

Wrestlers to Maine

by Rod Shoveller

This weekend the Dal wrestlers will travel to Presque Isle, Maine

where they will compete in an invitational tournament. Competing in the tournament will be the University of Rhode Island, Univer-

sity of Maine at Orono, University of Maine at Presque Isle and University of New Brunswick.

Stiffest competition will probably come from Rhode Island, who have an excellent program and are highly rated in the Eastern U.S.

The Dal wrestlers, after a tough and not unsuccessful trip to the U.S., received wins from Terry Young, Mike Soares and Greg Wilson. Last season Dal hosted Hofstra University of New York and failed to win a match in 2 dual meets. Several of the schools that Dal met in Penn. and New Jersey beat Hofstra last season which is an indication that the Dal wrestling

program is beginning to bear fruit.

In an exhibition match this weekend, the visiting St. F.X. X-Men managed only one win against the Tiger wrestlers. Coach Bob Thayer feels that the University of Maine at Presque Isle will be extremely tough, as they have several outstanding wrestlers. Mike Soares at 177 will have his hands full with Maine's best wrestler, as he and Jeff Williams have met on three occasions with Soares winning one and losing two. Terry Young will meet Maine's heavy-weight LaForte, a 300 pounder who, in spite of his size, is extremely fast. However, Young, who so far this year is enjoying an undefeated season will be extremely tough to beat.

This weekend's tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday.



Dal wrestles USA

On November 26 the Dalhousie wrestling team left for Philadelphia. The team spent the next three days in competition with some of the best university wrestling teams that the eastern United States has to offer.

On the first day, the Tigers wrestled in a quadrangular meet at Temple University. It featured teams from Temple University, Princeton and Mountclair University.

Dalhousie played under United States collegiate rules and the team found itself out its element since it was trained in freestyle wrestling and had never completed under NCAA rules.

The first match up was against the hometown Temple team. The final score was Temple 9 and Dalhousie 2. Dalhousie found itself on the bottom a lot with the Temple wrestlers riding them on top.

In Canada under freestyle rules, the referee would have stood them up after 20 seconds but in the US points can be gained by time spent riding on the mat. Consequently, Dalhousie had little opportunity to attack from the standing position which typifies freestyle wrestling.

Dalhousie wrestlers who won against Temple were Mike Soares (at 180 pounds) and Terry Young (at heavy weight). Next match featured Dalhousie against Mountclair which finished in the top five NCAA teams in the United States last year. They handily swept through the ranks of Dalhousie's team for a final score of 11-0.

Dalhousie's heavy weight George Fieben, who replaced Young in this match-up, was badly injured at this time and taken to the hospital with a back injury.

Next, Dalhousie faced the Ivy League Princeton University. It looked like a clean sweep for Princeton until Terry Young again took to the mat for Dalhousie and defeated Princeton's heavyweight.

Sunday was spent practicing with Temple's team where the two teams exchanged pet skills and both left the gym that day with a few new moves that could help them.

That night the Dalhousie team travelled to New Jersey to wrestle against Riden College and Trenton State College the following Monday evening. This time the teams were to compete under freestyle rules and the Dalhousie wrestlers were out to vindicate themselves over Saturday's showing.

First, wrestling against Trenton State it looked like Dalhousie's

losing streak was to continue. All of the Tigers lost their matches until Mike Soares walked on to the mat for the team. He defeated his opponent 8-2 in a match that didn't see Soares quite once. Next, heavy weight Terry Young wasn't going to let Trenton go with only one loss, so after starting slowly, Young used his powerful arms to defeat his opponent with a bear hug. Final score: Trenton 10, Dalhousie 2.

In the last matches of their trip the Tigers faced Riden College. Once again the Dalhousie lighter weights were not able to pull it off but when Dalhousie's Greg Wilson, at 170 pounds, took to the mat he was determined not to go home with out a win. In a very close match, which ended in a 5-5 tie, Wilson was given the decision. Then Soares took to the mat, pinning his opponent after the minute marker in the first round. Next, 190 pounds, Peter La Mothe couldn't be turned back and he defeated his opponent 6-4 for a third Tiger win. Young was not about to spoil his personal winning streak and he easily pinned his opponent to give him an undefeated record for the trip. Final score: Rider 8 Dalhousie 4.

Considering that our team wrestled some of the best in the Eastern States, we can consider the experience as valuable for the upcoming season and not worry about the exact results of the matches.

Next weekend the Tigers face St. Francis Xavier and Universite de Moncton at home, and we can expect a good start to the regional season.

Swim meet

Acadia Axettes, running their dual meet record to 3-0 and Dal Tigers at 4-0 this season were dual meet winners in Halifax's Centennial Pool on Saturday. The Axettes won all 13 events and broke three AUAA records, enroute to a 93-19 drubbing of the Tigerettes, while the Tigers won 9 of 13 in downing Acadia 61-48 in men's competition.

Record breakers were Acadia's Jill Taylor, Roberta Thompson and Holly LaReverend. Double winners included Taylor, Thompson and diver Judy Bailey of Acadia plus Dal's Richard Hall-Jones, Gareth Luke and diver Ray Kelly. These two teams will face each other in a return match at Acadia on January 13th, 1977.



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