

# Bengals Dropped by X-Men in Basketball and Hockey Contests

## DAL GIRLS TAKE MARITIME TITLE

### Xaverians Trim Tigers 52-35, Force Play-off for Intercollegiate Crown

The St. F.X. cagers came roaring back into the Nova Scotia Intercollegiate basketball picture Saturday night as they took a 52-35 victory over the league-leading Dal Tigers. The Xaverian win ties up the two teams at the top of the heap with three victories and one loss apiece.

First reports had the play-off taking the form of a two game total score series starting on the Dal floor on Thursday evening. However, as the Gazette goes to press, there is a possibility that a sudden-death game will be played on a neutral floor to decide the Nova Scotia Intercollegiate championship, and the right to meet U.N.B. for the Maritime title.

Both squads played a tight man-to-man defence during the game, but more accurate shooting and a tighter defence paid off for the winners. Once again the big man for the Xaverians was Rudy Pace, former Sydney Academy stalwart, who racked up an even dozen points. Conley with 11, MacNeill with 10, and Propper with 9 points, were also outstanding for the X-Men. Mahon and Henderson, both with 7, and Connelly with 6 points, led the Dal attack. Referees Alf and Snowdon Johnston called a total of 18 fouls, 12 of them against St. F.X.

Pat Conley scored from the tip-off and from then on the X-Men were never headed. They led by a 23-16 score at half time, and, during the second half, five consecutive baskets gave them a 44-22 lead. In the final 10 minutes the Bengals surged back but couldn't cope with the deadly set-shots of the X-Men.

In the final game of the Intercollegiate Hockey schedule played before the basketball encounter, the Xaverians, as expected, once more emerged triumphant. The X-Men finished their four game schedule, during which they were unbeaten, with a 12-4 win over the Black and Gold, and now advance to the tri-province finals against the U.N.B. pucksters.

The Xaverians displayed a well balanced, all-round team. They play a fast, driving game, complete with the best in sportsmanship, and should be a sure-in for Maritime honors.

As far as the Dalhousians were concerned, the star was once again net-minder Bill Janes who stopped a total of 50 shots. The first line of Morrison-Smith-Jardine scored all the Dal goals, with Morrison and Smith each racking up two.

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#### NOTICE

The Dal Juniors will take the floor against the Kings College aggregation tonight at 7.30 in the Dal Gym in a game to decide the Nova Scotia Junior championship. This game will precede the Dal Intermediate-Yarmouth contest which will start at 8.30.

### Evans-Coached Squad Stops Mt. A.; Esdale-MacIntyre-Cousins Line Stars

The Tigresses brought another title home to Dal on Friday night when they triumphed over Mount Allison, and for the first time in many years copped the Maritime Senior Intercollegiate Girls Basket-

ball title. This was the second game of a total point series. Dal won the first game by a one sided score and Friday's game ended 29-21 for the home team.

The game was more evenly balanced than that played in Sackville last week. Mount A. had little chance of making up their 29 point deficit, but they put up a game fight.

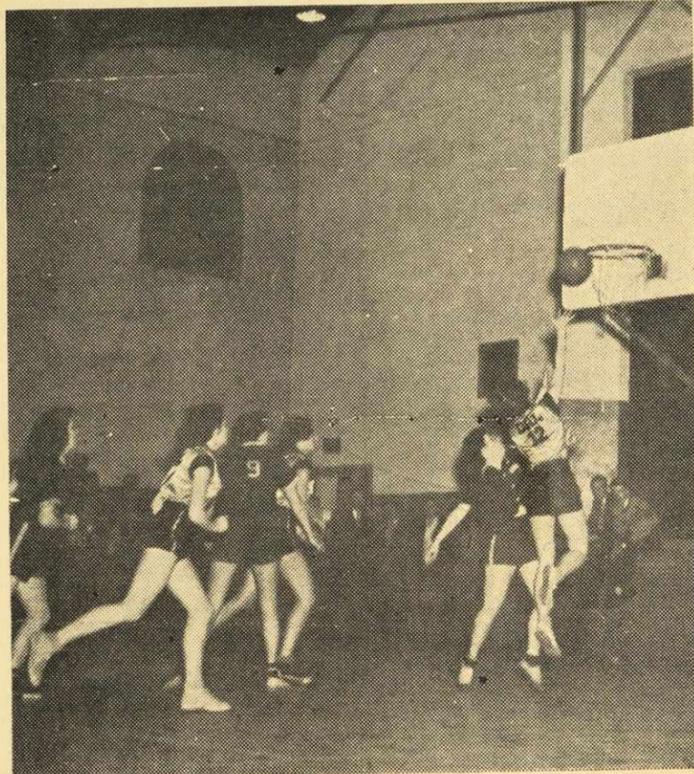
Gay Esdale opened the scoring for Dal in the first few minutes of play with a very nice hook-shot. Marilyn MacIntyre followed up quickly with a set shot to put the home squad ahead 4-0. Erm Thompson, of the Mounties soon put them in the scoring picture, tossing in a set shot. Gay Esdale put in a foul throw, then Mt. A. followed up with two long shots and a free-shot and the quarter ended 7-5 for Mt. A.

