

# HOLT ON SPORT

by Gary Holt

If you look at it as a three step process to a Conference Championship, the Tigers completed step one in fine style last Friday night at the Forum as they edged the St. Mary's Huskies 49-43 in a tremendous defensive battle. I have heard a number of comments about the low score but I don't attribute it to poor shooting. I agree that the shooting of both teams was not as good as it could have been, but the defense of both teams was the chief cause. Neither team was permitting the other to get the shots that they wanted. The Tiger's man-

to-man and the Huskies zone were working extremely well.

In the end it came down to the Tiger's overall experience as the factor which won the game. They fell behind slightly in the early going but they did not panic. Late in the second half a quick burst put the Tigers in front to stay. The Huskies were not beaten that easily however. They put on a spurt of their own early in the second half to close the gap to two points.

At this point, Al Yarr, having seen the Huskies put on one of their spurts many times in the past, wisely called a time out.

As a result the Tigers came out with what is known as a

spread offence. They put four men on the outside with John Cassidy as the single post. They were content to pass the ball around the outside for a while. This made the Huskies play defence for a considerable stretch. When they did get the ball back the Huskies were cooled out and the danger of one of their spurts was past.

At the end of the game the experience paid its greatest dividends. The Tigers came down the floor, they were patient, looking for the good shots. In contrast, the younger and more inexperienced Huskies were taking poor shots which turned into big rebounds

in the hands of John Cassidy, Brian Peters and Mike Flinn.

This was a total team effort, especially on defence. Everyone who played gave all they had. A marked contrast to the game against Acadia. Brian Peters was hampered by one very bad call on an offensive charge by the referee and another that was at the least questionable. John Cassidy did a good job on the boards, particularly late in the game. Brock Savage was outstanding on defence against the Huskies court general John Gallinaugh, the guy who makes that club go. Steve Bezanson was his usual steady self, a factor which rubbed off on his team mates. Peters contributed in great measure in this regard as well.

Harking back to the three step process, step two will have occurred before you read this article. That is the game at Acadia, Wednesday night. Enough said about that. Provided that obstacle is overcome, the third step is beating the Huskies again.

The other big game which will have happened by the time you are reading this is the hockey battle with SMU at the Forum. A win there would be a big plus in the fight for a play-off spot but it isn't very likely. Looks as

if the team will finish 10-8. Good enough for a play-off berth? It remains to be seen.

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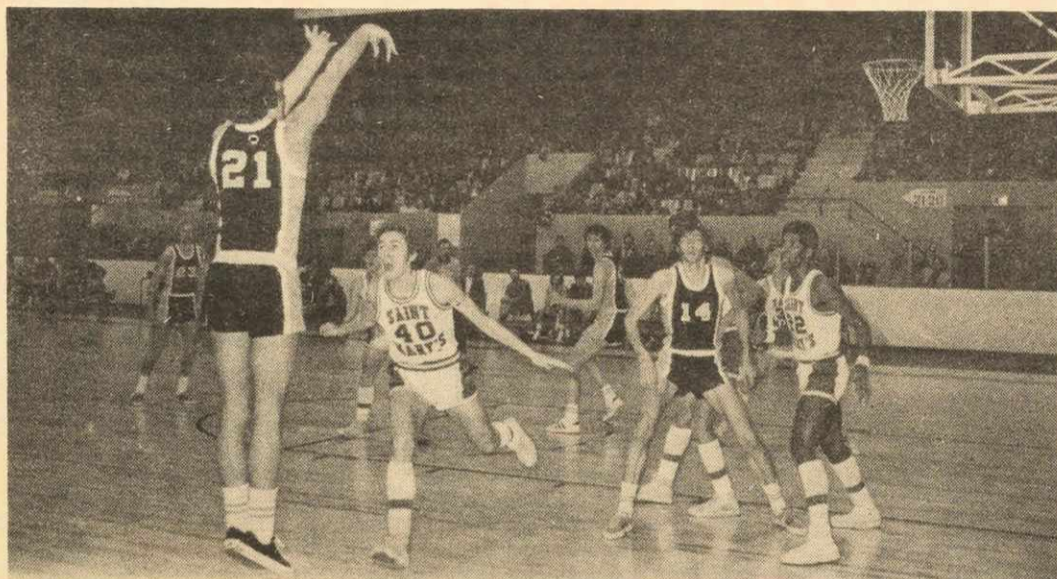
\*A correction of a point in last week's column. John March is at Simon Fraser and not UBC. The point remains the same, he is still at the other end of the country.

