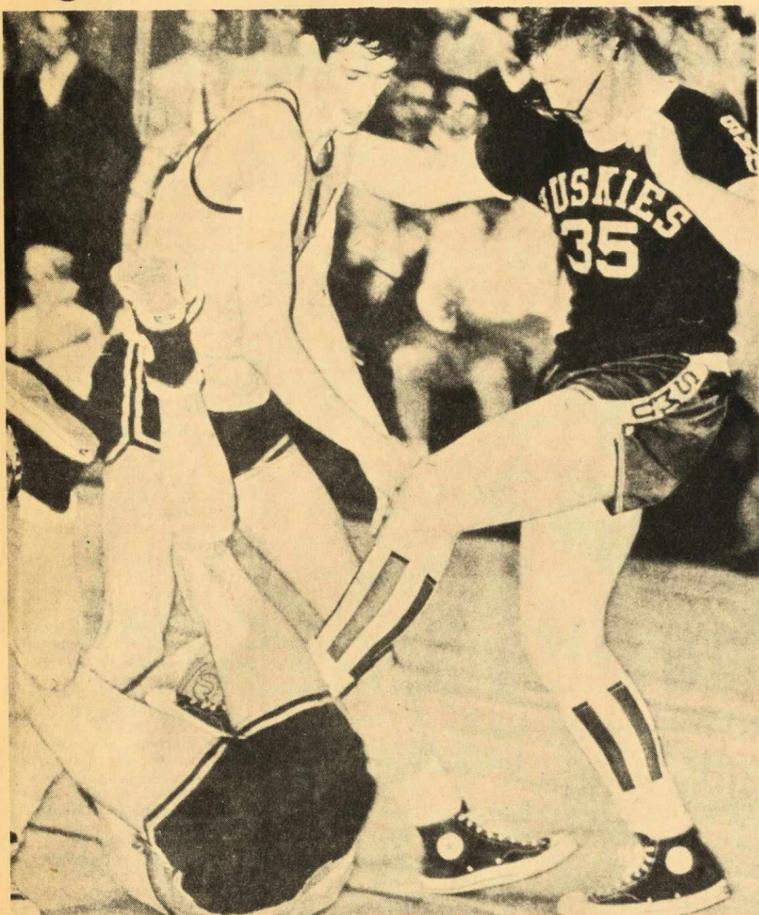


# David MacDonald outstanding Renaissance in Varsity basketball continues; Tiger rebirth carries team to second place



The Tigers had their backs to the wall more than once during the basketball season just ended. Alex Shaw struggles to avoid St. Mary's John Russell with help from Dal strong man Tom Beattie. (Gazette Photo - Marty Dolin)

And there's still more to come! Yes, this year continued the Renaissance, the rebirth and rejuvenation of the Dalhousie Tiger Varsity Basketball team. A team which made Dalhousie an institution to be respected, even feared, for more than its academic qualities.

I remember... ..the Tiger's first appearance of this year. Dal 115 Alumni 47 the first time in history a Dal team hit the century mark. A symbol of what was to come, of what might be expected from a bunch of guys who had practiced for three weeks. A felling of hope and anticipation by the usually cynical fans... ..Dal playing the Montreal Generals, a team supposedly above college ball, a participant in Canada's best professional league. Dal 99, Generals 87. George Hughes looking like a smaller version of Bill Bradley as he hooped 29 points....

FIRST LOSS  
...Dal's first loss in the Tip-off Tourney at Acadia. Ricker 110, Dal 96. A well fought contest against one of the toughest opponents to be found. Eagle-eye Hughes continued his hot hand with 32 followed closely by lanky Larry Archibald with 27. All we lacked was defense... ..and no better place to find that out than in an exhibition game... ..Tigers getting tough and after bowing to Ricker the previous evening all but laughed McGill out of the gym. Dal 126, McGill 96. We had proved we could shoot - we still had a lot of work on defense....

...Xmas vacation was over and the team got down to business. Being back only a couple of days the Tigers hosted the Schooners in a closed scrimmage bowing out to the brewers 72-61....

...the Blunose Classic. Dal winning (if one may use that term) over Sir George Williams 72-44. The defense had tightened up considerably - unfortunately against a team which had no offense. The team had yet to play a game against stiff opposition where defense meant the ball game but....

...The next night Dal squared off against M.I.T. for the tourney laurels. Losing 36-34 after a fine first half Dal came out and was in the game for quite a while, never being more than 3 points down. Kevin White, Dal's outstanding rookie - of - the-year played one hell of a ball game until Alex Wilson, MIT's big gun, tried to remodel Kevin's nose with his foot in the third quarter. Final score MIT 65 Dal 55....

