

CAGERS TO PLAY SOUTHEND TONIGHT



PROS and CONS

by Joe Levison

Dear friends and gentle hearts, this is the year during which Dalhousie will put the hex on "X". That is the biased opinion of this writer after seeing Gabriel Vitalone's "silken smooth" intermediate cum varsity basketball squad in action against the Dalhousie Grads last Thursday night. Further, it is not only my opinion but as well that of the boys themselves.

Dressing room talk after that game was all about bouncing the blue boys from little Scotland. Even the usually stoic Butsy O'Brien came out of his shell far enough to optimistically promise the entire basketball team a steak dinner the night they trimmed "X".

To get closer to the matter there would be no point in hypothesizing about such feats as derring-do if there were not a solid foundation for them. The fact is that this year's varsity and intermediate hoop squads are the slickest basketball creations that Halifax has seen since the steamroller HMCS Stadacona squad of 1946-47 which ran into the Montreal YMHA to end a glorious season.

From manager "Bazook" Palmeter, through the players to coach Vitalone there is a solid mass of enthusiasm, youth and a mighty desire to get out and work like hell. Call this ingredient A, add a generous slab of experience gained in the last two years, a brainy coach who has the boys behind him 100%, mince up a turnout of 45 to get some great depth in lineups, and bake in the crust of an early start—result—a possible championship team.

Tactically the new Tigers are strong. On the offense, smoothies like Scott Morrison and Chuck Connelly, Jimmy Mahon and Gordie McCoy pack a scoring punch that we hope won't be equalled by any maritime university or intermediate team this year.

Mahon it will be remembered averaged 16 points per game last year. "Moose" Ludka, brother of the House of David Star, in his stay with Saint John last season was the Dominion's leading scorer. He averaged 17. McCoy was the leading scorer for Mount Allison's power packed aggregation in '48 as well. Charley Connolly is generally regarded as smoothie, first class, on the attack and Scott Morrison as an accurate shot and aggressive team player is unexcelled.

Defensively the ace guard combination of Andy McKay and Scott Henderson with another year's experience under their belts is working like a charm. Mason MacDonald, a boy who really plays with everything he's got and Buck Tanner add depth to the lineup.

There might be just a little weakness in the center slot but bear in mind that this is a young season, the youngest in basketball history in Halifax in fact. By the time the varsity gets into intercollegiate action after Christmas the necessary experience in a tough league will have been gained. In his first year out of Junior competition, Long Island's contribution to Dal, Red Findlay, has shown that he has the stuff. A little more experience and he'll be set for a great season. Lanky Bob Black, another Mount A. lad (you know Mt. A., the Canadian football squad's farm team) is in the same category with Red. By intercollegiate time they'll make a sweet pair of centers. So heres' looking for a great year for what we're sure is going to be a great team.

After a three week lay-off the varsity players of the "Colonial Game" swing into action Saturday at Redman's park against Stadacona. The first time these squads met the Tigers scored an electrifying 20-6 win. Let's hope the batteries are once again fully charged. Going into this crucial game the Tigers will be without Paul Lee, Pete McDonald and possibly Chick Fancy. At this rate Gabriel Vitalone might have to don the pads himself.

Every game from here in could mean a playoff slot for the Tigers, and the boys realize it too. The Cats go into this game with their backs to the wall. Navy will be hard to beat. A bad case of overconfidence cut the props out from under the Tars the first time out. Now with the convenient re-drafting of Ed McSweeney to Halifax, plus a spirit of revenge, Stad will be hard to handle. But the Tigers are the team that can do it.

Arts and Science Down Commerce

A powerful and spirited Arts and Science team proved that experience and conditioning is the determining factor in winning a game in the Inter-Faculty Rugger League, when they downed a hapless Commerce aggregation 9-0. The game was played on the King's College Grounds Oct. 20

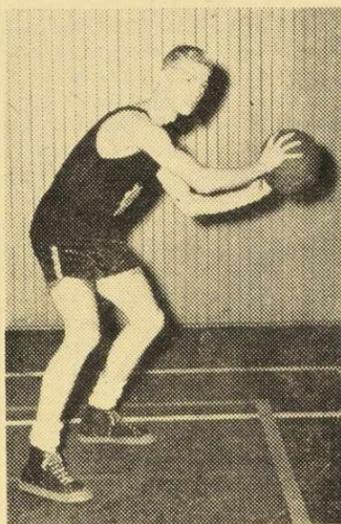
with a large group of students in attendance.

The A. & Sc. team threatened time and again, but failed to score until late in the first half when Argo Hergesheimer hit pay-dirt after a long run through Commerce territory. The second A. & Sc. try came early in the second half when Hergesheimer again scored after a long romp. Don "Dee" Shaw played well for Commerce team in this half, making several impressive runs.

