

Tigers hit tournament trail

The Men's Basketball Tigers hit the tournament trail over the holidays in preparation for the tough AUSA schedule that includes fourteen conference games between January 11 and February 28. Two victories over Ontario opponents, Lakehead and Waterloo, proves the team's future promise. When the Tigers emphasize team play, they can play with the best. But they are having trouble playing well in both halves. This shows the need for increased concentration and consistency—the search for that intangible chemistry that will make them winners goes on. Possibly enthusiastic home support can

provide some magic. The first home conference game is against Acadia Saturday, January 14 at 8:30 p.m. In early December, the Tigers succumbed 82-80 to these national champions.

Between Christmas and New Year's, Dal visited the "Wesmen Classic" in Winnipeg and went down to the host team 90-81 in the opener. The single day of practice time took its toll. Big men Phil Howlett, Mike Donaldson and Bob Fagan contributed 23, 22 and 19 points respectively but the loss of Al MacDonald early in the game weakened the backcourt which contributed only one field goal to

the Tigers cause. The game was closer than the final score might indicate with Dal in the lead 73-72 with six minutes remaining.

Full credit must be given to the aggressive Wesmen defense and the 26 point performance of Ken Opalko. Phil Howlett's 10 of 13 floor shooting was a highlight for the Tigers. In the consolation round Dal started strongly against Guelph but after seven minutes and a six point lead, the tide turned for Guelph as they fast broke at will and led at the half by 22. Most of the bench saw action in the second half which was fought evenly. Murray Steeves led Dal with 15 points and Henry

Vandenberg stood out for Guelph with 30. University of Manitoba won the tournament.

Back to Halifax for much needed practice in preparation for the Acadia Invitational which featured many of the perennial national powers. Acadia, Laurentian, St. Mary's, Waterville and non-CIAU team Simon Fraser were the powers to be reckoned with. Dal opened with Waterloo and in a tightly fought contest came out on top 63-61. The Tigers simply refused to be beaten reminiscent of the earlier contest with Lakehead at Waterloo. Fagan led with 15 points and 17 rebounds. MacDonald added 16 with Howlett and Donaldson contributing 12 each. Donaldson had ten from the foul line.

In the second game against Acadia, Dal fell behind 20-10 and then fought back to a 35-33 deficit at the half. The second half was never close as the Axemen came out in an extended zone that the Tigers had not practiced against and the lead quickly grew to double figures. Bob Fagan was outstanding in defeat with 24 but the poor ballhandling made the rest of the team ineffective. The final score was 76-55.

In the third place game Dal drew Simon Fraser from B.C. With an outstanding first half, Dal went to the locker room with a 36-30 lead over the highly touted Clansmen. SFU played tough man to man for the second half, cutting off most of Dal's scoring threats. Donaldson led with 14 and Ken Fells put his game together with 12 points, hustling defense and solid ballhandling against the pressure defense. The final score was 63-55 for SFU.

In the tournament final Acadia downed Laurentian in a classic struggle. Now it's on to the AUSA and to a berth in the AUSA tournament Mar. 3, 4, and 5th. The season is still in front of us.

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New Year's Eve was "Food For Thought" by Fred Wesley and the J.B.'s. It is on the People label, not distributed in Canada. It is also out of print now, although it was cut only five years ago.

The day before New Year's Eve, the United States Immigration department announced that Johnny Rotten and the Sex Pistols have been given permission to enter the United States of America. They have been warned not to vomit on passers-by in U.S. airports.

Each member of the Pistols will wear Immigration Department no-vomit tags. The tags authorize department officials in any state to deport the bearer if he or she swallows a suspicious amount of prepared mustard, or if he or she sticks a forefinger down the throat.

Sid Vicious, bassist with the Pistols, (many of the band's chord progressions are marked out in pen on the fretboard of his guitar) will not wear one of the department tags. Food and Drug Administration surgeons have sewn his mouth shut with Durolastic tennis racket string. Vicious so enjoyed the operation that he asked to have his eyes sewn up in a similar manner. The attending surgical team replied by giving mild electric shock.

The Sex Pistols' new album: "Never Mind The Bollocks Here's The Sex Pistols", on Virgin records. It is available at Kelly's, Sam's and elsewhere. It includes "God Save The Queen". The album was a conversation piece on New Year's Eve.

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