

# TIGERS TAKE

by Ken Glube

X

In what may be termed the most dramatic upset in the history of Maritime Intercollegiate athletics, Dalhousie defeated St. Francis Xavier 73-72 in overtime. Going into the game the X-men were ranked second in Canada. Dal had not won an Intercollegiate contest in three years. They were dead last in the new MIBC this season. A few weeks ago the Tigers had been slaughtered at Antigonish 108-52.

There was no reason to expect anything different in the club's second meeting. Only one man honestly believed that the outcome might be reversed. Coach Al Yarr had unshakable confidence in his team's ability to win. To realize this ambition he had to impress upon the players the necessity of hustle and determination. To this end he was completely successful.

For the first time all season the Tigers never let up. They made very few costly mistakes. They capitalized on the majority of opportunities and most important of all they forced the opposition to play their type of ball. As a result the X-men were continually kept off balance.

Even before the SRO Winter Carnival crowd was fully settled George Blakney gave an indication of what was to come. His field goal and two free throws set Dal off 4-0. Both teams played cautious and deliberate basketball. At one stage the Tigers opened a five point lead which proved to be the largest either team was to enjoy all evening. However the score after ten minutes of play was 16 - 14 for St. F.X. The most amazing and significant feature of the second quarter aside from Dal's overall tenacious playing was the shooting of Ross Nisbet. Substituting for George Blakney, who had drawn three quick fouls, Ross rapidly sank four long set shots not one of which so much as nicked the rim. By half time the disbelieving crowd was ecstatic. Dal led 33-30.

### SECOND HALF

Many fans however remembered the second half performance by their favourites up at Antigonish in January. The Bengals had been unable to score a field goal until fifteen minutes had elapsed. Their fears were multiplied as X quickly tied the score and then went ahead by three. It appeared as if the X machine was about to roll but Dalhousie's never gave up. The lead began to seesaw back and forth. By the close of the third quarter the Tabbies led by a point. As one very competent observer later pointed out, Packy MacFarlane's boys were now running scared. They were confused and began to lose their poise. Rather than confidently expecting to break the contest open at any point. The X-men were fighting desperately to stay in the game. When Dave MacDonald was not popping in set shots George Blakney was driving through with picture lay-ups. At the end of regulation time the score was tied at 65 apiece.

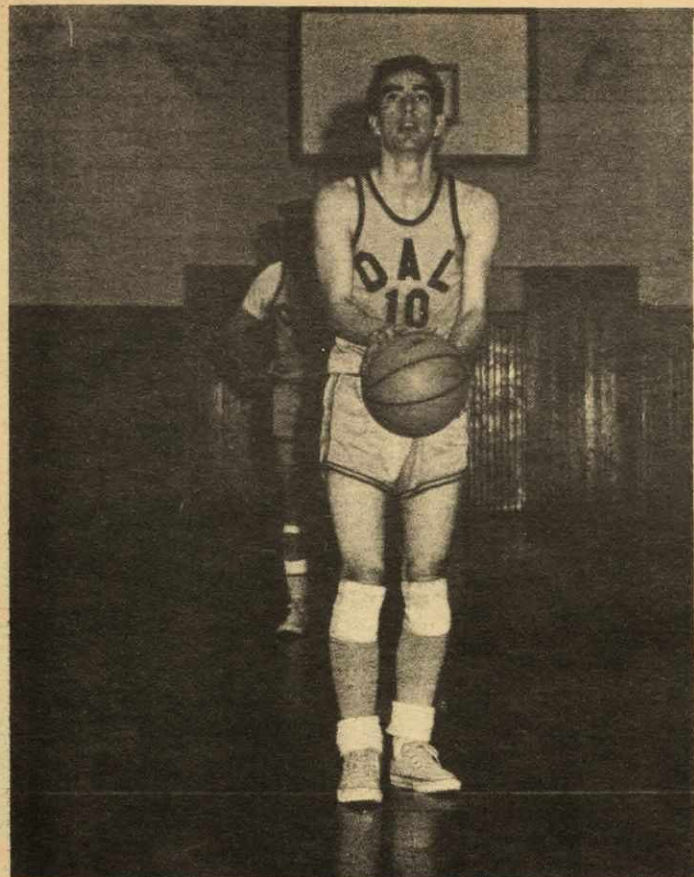
Twice during the five minute overtime period the Bengals were down by three. With 45 seconds to play Bud MacSween sank two free throws to narrow the gap to 72-21. The X-men's attempt to freeze the ball failed and Dave MacDonald scored his 22nd and 23rd points with a set shot with just three seconds remaining.

At no time did Dal give the impression that they were playing over their heads. Rather they finally utilized to the best advantage their full potential as a basketball team. St. F.X. did not appear to be playing a bad game. The shooting percentage of the X-men from the floor was around 50%.

Dal's first victory over St. F.X. in any major sport in years was solidly earned.

