

# TIGERS IMPROVED

By Harry MacDonald



**BILL BUNTAIN** is in his second year as Dalhousie's team captain. A strong, aggressive hockey player, he scored 20 goals last season, leading the league in this department. Buntain is not only a scoring threat but also adds much experience to the team and is looked upon by all members as the team leader. (Photo by Munroe)

Dalhousie Hockey Tigers are going to go places this year, and up is the direction. They proved this last week with their 9-1 defeat of Tech in the MICHA opener.

### EXPERIENCED LINE

There is one certainty on the hockey scene and that is that we have the potential and experience. Hal Murray, Bill Buntain, and Graham Mercer, Dal standouts in previous campaigns, return for their last, and possibly, greatest season. They could be rated the best line in the league, certainly the ability is there with Buntain scoring 20 goals and Murray leading the team in assists last winter. Mercer, who missed last year, proved himself with 4 assists in Tech's defeat.

### MORE DEPTH

Another threesome, Dick Drmaj, John MacKeigan, and Ray Kaizer add further depth to the team's striking power. All have played two years with the hockey Tigers with the exception that Kaizer missed the past season due to injuries. The three are solid players and should turn out some fine offensive work for Dal.

John Cruickshanks, despite his small frame, is a very aggressive returnee and should do some fine work as center between rookie Sullivan, who played for Kings County Academy last year, and Jamie Levitz who also is a sophomore with the present squad.

Completing the offensive line-up are rookies Peter Stoddard and Frank O'Dea. Stoddard played hockey for Q.E.H.S. for the past three winters and looked good against Tech, as did O'Dea, first year lawyer from Newfoundland, who also scored a goal.

### IMPROVED DEFENCE

Defensively, the Bengals will definitely miss Chisolm, but even then there is no lack of experience. In their two years with the Black and Gold, Jerry Betik and Ernie Paige have always played solid blue line hockey, and the first game this season was no exception. Rookie Ian Oulton, who played for the Halifax Tartans in the NSSHL and for Hoyt's Movers in the Twin Cities Junior hoop, also turned in a reputable performance against Tech. Nordeau Kaininsberg, another new face, played for Q.E.H.S. previously and looked

ed very good in last week's game. Finally, Tiger veteran George MacDonald, one of the best goalies in the league, returns to continue his outstanding hockey career with Dalhousie.

### COACH'S COMMENTS

But, what of the team in games to come? Sophomore coach "Goog" Fitzgerald, himself a one-time Dal great, is very enthusiastic about the team's future.

"We have a fast, experienced offense, a solid defense, and a great goaltender. If they play the way they should and can play, all we need is a couple of breaks to be contenders for the league title. In any event, I see no reason for us not to make it to the top third in the standings because we have the depth this year, and because you can be sure of one thing — we'll be putting out 100 per cent, not 85 per cent or 95 per cent, but 100 per cent in each and every game!"

"You ask me about X, we should and can beat them". All these things lead to one definite conclusion — Dal has a very exciting hockey season before it.

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## Science Cops Crown

Science won the interfaculty badminton crown as they went through the two week competition without losing a single set. Commerce, Medicine and Arts were in a three way tie for second place.

The members of the winning Science team were: Khoo Teng Lek, Muri Mohammed, David Dickie and Richard Speight.

The final standings were:

TEAM	PTS.
Science	48
Commerce	30
Medicine	30
Arts	30
Engineers	16
Law	8
Dentistry	6
Pharmacy-Education	0



## Atlantic Bowl

The fifth Atlantic Bowl game was played at Wanderer's Grounds last Saturday when the University of Toronto was defeated by St. Francis Xavier 15-9.

### U of T SCORE FIRST

U of T opened the scoring on a field goal after X was unable to score after they had brought the ball all the way down field to U of T's 20 yard line. X came right back on a 50 yard pass play to set up their first touchdown on buck by Franciose from the 4. Amaral converted and X led 7-3. The Blues came back before the half ended and kicked their second field goal to close the gap to 7-6.

X opened the scoring in the second half when a Billings to Bussey pass went for 65 yards and the touchdown. Amaral converted and X now led 14-6. After X had regained the ball and moved to the U of T 35, Scott kicked the ball into the end zone where the punt returner was snowed under by a horde of X tacklers. This gave X a 15-6 lead. Toronto came back late in the game to score a 37 yard field goal to close it to 15-9. Toronto threatened once more but a pass was intercepted and with it went the hopes of the U of T team.



**FEARSOME FOURSOME**—Hal Murray (top left), a smooth steady centre was second in the league in assists last year. —Graham Mercer (top centre) is the third member of Dal's first line. The battling left winger adds experience and scoring punch to the line. —Ernie Paige (top right) was a member of Dal's team two years ago. He should prove to be the leader of the blue line squad. —Jerry Betik (bottom), a diminutive defenseman, was one of the key members of last year's team. (Photos by Munroe)

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