The A. & Sc. scrum was very strong and were successful in getting the ball out to Pick Norm Beckett consistently. Hugo Home showed much aggressiveness in the closing minutes of the game and after a long run made a lovely pass to Heresheimer who scored again to make it 9-0 for the Arts and Science.

Ferguson displayed much determination and ability in helping to lead his team to victory, being Stark and Ralph Shaw, a former Varsity Basketball player, starred for Commerce. The Arts and Science team was coached by Mike Delorie, while Fred Laphen managed the Commerecemen.

Meet the Hoop Squad



Meet SCOTT MORRISON — a member of this year's varsity squad. Scotty is not new to the hoop game having participated in organized ball for the past six years. In his earlier years Scotty played Public School basketball for LeMarchant Street School, moving up in better ranks he starred for LMCA Juveniles in 1945.

The following season he played junior for the same club along with interscholastic basketball for QEH.

Scott came to Dal in 1946 and made varsity in his first year. In '47 he also held down a varsity forward spot, not to mention playing junior ball for the Dal Tigers who that year took the Maritime Junior championship. This was the team that was defeated by Canadian Converters in Montreal.

In the 48-49 season he played for Dal Grads. Scotty is now back with the varsity and shows still greater improvement over his last years play. At 21 he has not yet hit his peak and is looking forward to his best season yet.

Hoop Squad Seeks Second Win at Shearwater Gym

DGAC ACTIVITIES WELL UNDERWAY

Archery is coming to the fore among the girls' sports this term. Although comparatively new at Dal, it has roused a great deal of enthusiasm.

The love for the bow and arrow and the bullseye seems to be as strong as for the basketball. About twenty-four girls come to archery class and this compares favorably with the numbers turning up for basketball.

Speaking of basketball there are classes for beginners every Monday at 1:30, so anyone aspiring to become a cage star should be sure to come.

The Intramural League is well under way, two more games will be played on Tuesday night with the Swishes meeting the Schmoos at 7:00 p.m. and at 8:00 the Atomettes will clash with the Skunk Hollowites.

This is a friendly league with lots of enthusiasm and spirit, but how about a few spectators? A bit of cheering does a lot for the morale of any team.

Varsity basketball practises are held Wednesday and Friday at 1:30. Remember co-eds, there have to be two complete Varsity teams, a Senior and Intermediate team. These teams will be chosen from those who appear at practise regularly. Strong, well-balanced teams that will hold up the honour of the Gold and Black, cannot be manufactured in one or two last minute practises. If you want our Varsity teams to have a victorious season come to practises now!

The League gets underway after Christmas.

Turnout at the Stad pool to date is not bad, but there is still room for more. Instruction is available for beginners, so don't be shy. The time is 4:30 every Monday.

The hottest basket quintet this town has seen for many moons returns to the wars tonight as the Dal Tigers tackle the rough, tough Southend hoopsters in an Intermediate league fixture to be played at the Shearwater Gymnasium.

The contest is scheduled to start at 7 p.m., and the harbortown hosts will provide crash-boat transportation for both teams and possibly a few spectators.

The Cats have their eyes on an undefeated season and their decisive defeat of the Dal Grads proved that the boys really have the goods.

There is no doubt that the Tigers have a big year ahead. They proved in the last game that a zone defence is no stumbling block to a slick, fast moving team. Tonight however, they face a group of veteran hoopsters who revel in a tough brand of ball. Led by Zatsman and Stone, the Southend squad are an aggressive quintet who force opponents to play their style of game.

Coach Vitalone has stressed snappy ball-handling and whiz-bang passing, and is confident that the Bengals will win by a comfortable margin, and shoot into the loop lead. The crackerjack mentor has a wealth of material and can substitute without appreciably weakening the team.

The line-up will be unchanged and the coach reports that all players will see action. Bob Black, the lanky center from Mount A, will share that spot with Don Tanner.

The forward flanks will be filled by Chuck Connelly, Scott Morrison, Mason MacDonald, "Red" Findlay, Jimmy Mahon, and Earl Smith. On the rear-guard such stalwarts as Gordy McCoy, Scott Henderson, Andy McKay, and "Arpy" Robertson will round out the squad.



Gently, gentlemen, please! Mason MacDonald goes way up to rack up two points for the Intermediate Hoopsters, as the Tigers trounce the Grads 49-31. Leading the Grad defence Bruce Bauld and Alfie Cunningham; while the pugilistically inclined gentleman on the right is Eric Demont. Also to be seen in the picture is Chuck Connelly, and the well known knee-guards of Ralph Cooley are visible in the background.

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