LEAGUE OPENER  
...Tiger's first league game, January 14 over in Charlotte-town. I hope that next year when the team makes the trip the bus will be equipped with a heater. Despite the cold, Dal thawed out in enough time to hand the Saints a 93-72 licking. With the entire first string hitting double figures, we were on our way....

...January 15, another unheated trip, this time to the wilds of New Brunswick. Mount A. was no match for the ferocious Tabbies. Final score Dal 75 Hawks 55. Dal emerged from the weekend being one of the two yet-to-be-defeated teams in the league... Things looked good....

...Dal's first home game. A return engagement with Mount A. on January 22. The gym was loaded, people wanted to view this "new breed" in league hoop action. By the end of the night the place was wild. The first time Dalhousie had ever surpassed the century mark in a league game, since the MIBL was formed. Dal controlled the game, offensively, defensively, morally, and otherwise. Mount A. received a good lesson in the Methods of playing winning basketball. Dal was 3-0, Dal was unlucky - Dave MacDonald suffered a hairline fracture of the wrist. Things looked good...but the injuries were starting and....

...January 25 was here. THE day - the Applemen came to town. This was the contest - Dal was to host Acadia for the first match between the two teams. The Tigers and their fans eagerly looked forward to this one. Both teams were undefeated and few had forgotten their last encounter.

FACE ACADIANS  
Acadia 68, Dal 61 after two overtime periods. Another landmark established...the gym was sold out hours before the game. My God, were Dal fans really getting behind one of their teams? Methinks wonders will never cease. The Students Council, that venerable institution, even cancelled a meeting to enable a couple of the people's choices to see the game. For the first time in my four years here - I was proud to be a part of Dalhousie student affairs. We had spirit!!!

Sadly, experience prevailed over inexperience. The Canadian National Champions played as if they deserved the title. It was not that Dal played badly. I admit that they certainly could have played better but at the time their youth and obvious inexperience showed. Eric Durnford played the strongest game of his career coming off the bench to stand out on defence while adding

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14 points to the Tiger tally. Dave MacDonald was surely missed. His injured hand forced him to sit out the game and his ability as an all-round player was not there. More important, as captain and senior member of the team, his steady influence was missed. Dal 61 Acadia 79. We were still in second place, we still had one more shot at Acadia.

...January 28, the Red raiders from U.N.B. invaded Dal. One of the most exciting games of the year - U.N.B. had emerged as the spoilers - the team that had knocked off such powerful opponents as St. Mary's and St. F.X. The gym could have held more people but we had lost the game before an inexcusable error - people were still trying to recover - we were still in second place, we had won three games but....

MACDONALD INSPIRES  
From the first jump ball it was evident that we were back on the warpath. Your ballclub is a fighting team, they don't give up. Dal played team ball all the way. Archibald, Beattie and Hughes hit for 19, 19, and 18 points apiece. Beattie continued tearing up the cords and now was one of the league's most potent scorers averaging 24 points a game. Kevin White, the P.E.I. contribution to the Halifax medical profession, sat this one out - cast on his hand, tape on his broken nose, and crutches for his ankle. Yes Virginia, we had a few mishaps. One bright spot, I still wonder at the sheer guts and determination of Dave MacDonald. Here he was dressed, playing his heart out, but listing, weighed down by a cast on his broken wrist. At the final horn, Dal emerged victorious by a 77-63 margin. Here we go again....

...January 30-31, two exhibition games against Montreal Campers and Ricker. Dal took the Campers 91-62 but bowed out to Ricker 63-51 in probably the most boring game of the year for the fans. No one stood out, everyone was tired....

...February 4, Winter Carnival, one of the most exciting matches to be played all year. Our perennial rival from Robie Street were invading for our first contest of the season. The place was packed and spirit was up - the second time this year. Again I was proud of Dal and this time my pride swelled - a common feeling among the fans at the end of the game. For the first time in six years, we had beaten SMU. No fluke, no luck, we beat them cleanly. They don't like to admit it on Robie Street but we outclassed them. MacDonald never played better - 19 points, Tom Beattie still had hot hands - 20, Larry Archibald was good for 18 but the nicest surprise of the game was Al Shaw. Al came out a winner - playing a tremendous game while hitting for 11 points offensively. Kevin White was still sitting on his crutches, Dave MacDonald must still drink holding the mug in his right hand. Oh well, thank the Lord it wasn't worse....

