

DAL SPORTS

From The Sports Desk

by Joel Jacobson



A BASKETBALL TEAM NAMED DESIRE

Coach Harry Wilson and the Dalhousie Tigers, basketball edition, have created the perfect formula for beating their opponents . . . out-score them. From the start of the season, the Tigers have made a practice of losing close games. Early in the second half Saturday night against SMU it was feared his ability would shine through again but Wilson solidified his quintet on the floor by blending the coolness under fire of the veterans and the speed and agility of youth, and coming up with a combination to hold off Baldwin and Company long enough for the clock to run out.

There were many factors that led to the win. The chief cause of victory was the desire of the Bengals. In the early minutes of the first half they built a small lead and saw it dwindle to nothingness. Then they fought still harder and built the lead again. At the half, Dal were ahead by 8 points and the average fan figured that SMU has had a poor half and would run the Tigers into the floor in the second stanza.

GEORGE BLAKNEY—RISING STAR

How wrong they were. The desire shone through again. SMU cut the Dal lead again but the Tigers turned on the steam and ran off with the game. Another factor leading to the victory was George Blakney. George has still not found his way into the starting five but after his performance against the Huskies certainly deserves a shot at a forward slot. He scored 17 points, 13 in the first half and time and again faked the supposedly invincible Americans out of their proverbial . . . The improvement shown by Blakney has been obvious game after game. In the opening game of the season, George was just another rookie, another new face on the Dal team. However, his moves have improved tremendously; his shooting has been nothing less than phenomenal; his coolness under fire is something to be desired by many veterans around the league. He put on a really great show for the home crowd and for the next three years will probably be the leading light on what will be a good Tiger team.

There were many others who played their hearts out Saturday night and one who put on a stellar performance was Al Murray. When he stepped to the foul line late in the second half for a crucial free throw, one could almost see the icicles form on his body as he calmly shook off the SMU noisemakers and dropped the ball through the hoop. He grabbed many key rebounds and was a tremendous asset in foiling the SMU attempt to harass the Tigers with a full court press.

TIGERS TO MEET SMU?

As this is being written, Dal has not met Tech in their final game of the season, but in all probability will beat Tech and finish in second place behind St. F.X. Dal will meet SMU in the semi-finals.

A TYPICAL X DISPLAY

Saturday's game at X was a refereeing fiasco. Dal has protested because of the Xaverian's use of one of the officials. At annual MIAU meetings, all universities hand in lists of "least desirable" officials. The MIAU then records that these referees not be permitted to work any games in which the requesting team is playing. One of the officials at the X game was on Dal's "least desirable" lists; two other Maritime Universities had also asked that this ref be asked to remain on the sidelines when they played. Apparently, the X organization overlooked the MIAU ruling and this referee was in uniform (referee's uniform). Dal coach DeWitt Dargie has lodged a protest because of this action. From reports we have heard, from people connected to Dal, but strongly supported by some of the X fans, the referees caused a great odor in the X rink Saturday night because of some of their calls.

An example of the fine officiating is this: In the first period, Frank Sim was being rudely handled by one Jim Sherriff of X, in the most part legally. On one occasion Sim had been deposited on the ice and while falling had swung his stick in such a manner as to cause injury to said Sheriff. Along came "Marshal" Referee saw that blood had appeared on the "beautiful" countenance of said Sheriff and immediately banished Sim to the place for delinquent hockey players. In all probability Sim deserved the penalty, a five-minute major, for the rules state that player drawing blood on his opponent shall rest for five minutes in the sinbin.

In the third period, Gene Scheible of the Tigers was cross-checked into the boards by an unidentified X-man. Blood gushed from a cut on his head, a cut caused by the stick and requiring four stitches to close. When a referee sees that a player is injured in the manner in which Scheible was, he is supposed to immediately halt the play. He was approached by the injured Scheible, who was no more than five feet away from the official when he was injured. Scheible pointed to the cut as if to ask "Aren't you going to stop the play—I'm cut?" The referee looked at the blood on Gene's head, decided Scheible wasn't cut and skated away. Dargie had to go out on the ice while play was going on so that the referee would halt the play. The player who had cut Scheible wasn't given a penalty.

X DESERVED THE WIN

This was just an example of the officiating at the Cathedral town Saturday night and it is quite obvious why very few visiting teams are able to beat the X-men in the Xaverian's home territory. We are not taking anything away from the win. X outshot the Tigers, even though they were out-played and were able to make the most of their opportunities. However, it is generally felt that if the Tigers can get another crack at St. FX before this season ends, the X-men will find themselves on the short end of the score.

