

Overtime By JoAnn Sherwood

Bouliane Impresses

The outstanding play of rookie center Martin Bouliane has not come as a surprise to Tiger hockey coach Darryl Young. Bouliane continues to live up to the expectations placed upon him during his first season in the AUAA. Bouliane captures the interest of the fans, players, and coaches alike because of his stint with the Canadian Olympic Team last season.

Bouliane was a member of the Granby Bisons of the QMJHL before joining the Olympic team. While with the Olympic squad, Bouliane tallied 44 points, despite having to deal with injuries along the way. Because of the numbers game, Bouliane was cut from the Olympic Team.

Young describes Bouliane's choice of the Dalhousie hockey program as, "The best choice for him at this time.

"He's here for the next three years to get an education. The pros are interested in him and the Olympic team might even grab him again," said Young.

As a coach, Young realizes that there is a big difference between the calibre of play in the AUAA and on the international scene.

"It must be tough when we're

beating a team 10-2. Obviously, he (Bouliane) is used to a level of competition a couple of steps higher," Young said.

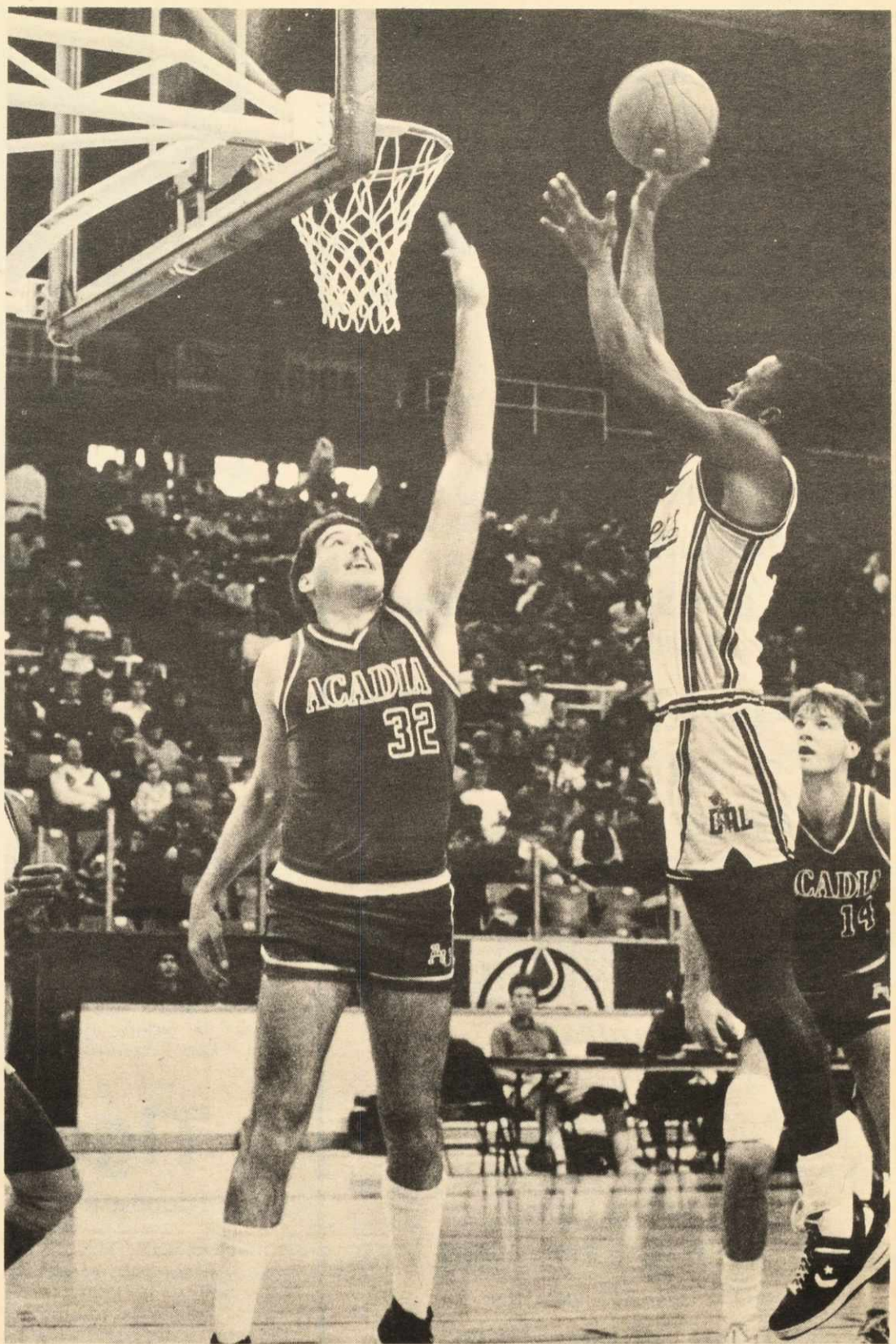
Outside of his international experience, Bouliane has turned heads because of his play in the AUAA. He is the leading scorer for the Tigers with 14 goals, six of which came on the powerplay, and nine assists in 13 games. Bouliane was a key performer in the AUAA all-star game played earlier this season in Moncton.

