

## Australians at Dal

This Friday the basketball Tigers meet what may be their toughest test of the year when the touring Australian All-Star team comes to Dalhousie. Australia has established itself as an international power in basketball with recent Olympic successes. The young Dalhousie team is eager to test itself at the international level and will look to established star Bob Fagan for offensive leadership. Beginning his third year with the team, Fagan has demonstrated the ability to be at his best in the big games. At 6'6" he has a great outside shot but also penetrates well and without the ball. This Fredericton High grad has been touted by many to be a national team calibre player, this Friday's game should provide a partial answer to that question.

Returnees from previous years Doug Ryan and Don Robertson provide balanced scoring for the Tigers. Ryan is an excellent scorer and alert passer, while Robertson adds inside power where many games are decided.

Two rookies fill out the starting five, Peter Fougere, a confident and talented point guard from St. Pats and Gord McCartney, a poised partner to complement Robertson's inside game. The bench strength has been developing rapidly of late



and coach Yarr can call on Everette Hanson, Ken Fells, Gary Montle, Dave Pothier, Phil Howlett and Tim Crowell and expect inspired performance.

Friday's game is at 8:00 p.m. in the Dal gym. It is the last home game before Christmas. Students \$1.00 with cards, adults \$2.00.

## Dal leads polo

Last Tuesday Dalhousie faced the Crabs in a showdown for first place in the Men's Water Polo League. The forward line - Tim Cairney, Brian Lane, and Peter March - started clicking in the second quarter and gave Dalhousie possession of first place.

The Crabs jumped into a 3-0 lead, but Rob Tremayne's goal made the score 3-1 at the end of the first quarter. The defense tightened, the offence caught fire, and by the end of the third quarter the score was tied at five. Dalhousie scored two quick goals at the start of the final period and held on to win 7-5.

Peter March scored three goals, Lane had a deuce, and Cairney, playing his first game for Dalhousie, had the other score. Bruce Palmer played well in his debut as Dal's goaltender. Others playing for Dalhousie for the first time were Jim Jamieson and Stephen Lane.

Sunday, Dalhousie strengthened its hold on first place with a convincing 8-3 win over the Summer Games team. The scoring was well distributed as Peter Dodge, Richard Hall-Jones, and March each scored two goals. Singles were added by

Brian Lane and Gareth Luke in his first game of the year. Kent MacLean also made his debut as a Dalhousie player. Dalhousie club member Tim Prince opened the scoring for the Summer Games squad.

Dalhousie now leads the senior league with a perfect eight points after four games, followed by the Crabs with four points. The Crabs have a game in hand.

In a women's contest Sunday night, the Dolphins and Sharks earned a well-deserved victory over the Barracudas, Beavers, and Pikes, 8-6. The winners played short-handed all game and managed to stay close for three quarters. In the last period they took advantage of costly turnovers to put the game away. Sue Smalley and Gail Sonagle led the winners with hat tricks. Dalhousie club member, Megan Gowans scored twice for the losers.

The Sharks lead the Women's League with seven points on three wins and a tie, two ahead of the Rays with five points. Three teams are tied for third with three points each.

# Big challenge for Dal Hockey

by Greg Zed

Bob Stephenson and Greg Keating notched two goals apiece to lead the St. Francis Xavier X-men to a solid 8-1 victory over the stumbling Dalhousie Tigers. The game was played in Antigonish, Wednesday, November 17th. Mike Melanson and Stephenson fired first period goals to lead the attack. Greg Keating's two goal performance added to Bill Young's and Steve Croucher's markers gave the Blue and White Ice Kings a six goal, two period total. Rick Gaetz scored the only Tiger tally in the third frame while X's Barry Wolbaum and Stephenson rounded out the scoring for the host X-men. The two teams go at it again on Saturday, November 27th at the Antigonish Arena at 8:00. The Dal squad has been working on fundamentals which should provide the X-men with an awesome challenge which may or may not dethrone the front runners. The Tigers have a big job

ahead of them but the challenge is not unrealistic by any means especially after the most successful exhibition trail in years. It does

appear, however that self-confidence and pride are two very important ingredients needed to attain success. It can be done!!!!

The following is statistics compiled after eight (8) pre-season games.

PLAYER	GOALS	ASSISTS	TOTAL	PLUS/MINUS
Earl Theriault	10	3	13	+ 7
Gerald Dickie	3	8	11	+11
Rick Gaetz	4	7	11	+ 7
John Mallowney	4	6	10	+ 9
Ray Off	4	5	9	+ 7
Shawn MacDonald	4	4	8	+ 3
Grant Pyle	4	3	7	+ 4
Jim Bottomley	4	2	6	-
Jack Gray	1	5	6	+ 2
Glen O'byrne	1	5	6	+ 4
Hal Davidson	1	4	5	+ 3
Paul Chapman	2	1	3	0
Tom MacLeod	0	2	2	+ 5
Rick Roemer	0	2	2	- 4
Eric Eisenhauer	0	1	1	- 1

Goal Tenders:	Goals Allowed	Games played	Average
Ken Bickerton	14	3.5	3.00
Melvin Bartlett	14	4	4.00
Kent MacLean	6	.5	12.00

As one looks at the statistics, it is clear that the rookie studded club has it together to accomplish the short term goal of a rather successful exhibition trail. Recently the Dal squad has been confronted with a number of injuries that have curtailed the Tiger success BUT with the return of the injured as well as the additions of Dave Ward, Brian Lillington and Greg Dearing the untracked South Street roster appear to be headed for greener pastures. At press time the club was travelling to Acadia to meet the Axemen. The following is the remaining pre-Christmas play:

November 25	Dal at Acadia	7:30
November 27	Dal at St. F.X.	8:00
December 1	SMU at Dal	7:30
December 3	Dal at U.N.B.	7:00
December 4	Dal at U. de M.	7:00

## First year courses boring

LONDON (CUP) -- Students have been complaining about it for years but the University of Western Ontario Senate may be the first to realize something has to be done.

The problem? Boring classes and poor teaching in first year university courses.

A report prepared by the Senate Committee on Admissions and Academic Programs Policy (SCAAPP) says first-year students are complaining of "prolonged and unmitigated boredom". At the same time many faculty who teach first-year courses say it's "the academic equivalent of a labor camp in Solshenitsyn's Gulag Archipelago."

The report detailed student complaints of inarticulate and unprepared teachers and arbitrary marking in assignments and tests.

SCAAPP chairperson E.H. Redekop said courses where students were most dissatisfied were ones where professors did not appear to

be interested and were generally inaccessible.

He added that in faculties "where you have a tremendous emphasis on research and publication first-year teaching can become a low-priority."

The report said faculty promotion and tenure committees do not, on the whole, reward good teaching in the first year.

It added that some departments have been content to assign mediocre teachers to first year classes because they think first year students are not clever or sophisticated enough to recognize good teaching.

However, the report is not without its bad points. While recommending that first year courses become top priority, it also suggests that students should pass both term and exam work to pass a course; that exams make up at least 30 per cent of final grades and that common exams must be held in all courses with multiple sections.



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