\*In swimming the Tigers men's team edged the Acadia Axemen 48-47 at the Acadia pool. Slim Slick will be along next week with the details.

\*Bud Snow asked me to mention the AIAA Wrestling Championships at the Dal gym on Feb. 12.

\*In girls basketball the Tigerettes downed the Acadia Axettes 44-29. Judy Rice scored 12 points for Dal. Mary Lee MacDonald scored 10. For the first time I was able to take in the girls game. It's good basketball, keep an eye open for the next game. If you are a basketball fan I think you will enjoy it.

\*For the past two weeks I have been hinting about a big story which was about to break. I am still not ready to give it out as I am still not sure on all the facts and much depends on several events which have not happened yet. But stay tuned, I'll have it sooner or later.



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Dal Tigers made important step in bid for Atlantic Conference Championship last Friday with a tight 49-43 victory over the St. Mary's Huskies before a big carnival crowd.

## Dal swim team triumphs

by Slim Slick

Dalhousie's swim team went on their first road trip this season on January 28 to New Brunswick. Their first encounter was with Mt. A who put up a strong fight during the meet. Going into the last relay race of the meet Dal was trailing by one point, but that last race was Dal's all the way. Result: Dalhousie's Swim team recorded their first victory of the season.

Many fine performances were turned in to make the win a fine team effort. Outstanding swimmers at the meet were Peter Guildford, Gail McFall, Leah Hull, and Marcel Maessen. Both McFall and Guildford each recorded three first place finishes: McFall in 200 meters individual medley, 200 breast, and 200 back; and Guildford in the 200 free, 200 fly and a fast 500 meters freestyle (6:16.1). Leah Hull made two firsts in 50 free and 200 fly and a third in 100 free. Marcel Maessen swam to three second place finishes in 200 ind. medley, 200 breast and 200 backstroke.

Diving coach Cathy Aitken had pleasing results in her two divers. Donna Sutcliffe won the women's diving event, and a high flying Howie Gorman won a close men's diving event, becoming the first Dal male diver to accomplish such a feat in two years. A tip of the hat goes to Anne Gass for two second place finishes, Shawna Perlin with a second and a third, Bill Draper for two

second places, Bob Adair our 500 freestyle man and Myles Leitch our guitarist. According to "Bullet" Brown, assistant coach, it was a meet well worth attending.

## Wargaming League Stages new battle

by Joseph J. Southall

On February 12, on the second floor of the Dalhousie Student Union Building, at 10:00 a.m., the Halifax Wargaming League will commence Operation Barbarossa II.

Operation Barbarossa is an authentic historical recreation of Hitler's Operation Barbarossa, the attack on Russia on June 22, 1941. Operation Barbarossa will cover the first eight months of the conflict, from June 22, 1941 to January 1942. These first eight months were among the most crucial of the war, because it was then that Hitler lost his chance to conquer the Soviet Union by Blitzkrieg tactics.

The Halifax Wargaming League is composed of various wargaming clubs in the Metro area — the Dalhousie Wargaming Club, St. Mary's 48th Panzer Corps, Wargamers-in-Transit (WIT), Q.E.H. Wargaming Club, and Dartmouth High's 2nd Panzergruppe.

To recreate Barbarossa, the Halifax Wargaming League will use a highly modified version of the popular war game, Stalingrad. Many rules such as those governing retreats, advances, and isolation have been changed to make the game more realistic. Many things have also been added.

Allowances have been made for overrun attacks, and the complete Soviet and German Command structures have been duplicated so that approximately 30 people representing every major commander from Hitler and Stalin down will be involved in the playing of the game. Another addition is actual air-to-air combat in the form of tactical air support for the Army, and Strategic bombing of industries, railroads, and troop concentrations.

Students and the general public are cordially invited to attend these proceedings. For their convenience, there will be guided tours of the "battle areas", a brief lecture on the war, a situation map to keep the public aware of what is happening at the front, and a model display of some of the various tanks and other weapons which were employed in the conflict.

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