Over the holidays, Bouliane again had the opportunity to play in international hockey competition. He was a member of the Canadian entry at the Spengler Cup Tournament. The team captured the gold medal and in his six games, Bouliane recorded five goals and an assist.

Back in the AUAA, he continues to compile the stats. He scored a powerplay marker against St. F.X. on Saturday and netted five goals in the Tigers 15-7 win over St. Mary's the following night.

Despite his success, Bouliane is still a good player to coach and to work with.

Young says, "He's a very motivated person and he wants to succeed."



Dalhousie's Paul Riley puts a shot over Acadia's Peter Morrison a game played Saturday at the Metro Centre. Photo by Paul Walker/Dal Photo.

Metro Centre loss

According to Dalhousie's Men's basketball Coach, Doc Ryan, "There are no easy games in this league". His statement was proven correct over the weekend, as the men's basketball team dropped their 4th game in 5 starts, losing to the division leading Acadia Axemen. Missing standout rookie Willem Verbeek, the Tigers were dominated on the boards and lacked scoring power. While their pressure defence kept the game exciting, the Tigers couldn't muster the necessary offense, losing the game, 72-57.

Playing in front of a sizable Metro Center audience, and on TSN nationwide both teams were a little nervous. This led to a number of turnovers in the first five minutes with neither team able to control the play. The teams reached the five minute mark with the score tied 4-4. At this point Acadia shook of the pre-game jitters and began to pull away. Sloppy play by the Tigers caused a number of turnovers and led the Tigers into foul trouble. Dalhousie found themselves reaching the foul limit and down by 16 points, after only 8 minutes of play.

At 10:31 the Tigers got on the score board with a bucket from Mike Gillett. A three-pointer by Gillett and good inside passing play brought Dal within 9 points of the Axemen. Despite their press, which caused a number of turnovers, and good execution on the fast break, the Tigers had trouble on the boards. This led to Acadia fastbreaks and a large number of second and third shots. With the Tigers having trouble sinking shots off their half court

offense and unable to pick up many rebounds, they couldn't mount a major comeback and headed into the dressing room down 33-23.

The teams played fairly evenly through the first ten minutes of the second half with Dalhousie turnovers being offset by Acadia fouls. With ten minutes left, Dalhousie's press led to a number of steals which allowed them to make a run at the Axemen. Some good rebounding and solid play from Noel Pendergast allowed Dalhousie to pull within eight points with minutes left in the game.

as the Tigers could get. An Acadia timeout halted the Tiger's momentum and Peter Morris led an Acadia comeback. Mostly on the strength of their outside shooting, the Axemen opened a 16 point lead. Despite some good defense, the Tigers weren't hitting any shots and their lack of rebounding allowed Acadia to run away with the game by opening a 20 point lead and then coasting to victory. With 3 late steals and a crowd pleasing, last second dunk by Al Abass, the Tigers made the score a little more respectable, losing 72-57.

Coach Ryan missed flu-ridden Willem Verbeek who would have provided "a few more rebounds, and a little more offensive help." Ryan felt that the key to a better showing is "just a matter of cleaning up stuff."

The Tigers were led by player of the game Mike Gillett and Paul Riley who scored 14 points each. Acadia was paced by their player of the game, Paul Veinot, who netted 26.

Lapse kills Tigers

By DEAN GOODMAN

Dalhousie Tigers men's basketball team played an impressive 35 minutes of basketball against the Saint Mary's Huskies on Tuesday night. Unfortunately for the Tigers the game was forty minutes long, and a major lapse early in the second half allowed the Huskies to build a lead which proved insurmountable.

In front of almost 750 spectators, both teams came out running the ball. The first half was a see-saw battle with Dal's full court press and strong rebounding offset by St. Mary's strong inside play. Both teams were looking for the fastbreak which provided an exciting end to end game in which neither

team led by more than five. Going into halftime the Tigers were down 36-34.

In the opening minutes of the second half, both teams' full court pressure was working and it looked like the game would pick up where it had left off at halftime. However, with three minutes gone in the second half, the Tigers broke down. Unable to break the Huskies' press and faltering on defence, Dalhousie allowed St. Mary's to move into a twelve point lead with 12 minutes remaining in the game.

At the twelve minute mark the Tigers woke up and played the Huskies even for most of the remainder of the game. Things looked hopeful for the Tigers when SMU's Mike Williams

picked up his fourth foul and was forced to leave the game. Unfortunately for the Tigers, St. Mary's guards, Smith and McIntosh picked up the slack. Then Dal ran into some foul trouble of its own as Noel Pendergast and Paul Riley both fouled out, forcing the Tigers to go with a smaller, three guard line up. Lacking height on defense and pressing on offense, the Tigers lost control of the game and SMU won, 81-62.

Players of the game were Mike Gillett, who had 16 points for the Tigers and Gary Bratty, who scored a game high 22 points for St. Mary's. The Tigers hope to get back on the winning track this weekend as they travel to St. F.X. to take on the X-men.