

# Best Field yet for Water Polo Tourney



by Dave Simpson

The premiere event of the water polo season will take place at the Dalplex pool from February 15-17. The fourth annual Dalhousie Invitational Waterpolo Tournament promises to be the largest and most exciting ever.

The tournament has taken a fantastic jump for the better with the acquisition of the Dalplex. The new facilities have attracted a large and top-notch field of University contenders. The greater number of teams and the higher calibre of play will hopefully be a trend-setter, making the DAL Invitational the second largest in the country—next to the University Challenge Cup.

There will be four visiting University teams: McMaster, Carleton 1, Carleton 2 and Memorial. There will also be the Metro Allstar Team and of course the Dal Tigers. Laval, last year winners, will be unable to attend due to lack of financial support, but this will be overly compensated for by the strong representation from Ontario.

McMaster University is ranked number one. They have won the Challenge Cup six of the last eight years and are the obvious favorites entering the tournament. Carleton, ranked second in the nation, have several national team members. Memorial University will be coached by

the former national team player Gaeten Turquotte, who is in his first year as a coach. Bright things are expected of this team in the future. The Metro Allstars will be composed mainly of the N.S. Junior Squad who are in training for the Junior Nationals to be held in Halifax in May. They will be a blend of the young and the old experienced players.

The Dal Tigers, ranked fourth in the nation, are a young club, but most of the members are experienced. They are enthusiastic about winning their tournament and upsetting the powerhouse Ontario teams.

The Dal Tigers are anchored

by their two outstanding goal-tenders, Colin Bryson and Paddy Whelan. Paddy was a former coach for Newfoundland and Colin was once voted to the Junior National Team. They are the stalwarts of Dalhousie's famed resilient defense. Sandy MacDonald is expected to lead the Tigers offense. He was selected to the All-Star team of the University Challenge Cup. Peter Hastings, Peter Henderson, Brian Lane, Mark Cann and Ralph Simpson will form the solid base for the Tigers; all having experience at the university and senior level. Dave Simpson, Albert Hennen and Chris McKee round out the squad.

Coach Ken Clark is optimistic of the teams chances at the tournament. The increased amount of practice time has developed a team that is more experienced and in better shape than the Dal team that captured fourth place at the Challenge Cup. The tournament promises to have a high calibre of play and be tremendously exciting!

Friday, February 15  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 16  
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 17  
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m. FINAL

## Verbal diarrhea

by Greg Dennis

Finally, a home for the Dalhousie Orphans. The news surfaced last week that the go-ahead has been given to begin plans for a new rink at Dalhousie where the Forum-fostered hockey Tigers can hang their helmets. After the old arena—cursed while here, loved when gone—was consumed by flames in the spring of '78, administration and local government seemed to be taking their good 'time getting together to replace it. The new structure will be located practically atop the old rink's grave and may be ready for next year . . . Paul MacLean, the Tigers' co-leader in points with Louis Lavoie last year, announced on CBC Radio that, since no pro teams are 'beating down his door', he will likely be returning to Dal next year. MacLean is now in Lake Placid with Canada's Olympic team. A first game win over the Netherlands coupled with the Polish team's upset of the Finland's squad, make Canada's chance for a bronze medal a bit brighter. Russia and Czechoslovakia will run 1-2 . . . Officials at the Winter Games are hoping for six medals for Canada—give or take a bronze or two. Much pressure is being heaped on Ken Read to win a gold in the downhill ski race . . . The AUA is losing a class performer. Garney Henley, who has been the men's basketball and defensive football coach at Mt. Allison for the past three years, will leave that school in June. Brought in to lift Mount A's sagging athletic program, the ex-Hamilton Tiger Cat of the CFL has encountered little co-operation from the administration. He was quoted as saying "There are some on campus who think winning at athletics is bad." Hmmm, sounds familiar . . . Last weekend, Dal's track and field teams captured top honors in the AUA indoor championships in Moncton. Tom Stanley won the 50 m dash and anchored the second place relay team while Gord Vallant took the 800 m to lead the men's team. The women were sparked by Wendy Toussaint

who won the 50 m dash and the long jump and came second in the 200 m. Pam Currie won the 1500 m and the 3000 m events, the latter race qualified her for the Canadian indoor championships . . . Something may have to be done about the quality of refereeing in the Atlantic University Hockey Conference. The situation has Tiger coach Pierre Page and his staff up in arms. The Tigers seemed to have gained a reputation around the league as bad boys and have been the victims of many questionable calls lately. A frustrated Page was thrown out of Sunday's game against St. Thomas after the ref handed the Tigers a pair of bench penalties. This is not just some dyed-in-the-wool Dal fan dropping tears in his suds. SMU coach Bob Boucher has had his dander raised a few times, especially when the officials deem it necessary to help the losing squad catch up. Just call an honest, consistent game, boys . . . When little Corey Gurnsey was stabbed in Calgary wearing a Montreal Canadian sweater, little did his sickle assailant know he was initiating the most heart-warming publicity stunt in years. Guy Lafleur sent the lad a new sweater and then, shades of Babe Ruth, promised he would see him the puck should he score in a game that night. Following the script perfectly, Lafleur did score and scooped the puck out for the boy. Then the crowning touch. Les Habs flew Corey into Montreal to meet his hero and watch a game at the Forum. Beneath the seemingly obvious publicity for Guy and the Habs lies the fact Corey may be able to forget the traumatic experience, or at least make it less painful to remember. I applaud M. Lafleur . . . At DALPLEX on Saturday, the men's volleyball team will host Université de Moncton to decide first place in the Atlantic Conference. A panel of judges will be on hand with lots of prizes, including movie passes, albums, T-shirts and steak dinners, and will pick the top four groups of supporters at the game.



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