- BASKETBALL**
1. Windsor
  2. St. F.X.
  3. Saskatchewan
  4. Waterloo
  5. St. Mary's
  6. British Columbia
  7. Western
  8. Acadia
  9. Carleton
  10. Toronto
- HOCKEY**
1. McMaster
  2. Toronto
  3. St. F.X.
  4. Montreal
  5. Edmonton
  6. St. Thomas
  7. Laval
  8. Acadia
  9. St. Dunstan's
  10. RMC

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DAVE MACDONALD LOOKS at the basket with concentration as he is about to score one of the 23 points including the winning basket that he added to the Dal total as they defeated X 73-72 in overtime. Jack Budd in the background looks to the bench for instructions. (Munroe Photo)

## Hoey Tigers vs Acadia AT ACADIA Winter Carnival Train Leaves Saturday Morning

### Interfac Hockey

In interfaculty hockey action last week Science and Meds came out with victories while Engineers, Arts, Commerce and Law settled for ties.

#### SCIENCE WIN

Three men shared the scoring for Science as they downed Commerce 3-1. Nordeau Kanigsberg, Dave Archibald, and Robert Baillie each netted tallies for the winners, while John Napier scored the only goal for Commerce.

Meds continued their winning ways by gaining a default victory from Dents. Engineers and Commerce played to a 4-4 deadlock. Engineers were led by Gary Mason who grabbed his second hat trick of the season. Craig Bowyer scored Engineers other goal. Donnie Carroll was high man for Commerce with two goals. Others went to John Napier and Al Hayman.

Law and Arts played to an exciting 2-2 tie. Mike Knight and Doug Rowan scored goals for Arts while Gary Hurst and Bill Gorham netted Law markers.

Just the other night the President of the Students' Council was in the office and remarked about the inability of this department to get a better percentage from the crystal ball. On a challenge to pick the winners for this week's forecasts Mr. Cooper did so, but, in view of the fact that I must have a say the predictions are mine and the astericks indicate that Mr. Cooper does not agree.

#### HOCKEY

St. F.X. vs. Mt. A. - X just cannot forget the UNB win but it probably only cost them the championship so why should they not remember. Mount A play good hockey but not good enough to win. X 7 Mt. A. 2.

Dal vs Acadia - Dal were unable to beat Acadia at home and it is unlikely to win at Acadia. It should be a good game for Acadia's Winter Carnival but not for Dal supporters. Dal 2 Acadia 4.

Tech vs SMU - Tech have taken their lumps in the past and it is time once again. Tech 1 SMU 8.

\* UNB vs St. Thomas - UNB look like possible winners for the Maritime title but they look like losers for this game at STU. Very few teams are capable of beating STU in their own rink. UNB are capable of doing this but STU should pull through. UNB 5 STU 6.

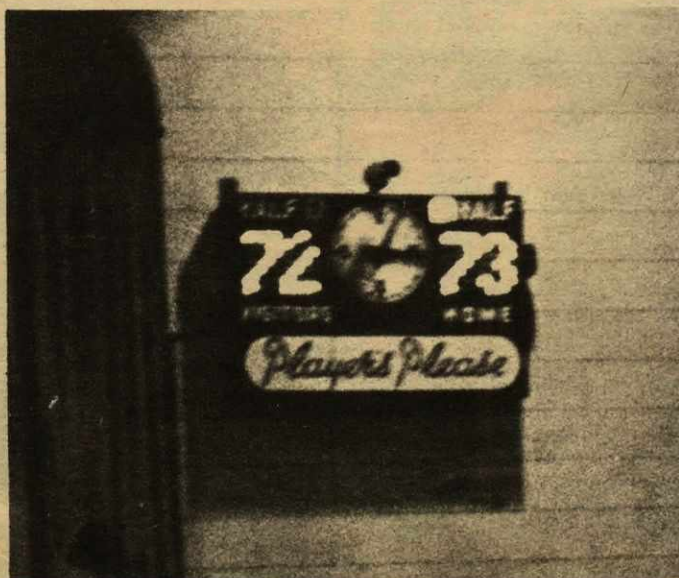
St. F.X. vs SDU - This is the game that decides X's future for the remainder of the year. SDU know that they can win the title but they must beat X to do it. SDU looked strong against Tech and should win. X 2 SDU 5.

\* St. Mary's vs Dal - Dal have gone downhill since these two teams last played while SMU have improved. Dal may squeak through but from here they are going to work for it. SMU 3 Dal 2.

Acadia vs SMU - Acadia are not too strong but then SMU is not either. Acadia will not delight the SMU fans but it will be a very close game. Acadia 4 SMU 3.

St. Thomas vs UNB - This is a repeat of their game played earlier but this time it is a win for UNB as they are playing at home. STU 3 UNB 6.

UNB vs SMU - UNB have shown much in the past but very little on the road. If they do not put on a good first half there will be no contest but otherwise it will be a battle to the end. UNB 54 SMU 65.



A picture is worth a 1000 words. (Photo by Munroe).

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