

Waterpolo squad faces major test

by George Mullally

This weekend the Dalhousie Waterpolo Team will be in Quebec City attending the Laval University Red and Gold Invitational Waterpolo Tournament. The tournament will consist of a round robin competition with the university teams and then a crossover into an

open division. Dalhousie can expect to encounter some of the finest calibre waterpolo in North America. The New York Aquatic and Quebec Elite teams, who are two of the strongest club teams in Canada and the U.S., will be competing along with some of Canada's top University teams. These will include

the powerful McMaster University squad as well as the equally talented Laval and Queen's University clubs. The Dalhousie team will consist of an elite squad which will be comprised of the best players from the two Dal club teams who compete against each other in the Metro League; the Panthers and the Lions. The Panthers are presently in first place in this league with the Lions in third, so the Dalhousie elite team going to Quebec will be a fair representation of N.S.'s best senior waterpolo players. The team, which has just been recently picked by committee, consists of the following players: Gordie MacDonald, Tim Prince, Ralph Simpson, Mark Cann, Pierre Dodge, Peter Hastings, Evan Kipnis, Brian Lane, George Mullally, Colin Bryson (goalie), and Patty Whalen (goalie). The two alternates will be Jim Landrigan and Greg Clarke. The team's coach will be Mr. Ken Clark. Mr. Clark has been very active in waterpolo development in Nova Scotia and has coached the majority of the N.S. teams which have competed in major competitions.

time, and will have had only two weeks of practice before going to Quebec. As a result, Mr. Clarke has put the team through a rigorous training schedule in the hopes of bringing the team into good form for the tournament. The team has also had a bit of bad luck with injuries. Gordie MacDonald, the powerful center for the Dal team, has been suffering from back trouble which may seriously hinder his performance. The team will definitely suffer if MacDonald is unable to play to his full potential.

This is Dalhousie's first major competition in the sport of waterpolo, and thus it is extremely important for the future of the sport at the university level in N.S. The competition will be the toughest that this team has ever faced, and the toughest it is likely to face in the near future. Their success at this tournament will dictate whether or not Dalhousie will be able to compete again next year against teams of the same calibre. The Dal team, however, is confident that they will be able to put on a good enough show so that Dal will be recognized as one of the top ranking university waterpolo teams in Canada.

Unfortunately, the Dal team has not had much time to practice together, because of lack of pool

Tigers win division

by Dal Tigers Women's Volleyball Team

This past weekend the Dal Volleyball Women Tigers competed in the 11th annual Waterloo Invitational Tournament. Rated as perhaps the top tournament in the country, the event featured 12 strong teams including Manitoba, Western and Waterloo, who are rated the top three teams in Canada.

The Tigers played a strong tournament, finishing 6th and capturing the consolation division championship. In round robin play, the Tigers proved they can play with the best in the country, taking games from Queen's, Windsor and Waterloo, the only game the Waterloo team lost in round-robin competition. The only team to sweep their match from Dal was the Guelph Gryphons.

In the consolation round, Dal swept both games of their matches with Brock University and Michigan State, while splitting matches with McMaster, Queen's and Windsor, enabling the black and gold to come out on top of the division, followed by McMaster.

In the finals of the championship flight, Western University defeated Waterloo in two straight games.



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Susan Cox was selected to the All-Star team at the Waterloo Invitational Volleyball Tournament held this past weekend.

In addition to winning their division, Dal added icing to the cake by having Susan Cox selected to the All-Star squad.

This weekend the Tigers travel to New Brunswick for matches with UNB on Saturday and Universite de Moncton on Sunday.

3 losses vs. top ten teams

In a busy week the basketball Tigers met the second, fourth and sixth teams in the country and came up short on each count. On Tuesday, the visiting Laurentian Voyageurs, ranked fourth, brought the Charlie Wise show to town. Possibly that is a false billing as Al MacDonald controlled Wise by drawing three key charges and effectively denying him the ball. The slack was taken up by Bruce Burnett who scored thirty eight points. The final score was 81-63.

On Wednesday, the team travelled to Antigonish to challenge the X-Men. X ran their fast break at will in the opening half and led at the intermission 50-33. Dal refused to quit and dominated second half play especially inside. They controlled the boards 25-18 getting good penetration from Fagan and Howlett who contributed 28 and 23 points respectively, many on power moves. The effort was small consolation as the final score read 95-77 X.

On Saturday, national champions and currently second ranked Acadia came to Studley campus. Many observers feel the Axemen were lucky to escape with their undefeated record. Dal led from the outset and were ahead by as much as ten in the first half. At the break the Tigers led 32-26. Good team play and alert passing quickly built the lead to ten points in the second half. As the Axemen pressed and the officials watched, they slowly chipped away at the lead. The game was close with five minutes remaining but a hot hand by Mike Hazzard, he totaled 30-23 in the second half, resulted in a 72-61 final for Acadia.

Mike Donaldson was outstanding in defeat with sixteen points and eleven rebounds, most of them over the much bigger Vic Soares. Donaldson dominated in the pit, a necessity if the Tigers are play-off bound. Ken Fells made his shots count as he got twelve points on just ten outside shots.

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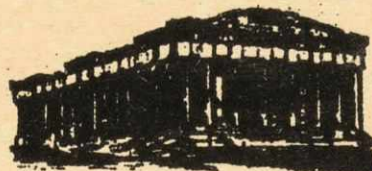
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