AT ANTIGONISH  
...The next day, a long ride to Antigonish, our first tilt with the X-Men...and the roof fell in. A lot of reasons, but who knows which are valid. We reeked. They did too but no where near as badly. No feelings of guilt. We would make up for it. We were still in second place, 5 wins, 2 losses and there were still a lot of ballgames. Virginia, the people sure looked at us funny like when we came back....

...Friday, Feb. 11. Back in the confines of our own gym and feeling less pain, we hosted the Saints from St. Dunstan's. Kevin was back-hobbling but back, Dave was healing, and the team had recovered from the set-back suffered against X. George Hughes swished 26 after hooping 25 against X. Larry Archibald returned to form netting 22. Beattie continued to slump adding 12 to the 11 he scored against X. We looked better than the previous weekend. Dal 80, SDU 54....

...Going cross town for the return match with SMU. The place was packed, Huskie fans were screaming for blood. The game was a good one - we gave them a contest. Up by 2 at the half the Tigers returned to the floor for the final 20 minutes and quickly opened up a ten point lead only to have it whittled down by the magnificent play of Jim Daniels and Rick Dougherty. With four of the starting five each having four personal fouls the Tigers could not take any chances. SMU took over in the last 50 seconds to win by 5. Dal 75, SMU 80.

HOST X-MEN  
...X came to town. We made them wish they hadn't. It was Dave MacDonald night. It was the Tigers last home game of the year. We had revenge in our hearts - we had to teach X that we were not the push-overs they met in our first match. Dave was retiring after this season - he had used up his eligibility. Older fans still remember the performance Dave gave two years ago. We beat X 73-72. We were in last place that season, X was ranked second in the nation. Dave played like the Tiger he is. He gave all he had. This year it was to be no fluke. We knew we were the better team. We had to convince the X-Men and the fans... Yes, Virginia, the fans. (Remember - we lost to SMU the weekend before)

We beat them alright. We out hustled and outplayed them all night. There was no mistake. People knew who the better team was. Dalhousians were again proud. Tommie returned to form hitting for 18 points. George led the pack with 20 and Larry added 10. The defense was good. X managed 51 points while we grabbed 66. Dal's record was now 7 and 3 with only two games left - we were in second place... ..Dal at U.N.B. Feb. 18. What can I say... What are you supposed to say when you lose 56-55. I don't feel much like saying anything but that's basketball. The Studs separate from the geldings by showing their ability to come back. Just for the record we picked up another injury - just for a change of pace. This time it was Larry Archibald who is still wearing crutches at this time....



David MacDonald completed an outstanding Varsity basketball career with Dalhousie. His heroics on the ball court inspired the Varsity five to numerous exhibition and regular season victories during the basketball season.

be no contest I was told. I knew differently... ..

NIGHT IN WOLFVILLE  
The game started... swish... 2 points Dalhousie... "What do you mean, Dal's winning". I was proud. The first half was tremendous. We were never down more than three points. Acadia was visibly shaken. Stu Aberdeen spent most of the half on his knees praying or screaming. I don't know which. All I could hear was "Heaney, for God's sake, St. Peter's!" (Axemen lost to St. Peter's of New Jersey over Christmas by 45 points)

The crowning insult came in the last minute of the first half. Dal worked a "stall". The score was 40-37 in favor of Acadia when the "stall" began. Acadia's starting five couldn't believe it. Fans were having heart failure - only Acadia could play a "Stall". The ball went to Gary White positioned in the coffin corner - now who was Gary White? "Oh yeah - the kid from J.V. ball - what's he doing here?" At that moment Gary was letting the ball go... swish... well. Two points and the half ended with Acadia leading by a fabulous margin 40-39. A far-cry

from what Wolfville was used to. Boy, was I proud. The second half was a repeat of the preceding one. Rarely was there a difference of more than one point until, with less than 3 minutes remaining in the game, Dal, frustrated in their attempts to score against the Axemen's extratight emergency zone, gave up 8 quick points in 90 seconds and Acadia went ahead by nine. Dal still kept on and managed to cut the lead to six before the final horn sounded. Acadia 79, Dal 73. Right in their own backyard. High men for Acadia were Konchalski with 31 and Heaney with 16. Tom Beattie paced the Tabbies with 25 while Kevin White, Durnford, and MacDonald, added 17, 11, and 10 respectively. Kevin led the rebounding department and was high man of the game with 11. Even in defeat I was proud.

IN RETROSPECT  
Dal ended the season with a league record of seven wins five losses. A milestone in the history of modern basketball at Dalhousie. We have never fared so well. To those who made it all possible I wish to extend my congratulations and thanks....