BENGALS UPSET SMU 65-67; BLAKNEY SCORES 17 TO PACE WIN

by JAMIE RICHARDSON

A determined Dalhousie basketball team overcome an early game deficit and pulled the biggest upset of the season as they dumped the St. Mary's Huskies 65-57 in an Intercollegiate basketball tilt played last Saturday night in the Studley gym.

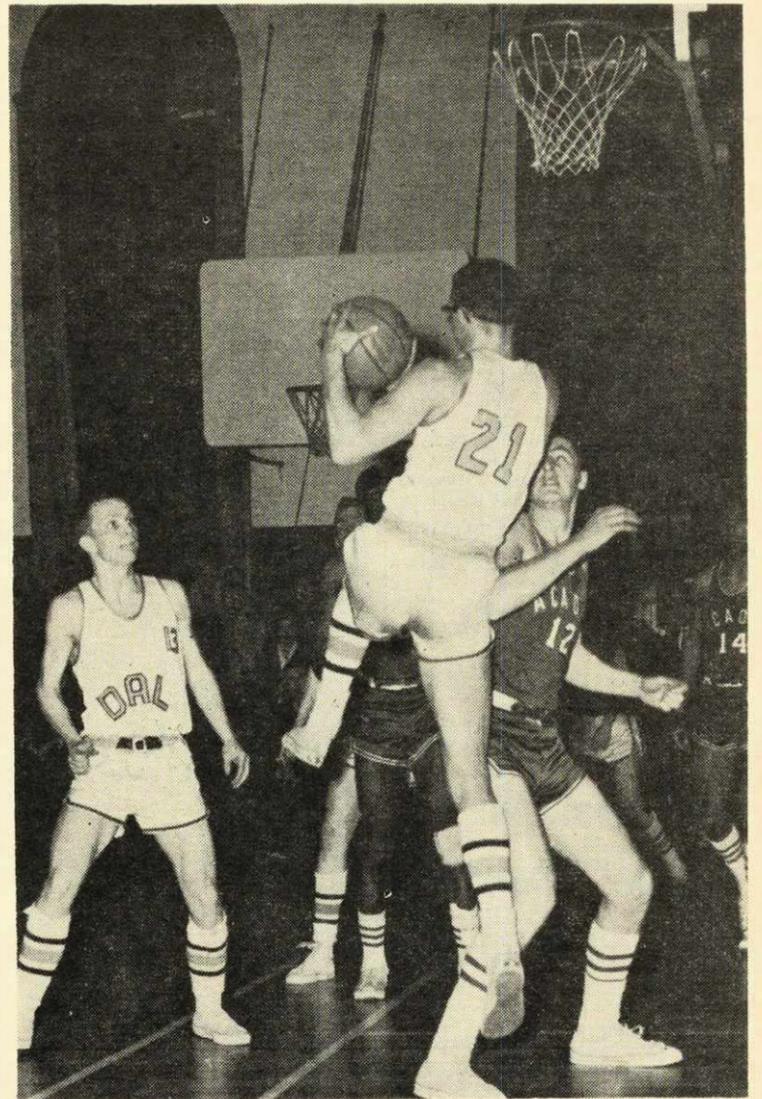
The game opened at a very quick pace and by the three-minute mark the Saints boasted a slim 11-9 lead. The game continued at a very fast pace and by the 8 minute mark John Riley and Bob Healy had boosted the SMU lead to 24-16. The Tigers bounced back and some brilliant shooting by Brown and Blakney accounted for 14 unanswered points and by the end of the frame were boasting a 36-28 lead. Blakney, showing the same form as in the Acadia tilt, again was deadly as he hit for 13. Ted Brown clicked for 12 first half points, many of these coming from outside. Dal were 14 for 22 from the foul line with Blakney making 7 out of 9 attempts. In this period both teams had foul trouble and kept referees Batchelor and Allen busy.

When the second half started the Saints began to hit and by the three-minute mark had closed the gap to 38-37. The Tigers, however, were not to be denied and although the pace had slowed down considerably climbed to a 46-42 lead nearing the mid-way point in the period. The action became very scrappy during the later parts of this period as the Saints were fighting desperately to stay in the ball game. At the 71-minute mark Riley, one of SMU's big guns, fouled out and after this point the Huskies attack folded. Final minute free throws by John Schiffman and Blakney sewed up the victory for the underdog Bengals.

