

Dal's Alpine team strongest in years

Despite poor ski conditions in past years, the interest in Alpine competitions in the Maritime Region is still alive. The recent snow has kindled old coals, and in the new light we find the strongest women's team Dalhousie has ever boasted in Alpine competitions. Its members include Lynn and Wendy MacGregor, Susan Hutchison, Joanna and Penny Lewis, Wilma Lee Grawys, Roberta Cubic, Carolyn Merritt and Pam Doig. The men's team continues to be represented by strong skiers with the recent addition of Hughie Hart and Greg Auld to the team. Peter Henderson, Peter Hoyle, Jess Tucker, Brian Oliphant, Doug Walker, Martin Tomlinson, Michael Solway, Mike Jansa and Keith Jollimore are supported by 'playing coach' Linc Tucker.

The Dalhousie squad was well represented by the women's team at training in Amqui, Quebec over the Christmas holiday. Bill Honeywell came to Amqui to aid the Dalhousie team with training. A former member of the Canadian National team, Bill was coach/competitor of the Dalhousie team from 1971-76. He was primarily responsible for Dalhousie's transition from semi-serious participants to active challengers in CAN-AM competitions.

Dalhousie joined with Nova Scotia teams at Amqui in training sessions and thereby profited from the coaching abilities of Jane Verge. Jane is coach of the Nova Scotia team and worked together with Bill and Dalhousie's coach Linc Tucker on technical faults of the racers, both in courses

and in "free skiing" sessions. Gordon Hart, coach for Wentworth, and Lynn MacGregor, assistant coach for Nova Scotia, joined in to help with groups in the "free-ski" sessions aimed at improving skiers' abilities in varying snow conditions, moguls, through the trees and in "off-piste" skiing.

The CAN-AM's International Alpine Ski Tournaments, in which Dalhousie has competed for several years, have, unfortunately, been discontinued for economic reasons. The women's Alpine team, the strongest to date, and men's team will miss out on the confirmed benefits of racing against unknown competition. Races in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are scheduled as follows:

- Jan. 31-Feb. 1 Keppock Mt. and Sugarloaf in Campbellton
- Feb. 7-Feb. 8 Cape Smokey and Crabbe Mt.
- Feb. 21-Feb. 22 Atlantic Cup at Poley Mt.
- Mar. 14-Mar. 15 NB Cup Final in Edmuntston

Lynn and Wendy MacGregor and Hughie Hart will also compete for Nova Scotia in Pontiac Cup Races scheduled in Quebec and Ontario this season.

The Dalhousie team will compete in Provincial races and hope to return to Amqui during Study Week to "study" courses in Slalom and Giant Slalom. If the good snow conditions persist, they look forward to a good season.

Jan. 24-Jan. 25 Mt. Martock

First loss for Tigers swimmers

Whilst the Varsity Men's Swimming Team experienced their first loss of their dual meet season in dropping a decision to the University of Maine Black Bears 62-32 (78-34 swimming and diving combined), they acquitted themselves well.

Team Captain Brian Jessop pulled off an upset win in the 200 yards Butterfly to touch out top Orono speedster Rich Pariser in 2 minutes 3.5

seconds. Jessop also claimed second spot in the 1000 yard freestyle and was a member of the winning Dalhousie 400 freestyle relay quartet, which also included Arthur Rennie, Ron Stegen and Stuart McLennan. Ron Stegen had an exceptionally good meet, recording the fastest relay split (49.1) and taking third placings in both the 100 and 200 yards freestyle events. These indications of Stegen's real speed

potential auger well for upcoming meets as he attempts to nail down a C.I.A.U. qualifying time. Peter Webster also demonstrated an excellent burst of speed in the 50 yards event to clock a 23.2 to claim second place. Tiger Tom Scheibelhut produced two excellent second place performances in the 200 I.M. and 500 yards freestyle. Dal sprinter, Arthur Rennie, led the Tiger speed time with a 50.1 second place finish in the 100 freestyle. Coach Nigel Kemp was "pleased with the level of intensity the team displayed throughout the meet" and believes the experience will add confidence to their performance and preparation over the coming weeks.

This weekend both Men's and Women's teams travel to Wolfville for the third and last A.U.A.A. Invitational of the season. The women are expected to again demonstrate their dominance of A.U.A.A. women's swimming, whilst the men will have Memorial to contend with before establishing the same.

This week's schedule

HOCKEY—Dalhousie at SMU, 7:30 p.m., Metro Centre, January 23.

'X' at Dal, 8 p.m., Halifax Forum, January 24.

SWIMMING—A.U.A.A. Invitational at Acadia, January 24 & 25.

GYMNASTICS—Dal at U de Moncton, January 24.

BASKETBALL—'X' at Dal, Women—6:15, Men—8:15, January 27.

VOLLEYBALL—Dalhousie Invitational Volleyball Classic, January 23-25.

Women's volleyball

Tigers tops—twice

by Andrew Sinclair

To say that Dalhousie's women volleyball players fared well the past two weekends would perhaps be the worst understatement of the young year. The Tigers played a total of twenty-seven games, losing only two, as they solidified their hold on first place in A.U.A.A. standings and rolled to a convincing victory in the University of Waterloo Invitational.

Two weekends ago the Tigers travelled to Moncton for an A.U.A.A. match, where, minus the services of starters Karen Fraser and Kathy Andrea due to colds, they still managed to defeat the New Brunswick team in six straight games, winning Saturday's match 15-5, 15-9, 15-13 and triumphing Sunday 15-8, 15-8, 15-12. The wins raise their A.U.A.A. record to 5-1.

The Tigers continued their success in the Waterloo Invitational, riding roughshod over the competition in the preliminary round. Dal defeated Brock 15-6, 15-6; the University of Sherbrooke 15-13,

15-3; Windsor 15-12, 15-2; the University of Western Ontario 15-10, 15-2; McMaster 15-1, 15-8; and Guelph 15-6, 15-3. Assured of a playoff spot, Coach Lois MacGregor rested co-captains Karen Fraser and Karin Maessen for the final match against the Scarborough Titans, and the Tigers split the contest 15-10, 14-16.

In the semi-finals Dal defeated the host Waterloo team 15-7, 10-15, 15-8, to advance to the finals where they beat the University of Guadalajara 15-6, 15-9 to take the gold.

Karen Fraser led the Tigers with 65 kills and 54 serving points and was named to the tournament all-star team, while Karin Maessen, with 56 kills and 35 serving points, was picked tournament MVP. Also playing strongly for the Tigers throughout the tournament were Kathy Andrea and Brenda Turner. Andrea led the team with 13 blocking points, while Turner was second with 10.



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