

National basketball team comes to Dalhousie

by Lisa Timpf
Dalplex was the site of a training camp and exhibition tournament for the women's national basketball team in December. The team's regimen included a 5-day training camp, with twice-daily workouts. As well, the players underwent testing for aerobic

and anaerobic fitness and flexibility. An exhibition tournament pitted the Canadian team against Bulgaria's national team, as well as United States senior teams from Texas and Detroit. Although the Canadians lost by one point to Bulgaria in the

round robin segment of the tournament, the Canadian team defeated Bulgaria by one point in the finals to win the event. Texas beat Detroit to take the consolation final.

Former Dal player and current Tigers assistant coach Anna Pen-

dergast played well, earning an All-Tournament All-Star berth and Player of the Game honours in one match.

Dal student Heidi Bauer, also a member of the Canadian team, felt that the tournament was a worthwhile experience for the

team. "Just having the group together and playing as a team was good," Bauer said. "We went home with the incentive to train and be prepared. It was a really positive experience."

The Canadian team has a training camp coming up in April, in preparation for the pre-Olympic tournament in Cuba.

Until that time, each player has been given an individualized training program tailored to upgrade whatever areas the physiological testing has suggested they need improvement in, as well as maintaining their fitness in other areas.

At the pre-Olympic tournament, 28 teams will vie for 4 slots in the Olympics. The other 2 positions are already guaranteed to the Soviet Union and the United States teams.

"We will have to play very well to earn a spot in the Olympics," Bauer noted, "but Canada is one of the top teams, and I think we're capable of doing it."

Tigers place third in Alaska invitational

The Dalhousie Tigers defeated Northeastern University 7-4 on Sunday, January 8th, to claim third spot in the First Annual Alaskan Hockey Tournament in Anchorage, Alaska.

The Tigers had been defeated the day before 5-2 by the University of Alaska in the game to decide who would advance to the championship game. Alaska was undefeated, 28-0, heading

into the tournament. Tiger coach Peter Esdale said that penalties and injuries played a major role in the Tigers loss to Alaska, as the American squad scored three powerplay goals. Paul Herron and Steve Johnson scored for the Tigers.

The Tigers won their opening match, 13-1 over the Japanese Selects. Scoring for the Tigers in that contest were Peter Glynn

with 3 goals, Mike Jeffrey and Blaine Kulak with 2 goals each, and singles by Al Wright, John Cossar, Mike Yzerman, Steve Johnson, Lyle Kernisted and Paul Herron.

Esdale praised the goaltenders, Darren Cossar and Glenn Ernst for their play in the first and second games respectively.

"Our high score was a bit misleading in the first game," said

Esdale. "It was not as one-sided as the score might indicate. Darren came up with a few big saves. Without such great goaltending we might have been caught for a few more goals."

Esdale added that the entire team played well against the powerful Alaskan team. The Tigers were outshot in that contest 35-26 while they in turn outshot the Japanese squad 31-29.

Looking back

by Lisa Timpf
The intent of this new features column will be to glance back at past issues of the Gazette for an insight into actions and attitudes of Dalhousie's sporting past. This week's time machine trip takes a look at field hockey at Dalhousie...

...field hockey is the most important game at several girls' schools in Nova Scotia, including Edgemoor Ladies' College at Windsor, and the Halifax Ladies' College. Until this year no great effort was made to introduce field hockey at Dalhousie but it was decided at the annual meeting of the Dalhousie Girls' Athletic Club last spring to appoint a manager, and now everything is ready for a six week season of enthusiastic practise. (Oct. 10, 1923)

And so a Dalhousie field hockey team, coached by Registrar Murray MacNeill and managed by Edith MacNeill, Arts '26, was born.

On October 29, 1924, Dal took on Halifax Ladies' College, with the result of a 2-2 tie. Further games with HLC and Edgemoor high school followed. The Dal reception at Edgemoor may have differed slightly from what today's field hockey Tigers are accustomed to...

Everybody caught the train, including the two rooters, and, chaperoned by Miss Lowe, they arrived at Windsor safely. Bessie MacDonald, the Edgemoor captain, and Miss MacQueen, the coach, met the train and escorted the Dalhousie team to Edgemoor. After having coffee and toast in the library, the Tigerettes...retired to don their fighting raiment and sallied forth resplendent in their golden middies. (Nov. 19, 1924)

November 19, 1925 was a landmark day for Dal field hockey -their first international encounter. Dal squared off against University of Maine in a rainy day game which the Gazette nonetheless billed as "one of the most thrilling events of the year" (Nov. 19, 1925). "Never was the rooting and cheering so well done," noted the Gazette, citing as an example the first public exhibition of the Shirreff Hall yell:

Look us over, you will see
We are girls from Dalhousie
That's not all, that's not all
Better still, Shirreff Hall.

Also of interest to note is that Gazette sports writers, then as now, did not suffer from any lack in sense of humour. This is how a game against Acadia in 1926 is described, tongue in cheek:

...this part of the game featured terrific runs on both sides, vicious shin-banging, strenuous cross checking, and muffled but very sincere damns... (Nov. 4, 1926).

Later the same year, the Gazette wits described a "strange and very hilly field" at Edgemoor by noting "They told me they got 150 bushel of potatoes out of these last summer and I quite believe them." (Nov. 11, 1926)

Slightly more than 50 years after the DGAC decision to field a ground hockey team, the Dalhousie women's field hockey team won the CWIAU championship. The 1976 National University Championship tourney, held at the Halifax Common, saw Dalhousie defeat University of Toronto 1-0 in the final game to take top honours.

Field hockey at Dal had come a long way. To think that it all started with golden middies, pre-game coffee and toast, and hilly fields....

Dal wins in swim classic

Ron Stegens, the Dalhousie men's team captain won the 100 m. and 50 m. with times of 56.28 and 25.84 respectively. Second place in both of those races were also won by Dal swimmers.

On the women's side Pattie Boyles won the 100 m. freestyle, the 50 m. freestyle and placed third in the 100 m. butterfly.

In all, Dalhousie took 15 of the 18 events.

Dalhousie hosted its Third Annual Swim Classic this weekend at the Dalplex.

Double winners from Dalhousie were Ron Stegen, the men's team captain, who won the 100 m. freestyle and 50 m. freestyle events, and Patti Boyles, who took the 100 m. and 50 m. contests in the women's division.

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