As usual Riley and Healy did most of the scoring for the Huskies as they dented the twines for 22 and 16 points respectively. Blakney and Brown were high for Dal with 17 and 12 points all but 4 of which came in the opening frame. George Bendelier and Peter Nicholson hit for 8 and 7 points all of which were scored in the crucial last frame. Al Murray, the only senior on the Dal squad, showed his experience as he came through for 9 points took 10 rebounds and was a real defensive asset throughout the whole encounter.

DAL—Stewart 5, Blakney 17, Murray 9, Nicholson 7, Bendelier 8, Brown 12, Richardson 3, Schiffman 4, House, Robertson.

SMU — Riley 22, Healy 16, Cox 4, Airolti 8, Salinetti 1, Padden 4, Walker 2, O'Sullivan.



STEWART GRABS REBOUND: Bruce Stewart (21) grabs the rebound away from Acadia's Andy Kranack (12) and Warren Sutton. Jamie Richardson (13), Al Murray and Blair Dixon (14) watch. Acadia beat Dal 77-55 in game played last week.

(Photo by Bissett)

In their first encounter of the week the Tigers were on the short end of a 77-55 score as the league Acadia Axemen posted their fifth straight victory. By virtue of this win the Axemen pulled out in front of St. Mary's Huskies while the Tigers dropped deeper into fourth place.

The Bengals although suffering a great height disadvantage put on a good show and it was not until late in the second half when the Acadia squad sewed up the game. In the first half the Tigers were completely outgunned and were on the short end of a 39-23 intermission score. In this period Warren Sutton was high for Acadia with 12 while Ted Brown dropped 9 through the cords for Dal.

The Bengals came out strong in the second half and promptly cut

the lead to 42-31 only to see Acadia increase their margin to 20 by the middle of the frame, and from this point they maintained their lead until the final whistle sounded. Brown was high man for the Tigers as he hit for 15 while George Blakney and George Bendelier hit for 11 and 10 respectively. Nine of Blakney's points came in the second half and held the Tigers in the game if only for a short time. Several times he faked Sutton well out of position and made some easy shots. Gene Chatterton sifted 18 for Acadia while Sutton hit for 14.

DAL—Brown 15, Blakney 11, Bendelier 10, Schiffman 5, Richardson 5, Murray 5, Stewart 4, Robertson, House.

ACADIA—Chatterton 18, Sutton 14, Spears 13, Kadnack 12, Hendry 8, Dixon 7, Tzagarakis 3, Pigden 2.

Law, Meds Remain Tied; Crucial "B" Tilt Today

by BLAIR GREER

This week's action in Inter-fac Hockey showed league-leading Pharmacy of Section B being soundly defeated twice to drop out of the top place of their section. In A Section, Meds and Law continued their battle for first place. Commerce meets Engineers today to decide "B" race.

The Engineers regained their winning form by scoring a 3-0 shut-out over Pharmacy. Ray Howe, the Engineer's goalie, played a sparkling game turning away all the Pharmacy's shots. The Science Building boys were led by Bell who counted a brace while Miller added the third marker.

Don Tomes, Commerce goalie, turned in another fine game in the nets as the Commerce boys turned back Pharmacy 4-1. The "accountants" goals were spread among Rainnie, Matheson, Garrison and Brown. The lone goal of the game

for the Pharmacists was scored by Spriggs.

Meds and Law continued their battle for first place by playing to a 5-5 tie. Dauphinee led the Law-ers with a hat trick while Matheson and McInnes added singletons. The Meds were led by MacLean and Simon with two each while Lantz scored a single.

Kings defeated Dents 5-2 in a roughly played contest. McDonald scored a brace while George, Hart and Crowley flipped in singles for the Kingsmen. Barro and McDonald each scored once for the Dentists.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

VARSIITY HOCKEY

PLAYOFFS—
Dates to be announced
Watch all bulletin boards

INTERFAC HOCKEY

PLAYOFFS—See your athletic rep

VARSIITY BASKETBALL

Saturday, Feb. 18:
Stad at DAL—8:30

PLAYOFFS—
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JAYVEE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Feb. 18:
Bethany at DAL—7:00

PLAYOFFS—
Dates to be announced
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INTERFAC BASKETBALL

Saturday, Feb. 18:
1:00—A&S B vs Commerce
2:00—Med B vs Education
3:00—Law A vs Engineers
4:00—A&S A vs Pine Hill
Thursday, Feb. 23:
5:00—A&S A vs Education