

LINES BY LEVITZ



The big game in the AFC to date was last Saturday. It was raining, it was cold and for Stadacona the weather was appropriate, just like a funeral. The Sailors took a 6-0 record into the game against Mt. Allison's 4-2 record. Even a Stad loss would not appear to knock them out of contention for second place and a berth in the Purdy Cup against St. FX. A glance at next week's schedule, however, tells the story. Stadacona face the task of beating X at Antigonish to ensure a place in the Purdy Cup after losing 27-14 to Mt. A. Mt. A. still has one big obstacle to second place, St. Mary's. The situation is very complicated. St. Mary's also have a chance for second place. They take a 5-2 record against the Mounties next week and they could end the season 6-2, thereby tied with Stad, assuming Stad lose to X.

Mt. A Over SMU For 2ND PLACE

The onus has firmly been placed on Mt. Allison. They must beat St. Mary's to remain in contention. In their victory over Stad they looked better than the score indicated. They had a sharp running attack powered by Rick Black, who right now looks to be the best fullback in the league. The defense was sharp, smothering the Stad ground attack. I think they'll beat St. Mary's by less than two TD's. SMU has one edge, in the passing department, but the Mt. A defense will pick off some of those long Loiselle throws. The story goes that Dick Loiselle has trouble running due to a bad knee, and this reduces the SMU attack.

The situation at the end of the schedule, should have X in first place, undefeated again, Stad and Mt. A. with 6-2 records in second place, and St. Mary's third at 5-3. (Dal will be in ninth place with a "1"-7 record.) Second place will be decided on point spread. Stad beat Dal 20-1, Mt. A. beat Dal, 45-0, as this reporter mentioned earlier. Stad's failure to run up a big score against Dal could cost them second place. The navy team however, has had a fine season and their fans should not forget the six victories.

A TWO SECTION A.F.C.

The league this year has been extremely unbalanced. Acadia, St. Dunstan's, Shearwater, Dalhousie, and UNB have been crushed by the titans of the league. Runaway scores are bad for the league and disheartening to the losers. Fans will not continue to turn out in large numbers to see 50-0 football games. There is a solution: divide the present A section in two, and continue the present B section as a section in two, and continue the present B section as a third part of the league. The cry that goes is that traditional rivals like Dal and X and Mt. A and UNB will be in different sections of the league and will not play against each other. The second objections to a two section league is that it does not allow for a team improving itself and beating the big boys.

LIKE ENGLISH SOCCER

The English soccer league solves this problem by having the bottom two teams in the A section change places with the top 2 teams in the B section at the end of the season. When Dal gets the team to beat X they will certainly rise to the top of the B section. Teams of the B part of the league would have to earn the right to play against the big teams. The sections could be decided at the end of this season by the final standings for this year. Next year St. Mary's, St. FX, Mt. A. and Stad could play each other twice for an eight game schedule and the other five teams would do the same in a 10 game schedule. Possibly the A section could have 5 teams and the B section 4. This could be decided by the league. What do sport fans at Dal think about this?

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Ten of the sixty aspiring hockey players seeking berths on the varsity and junior varsity hockey teams are shown being put through rough skating and conditioning drills at the Dal rink. Task master for the crew of eager players is former Dal hockey player, Walter "Goog" Fitzgerald. Junior varsity practices will be held twice a week while varsity players practise four times a week. (Photo by Purdy)

DAL TO PLAY INTERCOLL. HOCKEY IN NINE TEAM MARITIME LEAGUE

Dalhousie hockey fans can look forward to a new Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey League and a new hockey team bubbling with enthusiasm this coming winter.

Last week hockey practices began and at the first tryout about one hundred eager hockey aspirants turned out. This was probably the most successful tryout for any sport in the long athletic history of Dalhousie. By the end of the week, sixty players were left bidding for positions on two Dal hockey teams. This year, in addition to our varsity team, a junior varsity team is being formed and will play a series of exhibition games.

COACH "GOOG" FITZGERALD

Coach for the new teams is Walter "Goog" Fitzgerald, a former Dal hockey great, and now a teacher in the Halifax school system. "Goog" put the boys through a tough series of skating and conditioning drills last week in preparation for the tough schedule ahead. At Saturday's practise, pucks were used for the first time and by the end of next week, a nucleus of the teams will be picked.

To give an indication of some of the problems the new coach faced last week, "Goog" had to work with four goalies, twenty-one defencemen and thirty-six forwards. This was termed a "coach's dream" by the new mentor. The coach also added that this year's team was a "spirited and tough group and are a wonderful group to work with." We'll have a good fighting hard-skating team", the coach added.

6 HOLDOVERS

Among the players for births on this year's team are six holdovers from last year's winning team. This group consists of Steve Brown, Bill Buntain, John MacKeigan, Dick Dramj, Don Bauld and George MacDonald. Coupled with these players are Mike Butler, an outstanding goaler at Lower Canada College last year, Hal Murray, a X stalwart for three years, and George Boyd, a big rugged defencemen who played with Dal two years ago, who should give the squad added depth and finesse. These experienced players plus a few hard-skating, eager rookies should give Dal one of its best teams in years. Nine teams comprise the new

Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey League this year. These teams include Mt. Allison, UNB, and St. Thomas from New Brunswick, St. Dunstan's from Prince Edward Island, and five Nova Scotia teams: Dal, Acadia, St. FX, St. Mary's, and Nova Scotia Tech. Dalhousie enters intercollegiate play this year after a year's absence. Last year, Dal topped the now-defunct Atlantic Hockey Conference. This league was composed of two service teams, Acadia and three Halifax universities. Dal. played in this league last year because they wished to give their experienced players another year's eligibility. This year in Intercollegiate play, Dal must abide by the four-year eligibility rule. Under this rule, if a player has played four years intercollegiate hockey he is ineligible for further intercollegiate play.

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7 — Winter Carnival Committee meeting,

7 p.m., East Common Room

SCM Coffee Session — "The Christian

in the University" 7:30 p.m., North

Lounge, New Men's Residence

Ski Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Room 21

THURSDAY NOV. 8 — NDP meeting, 1 p.m., Room 234

Skating, 8 - 10:30, Rink

FRIDAY, NOV. 9 — Flying Club Dance, 9 p.m., Gym

SATURDAY, NOV. 10 — Skating, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Rink

SUNDAY, NOV. 11 — Canterbury Club "Holy Land Pilgrimage", 8:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 13 — Skating, 8 - 10:30 p.m., Rink.

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