

Strong Team Expected In Dal Hockey Opener

by HUGH FRASER

The Dalhousie Tigers open the 1958-1959 season against Acadia on November 29. For the past three weeks, the Tigers have been going through their pre-season drills, but some of those who are expected to be the team's stalwarts have as yet to show up for the regular practice.

Returning from last year's squad are forwards Johnny "Sputnik" Graham, Murray Lewis, Frank Simm and Gavin Rainnie, defenceman Dave Gardner and goalie Claude Brown.

In addition to the above, the Tigers will be bolstered by the return of Bill MacLeod, Walter "Goog" Fitzgerald, and Doug Cudmore. MacLeod and Cudmore were prominent members of the 1956 Dal team, which lost to "X" by only one goal in the five games played. This is the first season Fitzgerald will play in the Intercollegiate wars, but along with Lewis and Graham coach Dargie hopes that this will be one of the most potent lines in the league.

Before their opener with Acadia, the Tigers will play two exhibition games, one with the Stadacona Anchors, the second with the Bluenose All-stars. The latter will be one of

the strongest teams in the Halifax area this year, and consequently will provide excellent opposition for Dal. In these games, Dargie plans to look over the newcomers and so round out the team. Because of Med exams, Cudmore and Brown have been unable to attend regular practices, but both will be in the lineup against Acadia. To all intents and purposes, Fitzgerald, Gardner and Lewis are liable to miss these pre-season games as well as the first two because of football while Lewis is not in shape as yet.

However, in spite of early season difficulties, the Tigers are expected to be a strong force in the league. Against Acadia, Dargie plans a first line centered by Lewis with Graham and Fitzgerald on the wings. Eric Parsons, former QEH star, will center the second line. Simm will be on right wing, with either Cudmore or Roy Maxwell filling the left side. Maxwell played on last year's Mt. A. team. The third line will be composed of Davis, Arsenault, Hansen and Martin.

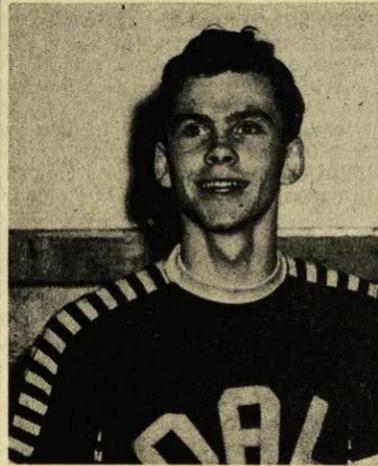
On defence Dargie will use MacLeod and Gardner, along with Ralph Johnson most of the time. Johnson, formerly of Mt. A. and a team-mate of Maxwell, did not play last year, but will be a welcome addition this season. Dave Cunningham could possibly round out the backline corps. Dargie reports that he is considering the possibility of converting Fitzgerald from a forward into a defenceman, but for the first game Fitzgerald will likely be out front.

Thus, although the Tigers are not definitely settled, they have sufficient material to provide strong opposition for their rivals from Antigonish and give the Tiger fans something to cheer about on November 29th.

Major Sports Weekend For Dal Varsity Teams

By BILL RANKIN, Sports Editor

Dalhousie University will experience one of the biggest sporting weekends in its history, when three, and possibly four, major events will be staged. Dal's varsity basketball and hockey squad will see action in intercollegiate league openers while the girls' varsity volleyball team travels to Mount Allison University, in Sackville, New Brunswick, to compete in the Maritime Intercollegiate volleyball championships.



Al Murray



Nick Weatherston



Cam Smith

The fourth event (which hinges on the outcome of the Dalhousie-Shearwater encounter) will be between the Dalhousie University Tigers and St. Francis Xavier University X-Men, for the Purdy Cup, emblematic of supremacy in the Nova Scotia Football League. The Bengals will attempt to take revenge on the two humiliating defeats handed to them by the X-Men this year. In their first encounter the boys from the Cathedral town slashed the Tigers to the tune of 45-6. In their second game the "Pussycats" continued where they left off and were defeated 45-7.

The hopes for this crack at "X" all hinge on the Shearwater game (which is history now), but it is hoped that Dalhousie will be able to recover some of their lost glory in this Purdy Cup final.

BASKETBALL OPENS

The boys varsity basketball team

will open their season in the Nova Scotia Intercollegiate Basketball League with a game against Saint Mary's University, Saturday night.