## Varsity ice chips New coach rumoured

Rumours have not as yet been officially confirmed but reliable sources indicate that head Varsity hockey coach, Dennis Selder will be leaving the Dalhousie faculty after the current term to continue in graduate study at another university. Should this be the case, his likeliest successor will be Gerry Walford.

Selder coached the Dalhousie curling team, and tuna-fishing team this past year, but his duties were concentrated mainly on the hockey wars.

Selder noted that his team,

although virtually in the basement of the MIBL, was "just five goals behind the fourth place team (UNB) in the league. The team will be losing at least four players - Dave McMaster, Dave Craig, Terry Cooper, and Dick Drmaj, and possibly Ian Oulton, although he still has a year of eligibility left and may return to Dal for post-gradwork. However, Selder believes there is enough of a nucleus left to build a contending team. Many of these, he feels, will just be reaching their peak by next year. He cited the names of Nordau, Kanigsberg, Don Nelson as starters. The Tigers will definitely not be the team to beat, but again Mr. Selder remarked that his team had suffered from an abnormal degree of misfortune. At one point in the season, the Tigers had no more than nine players for an away game. Injuries and sickness plagued the team for at least the first half of the campaign. With a relatively injury-free next year, the Tigers may be able to challenge for a berth in the upper echelon of the league. Walford's credentials are impressive enough. He coached the



Dennis Selder

Varsity soccer team to a second place finish, and an undefeated season earlier in the year and has just recently led the Junior Varsity hockey edition to an undefeated season as well. In addition to coaching, he also instructs in the Freshman physical education program.

## J.V. basketballers even season's record

By A.D. RIAN  
Sports Staff  
Well, the season's over and a tired, but improved junior varsity team sheds its black and gold for another year.

As we look back over the game-filled months of January and February, we see high spots and dim periods.

The Tiger Cubs ended their season with a 58 - 44 win over the Kings' College Blues, led by pre-season favorite, Gary Redding, with 15 points.

Overall, the team pulled out a 3-3 win-loss record in league play, to finish in third place. Exhibition-wise the Tigers had

a 7-2 record, with such impressive wins as over Truro and Queen Elizabeth High School. The final tally shows a record of 10-5.

On the scoreboard, the team captain, Gerry Clarke, led his mates with an 11.1 point average output. Gary White, not a regular on the squad, made a fine effort with an average of 12.8 points for the games he played. Gary Redding followed with an 8 point effort. Mel Ritcey, a late addition to the team made a great rebounding contribution and also averaged 6 points in his five games.

The two most important events of the year were the 66-60 win over SMU Huskies and a greater defeat of the St. F. X. Varsity Juniors on February 15. The most difficult loss was that to SMU (71-70) on February 4th.

## Final club standings

Intercollegiate Basketball	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Acadia	12	0	954	649	24
St. Mary's	7	5	1049	949	14
St. F.X.	7	5	945	854	14
Dalhousie	7	5	898	799	14
UNB	7	5	771	800	14
St. Dunstan's	11	7	744	044	2
Mt. Allison	11	7	734	000	2

## APE LOVER AT DUKE

Advanced practical training in plant genetics will be given from March to October 1966 at Saviol, Sweden, under an agreement between FAO and the Swedish International Development Authority. The Swedish government is sponsoring the centre at a cost of \$75,000 as a contribution to the Freedom - from Hunger Campaign.

## PUT A TIGER IN YOUR TANK



Gerald Walford

## Four on national team

The Flying D.U.S.T. ers have placed four members on the Maritime entry in the Canadian Intercollegiate championship swimming competition. Gord MacMichael, team captain, Rob McGrall, Lee Kirby and Rob Murray each won berths on the team by finishing either first or second in their events in the Maritime championships held on Feb. 26, in Sackville, home of Mount Allison University.

Teamwise, Dal did not fare as well. The men's team placed third of four, behind UNB, Mt. A., and ahead of Acadia. The girls finished fourth.

In an earlier event, Dal had washed up, trouncing the Acadia teams here on Feb. 11.

The Canadian championships will be held the weekend of March 4, 5, 6 in Vancouver, with UBC hosting. UNB placed 8 members on the entry and Mount Allison 5.

## TIGERS SCOREBOARD

### Final Standings

#### Men's VARSITY

	W	L	Tied
Basketball	7	5	-
Football	1	6	-
Hockey	2	11	-
* Soccer	4	0	2

#### Women's VARSITY

	W	L	Tied
Ice Hockey	2	0	-
Basketball	4	4	-
* Field Hockey	8	-	2

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