Jan. 31	Dal@Laval Tournament	

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL		
Jan. 16	Dal Classic	
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Jan. 18	Dal Classic	
Jan. 24	UCCB@Dal	6pm
Jan. 25	UCCB@Dal	11am
Jan. 27	Dal@ACA	7:30pm
Jan. 28	Dal@UNB	8pm
Jan. 31	Dal@UNB	1pm

DALHOUSIE TIGERS

19TH ANNUAL DALHOUSIE VOLLEYBALL CLASSIC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Women's Division
Université de Montreal Carabins
McGill University Martlets
Université de Moncton Anges Bleus
Acadia University Axettes
Dalhousie University Tigers

Men's Division
University of Manitoba Bisons
Université de Sherbrooke Vert Et Or
University of Waterloo Warriors
Memorial University of Newfoundland Seahawks
Dalhousie University Tigers

Friday, January 16
noon Dalhousie - Acadia
2pm Montreal - McGill
4pm Acadia - Moncton
6pm Dalhousie - Montreal
8pm McGill - Moncton

Friday, January 16
noon Dalhousie - Waterloo
2pm Sherbrooke - Memorial
4pm Waterloo - Manitoba
6pm Dalhousie - Sherbrooke
8pm Manitoba - Memorial

Saturday, January 17
noon Dalhousie - Moncton
2pm McGill - Acadia
4pm Moncton - Montreal
6pm Dalhousie - McGill
8pm Montreal - Acadia

Saturday, January 17
noon Dalhousie - Memorial
2pm Manitoba - Sherbrooke
4pm Waterloo - Memorial
6pm Dalhousie - Manitoba
8pm Sherbrooke - Waterloo

Sunday, January 18
10:30am Men's or Women's Final*
12:30pm Men's or Women's Bronze
1pm Men's or Women's Final*

Men's or Women's Bronze

*If one Dalhousie team advances to the finals, that match will be played at 1pm. If both or neither of Dalhousie teams advance to the finals, the women's final will be played at 10:30am and the men's final at 1pm

Entrance is free to all Dal students with a valid ID. Tickets are \$5 (\$10 for a tournament pass) for adults and \$4 (\$8 for a tournament pass) for outside students.