The second quarter scoring was started by Thompson, but Betty "Cuz" Cousins and Marg "Foo" Grant put in 2 set shots. "Foo's" was on a very nice sleeper-play. Mount A. came through with a foul throw and two set shots and Marilyn MacIntyre put in a free throw for Dal. The first half finished up 11-11. The Dal passing in this half wasn't all that it could have been. There was a lot of bunching up. The Dal guards put up an excellent fight and their floor play was really tops. Gay Esdale was a bit loose on her passing but her shooting made up for it. Betty Merrick and Gerry Grant are showing up very well.

"Cuz" started the second-half scoring with a foul throw. The Mounties followed up with 4 pts. Gay put in five points in quick succession and 3/4 time saw Dal with a one-point lead. Dal dominated the scoring in the last quarter and the final count was 29-21. This made the total score for the series 66-29 for Dal.

In the second half Dal, although not so good on the rebounds, was far superior on the floor play. The zone defence kept the Mounties scoring down.

Betty Petrie and Jean MacLeod turned in really fine games. All of the forwards put in good games with Marilyn MacIntyre showing her usual fighting spirit. Marilyn and Gay led the scoring parade. For the visitors Thompson was top point getter.



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### Dal Racquetees Again Take Title

For the 5th consecutive year the Dalhousie Varsity Badminton team has copped the Maritime Intercollegiate championships. Played this year at Mount Allison University, the Dalhousians amassed a total in men's and women's events of 22 points out of a possible 30. U.N.B. came second with 12 and Mt. A. third with 11.

In the team championships the Dal women's team again set the pace winning in all three of their events.

In the second day of the meet the open tournament was run off. This tournament is an individual affair based on the elimination system. Again Dal swept the field, winning every event but the men's doubles which event has been won by U.N.B. for the last five years. The outstanding play of the entire tournament was turned in by Ned Banks of Dal and Jim Strickland of U.N.B. in the men's singles open. Banks, playing the best badminton of his career, outlasted Strickland (15-12) (15-12). In the final game at 13-12, Strickland extended Banks to eleven rallies before weakening.

In the men's doubles open, Strickland and Pat Ryan of U.N.B. defeated Cleveland and Banks of

Dal (15-8) (11-15) (15-10). Banks and Joanne Beaubien defeated Currie and Peggy Rice of Mt. A. (15-4) (15-2) in the mixed doubles. In the women's doubles Beaubien and Kay Gubbins defeated Jean Baker and Heather McKinnon (15-6) (15-7). Ladies singles winner was Joanne Beaubien, who defeated Kay Gubbins (12-9) (11-1).

### Intermediate Playoff Tonight

Tonight at 8.30 the Dal Tigers, Halifax Intermediate champs, will meet the Yarmouth hoopsters in the third round of the Nova Scotia play-offs.

The Tigers, who won 14 straight games in Intermediate competition before dropping one play-off contest to Acadia, eliminated the Navy squad in the Halifax league finals and bested Acadia in a home-and-home series last week.

Several former Dal stars are currently performing with the Yarmouthians.

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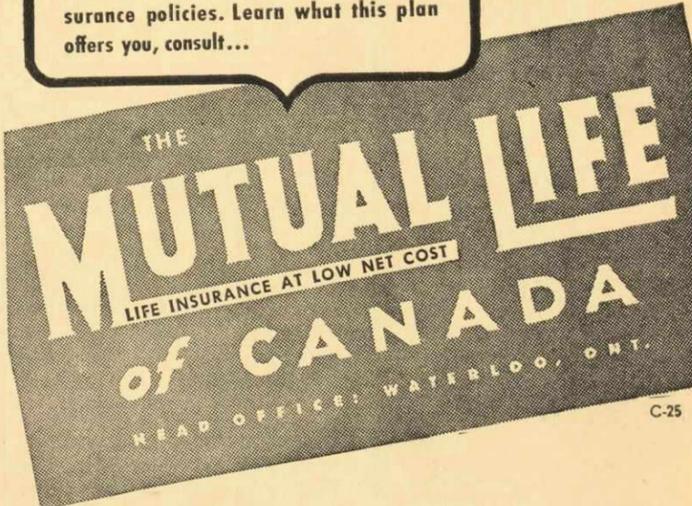
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