The game with the SMU team will be played at St. Mary's gymnasium. This year the basketball Bengals will have a new coach, Merv Shaw, at their helm. The SMU will be directed by last year's coach, Frank Baldwin.

Several members of the football team will probably see action on the basketball courts the weekend of the 29th.

Besides coach Shaw, Ted Wickwire, Nick "Bones" Weatherston and Ron Simmons will make the quick switch from football to basketball in one day. It must be noted however that the men in question have been practising along with the rest of the hopefuls who have been holding daily workouts at lunchtime. Three other veterans return-

ing to the '58-'59 team are Bill White, Lorne Fisher and Cam Smith.

Several freshmen to the varsity basketball scene: Mike Noble, Warren Nickerson, Bob Cunningham, Ted Brown and Bruce Stewart, might make appearances in the Bengals first contest.

Al Murray will probably make his debut in centre position.

ACADIA HERE

The same situation of switching from one varsity sport to another will occur in varsity hockey. "Goog" Fitzgerald and Dave "Gunga" Gardner will have to dash from the grid iron into the hockey rink, in Dalhousie's hockey opener with the Acadia Axemen.

The big question mark in coach DeWitt Dargie's mind is the goaltender situation. Last year's goaltender, Claude Brown, being in the midst of his medical examination has been unable to attend the practices, and is therefore very unlikely to start in the Bengals first league game.

GIRLS IN SACKVILLE

The girls' varsity volleyball team will try and take the intercollegiate volleyball from the defending champions and the hosts for the two-day tourney, Mount Allison University.

DGAC Sport Night Reaches New High

DGAC is enjoying tremendous success this year. An average of 75 girls wend their way to the gym every DGAC night to participate in badminton, archery, volleyball, ping pong and trampoline exercises. The enthusiasm that the new physical education instructress brought to her job, has been carried over to the girls, resulting in a great increase in participation in DGAC activities.

To show their appreciation for her instruction and help, Janet Sinclair, as captain of the ground hockey team, presented Joanne with a small gold "D" for her charm bracelet.

Also on the program last Monday night were two volleyball games, in which the Juniors defeated the Seniors and the Sophomores downed the fighting Freshettes.

Many of the girls enjoyed badminton games while archery and ping pong attracted some to the lower gym.

Although there are many girls taking advantage of the opportunities offered by DGAC there is always room for more.

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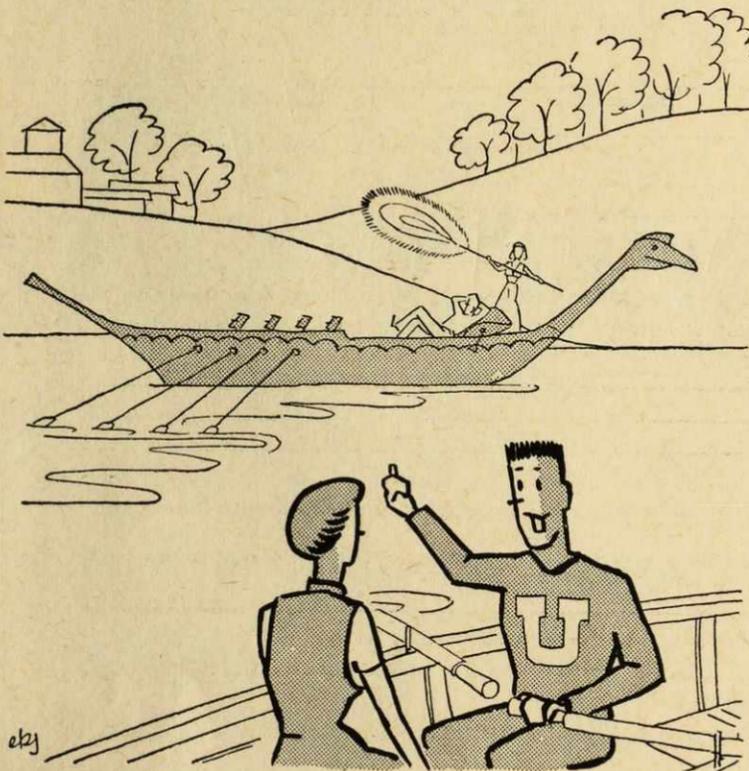
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