

Hockey

Tigers in second spot

by Chuck Piercey

The Dalhousie Varsity Hockey Tigers took all of their final five games of the season to secure second place behind the S.M.U. Huskies and a spot in the playoffs.

Since February 10, the Tigers have beaten the Acadia Axemen twice, the Huskies twice, and last Tuesday night Dal defeated St. F.X. 8-5 to end the season with a respectable 12-7 win-loss record. That sets the stage for the semi-finals this weekend. Friday evening, at 8:00 p.m. second place Dal meets third place U. de M. in the first game of a best of three series. The second game will be played Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. If necessary the third game is set for Sunday. All contests are scheduled for the Forum.

It appears the Dal squad may have ironed out those "inconsistent" wrinkles and have come on strong when it counts—at the end of the season. Provided they keep it up, hockey fans may be in for a treat. St. Mary's should have little trouble with U.N.B. in the semi-finals and Dal is looking too strong for Moncton. Series wins by the two Halifax clubs would set up what would surely be one of the most exciting A.U.A.A. hockey finals in years.

I doubt whether many people on campus remember the last time Dalhousie sent a hockey team to the Nationals. This is the strongest looking squad we have had in years, and the thought of humiliating Bob Boucher and his Huskies is almost too much to bear.

Women undermined?

by John MacKinnon

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Let's consider names. Let's consider, to be more specific, some of the tasteless, sexist and just plain silly names that women's athletic teams are burdened with.

Sports nomenclature is a peculiar phenomenon. Up until, say, the past 10 or 15 years it was almost the exclusive domain of men. The names of sports teams has tended to reflect the rather narrow view of virility North American jock culture has. Names of sports teams tended to opt for animals, particularly those which symbolized power, dynamism, virility (one supposes).

In Canadian college sports the nomenclature is a veritable menagerie: Golden Bears, Bisons, Dinosaurs, Tigers, Thunderbirds, Huskies, and on and on. Not that there is anything necessarily wrong with names such as these.

The problems arise when women as well as men begin to play inter-collegiate sports. The people in charge of naming women's teams, it seems, couldn't quite bring themselves to brand a women's basketball team the Dinosaurs (University of Calgary). A women's team could never be symbolized by anything as threatening as a Dinosaur. (Actually Dinosaur is kind of a dumb name to begin with; I mean the bloody things have been extinct for a jillion years.)

Anyway, as dubious as the name Dinosaur may be, to refer to the female varsity teams as the "Dinnies", which is presumably a diminutive of Dinosaur, seems, at best silly. I can't imagine any self-respecting woman being happy being a Dinny.

Most universities got around the problem of trying to find a "suitable" name for the women's teams by resorting to "etteism". Thus we have a plethora of teams with names like Tigerette, Vikette, Lancerette, Huskiette, Thunderette.

One could argue that the suffix "ette" unnecessarily differentiates between men's and women's teams and is therefore sexist, but I guess we shouldn't take something as unimportant as team names so seriously.

But, apart from sounding terrible, (Vikette? ugh!) they don't make much sense. A Gaiter (as in Bishop's Gaiters) is, according to Webster's, a leg covering reaching from the instep to ankle, mid calf, or knee. Because they were an apparel traditionally worn by Bishops I guess the name is appropriate for the Lennoxville university's athletic teams. But Gaiterette? Is that a leg covering worn by nuns?

The University of New Brunswick, whose men's teams are called the Red Bombers, decided to name the women's teams the "Red Bloomers". I guess if there are baseball teams called the White Sox and the Red Sox, how can one object to Red Bloomers? Still, I wonder if a men's team would allow itself to be called the Sweaty Jockstraps?

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INTRAMURAL SCHEDULE

Monday, March 5th

Ice Hockey

Check Tape and Gym

Men's Basketball

6 p.m. Dent I vs. PE
7 p.m. Med A. vs. Chem.
8 p.m. Comm vs. Med B.
9 p.m. Law B. vs Dent II
10 p.m. Cam. vs. Fenwick

Tuesday, March 6th

Ice Hockey

Check Tape and Gym

Co-Ed Basketball

8 p.m. Cam/Sher I vs. Ocean
9 p.m. P.E. vs. Dent I
10 p.m. TYP vs. Med A.

Wednesday, March 7th

Men's Basketball

6 p.m. Pine Hill vs. Smith
7 p.m. Phi Del vs. Bronson
8 p.m. Geol vs. Psych.
9 p.m. MBA vs. Bio.
10 p.m. Med B. vs. Engin.

Thursday, March 8th

Ice Hockey

Check Tape and Gym

Co-Ed Basketball

8 p.m. Pharm vs Geol.
9 p.m. Dent II vs. Ocean II
10 p.m. Med B. vs. Psych

Friday, March 9th

Ice Hockey

Check Tape and Gym

Co-Ed Broomball—Civic

9 p.m. Educ. vs. Engin.
10 p.m. Physio vs. Ocean
11 p.m. Commerce vs. Loser of Med A. vs. Pharm

Co-Ed Basketball

6 p.m. Geol vs. Law B.
7 p.m. Pharm vs. Dent II

Saturday, March 10th

Co-Ed Broomball—Forum

2 p.m. Dent A vs. winner of Med A—Pharm
3 p.m. MBA vs. winner of Educ-Engin

Women's Basketball

9 a.m. Pharm vs. Physio
10 a.m. P.E. vs. TYP
11 a.m. Pharm vs. Comm.

Men's Volleyball

12 p.m.—4 p.m.—Check Schedule after games on Saturday, March 3. Probably play twice today 10th.

Men's and Women's Bowling—Check Tape

Sunday, March 11th

Co-Ed Basketball

9 a.m. Geol vs. Ocean II
10 a.m. Pharm vs. Law B
11 a.m. Dent II vs. Psych.
12 a.m. Chem vs. Physio
1 p.m. Bron/Eddy vs. MBA
2 p.m. Can/Sher vs. PE

Ice Hockey

2 p.m. -4 p.m.—Check Tape and Gym

Men's Basketball

3 p.m. Sigma Chi vs. Smith
4 p.m. Fenwick vs. Pine Hill
5 p.m. Phi Del vs. Cam
6 p.m. Stud vs. Bron
7 p.m. Commerce vs. Dent II
8 p.m. P.E. vs. TYP
9 p.m. Law A vs. Chem
10 p.m. Dent I vs. Med A.

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