

Tigers start AUAA season on impressive note

by Bruce Galloway

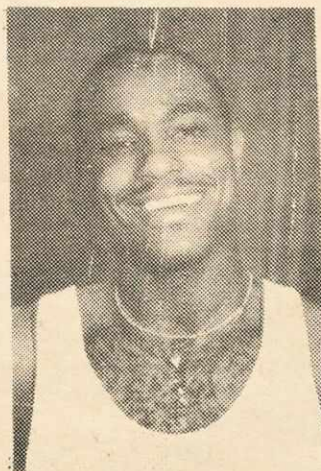
The Dalhousie men's basketball Tigers opened their regular season with two impressive victories over New Brunswick schools in action at the Dalplex over the weekend.

On Friday night the Tigers beat a scrappy Mt. Allison squad 90-74, while on Saturday Dal defeated the tough UNB side 88-74.

Friday night the Tigers completely dominated the smaller and less experienced Mounties in all facets of the game. The Tigers jumped out into an early lead and then saw it erode as coach Doc Ryan went to his bench. With as many as four freshmen on the floor at any one time, the Tigers' lead disappeared as the Mounties began to find the range from outside. With the Tigers' lead down to 2 points Ryan brought back in his regulars and the half ended with the Tigers comfortably in control 44-31.

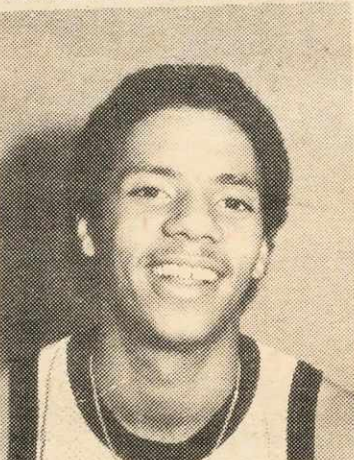
The second half proved to be a replay of the first as the Tigers dominated both offensive and defensive boards while surprisingly outrunning the smaller Mounties. Steve Lambert led the Tigers offensively with 24 points, while Bo Hampton popped in 17 along with 7 rebounds. Mt. A's Randy Field was the game's top scorer, netting 26 points.

Saturday, the Tigers faced a much tougher challenge in the UNB Red Raiders. The Raiders opened up an 8-2 lead early in the first half before the Tigers exploded for 10 unanswered points. Dal



Steve Lambert

never relinquished the lead again although UNB fought back to within four points several times in the first half. In the second half the



Bo Malott

Tigers opened their lead to 15 points with good outside shooting and an aggressive defense which stymied the UNB offense. Center Stan Whetstone played a big role in the defense, coming up with several timely defensive rebounds while blocking 3 UNB shots.

Bo Hampton led the Tigers with a game high of 35 points as well as 16 rebounds.

Bo Malott added another 15 while Dartmouth native Pat Slawter had 14. For UNB, Chris McCabe had 20 points along with 5 rebounds while Paul Holder netted 17.

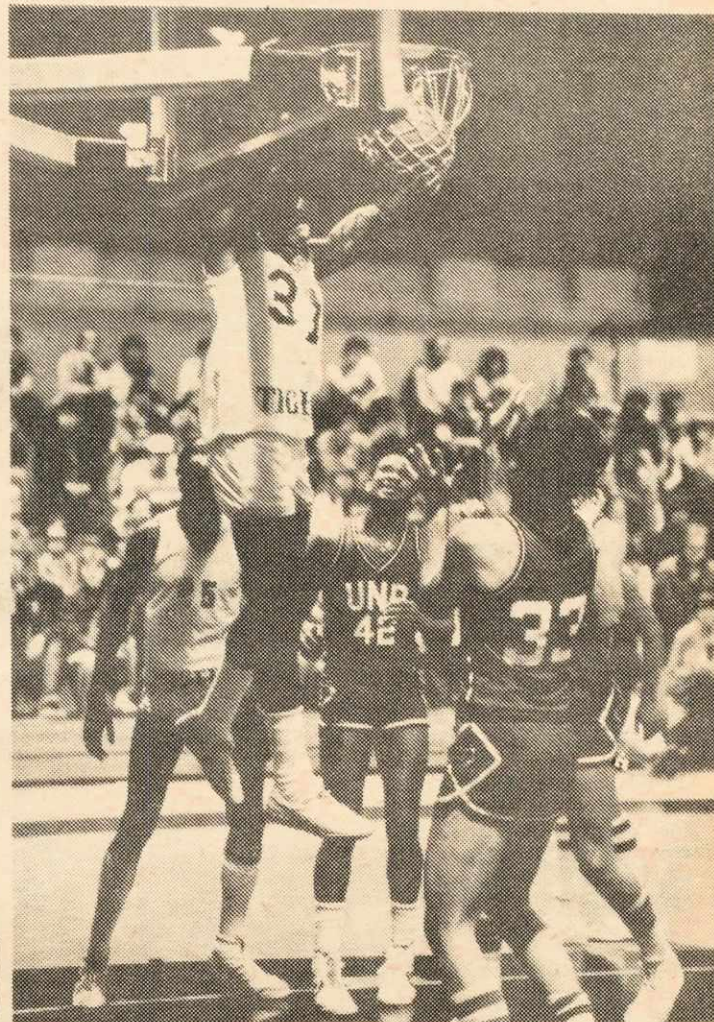
Dal Coach Doc Ryan was pleased with the team's weekend performance although he had reservations about the Mt. A. game.

"I didn't think we played that well. They (Mt. A.) were kind of scrappy and we played to their level."

In spite of the loss Mt. A. coach Andy Kranack thought his team played well. "We're very young and don't have much experience," explained Kranack, noting he has a total of 10 freshmen on his squad.

On Saturday's game Ryan felt the team looked very good. "We played very well," said Ryan, adding that he was particularly pleased with the performance of Malott. "I was really pleased with both his outside shooting and his defensive game," said Ryan.

Dal's next game is on Saturday December 4th when they take on cross-town rivals SMU at the Huskies gym. Game time is 8:00 p.m.



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Impressive! Dal's Stan Whetstone slam dunks while UNB's Phil Guthrie (42) and Chris McCabe (33) look on.

Hockey Tigers look good in 8-3 victory

The talk at the Memorial rink this past week went something like this:

"Hey, who's that behind the bench?"

"I don't know, it looks like Esdak inflated himself and got some stilts."

"No he didn't, that's Dalhousie's Co-ordinator of Elite Sport, Wayne MacDonald."

The suspension of the Tiger hockey coach Peter Esdale seems to have had little effect on the performance of the club. Despite his absence, the team pulled together, showing much character and poise in disposing of Acadia and UNB 8-3 and 4-2 respectively.

The first game, on November 16th was not a classic game by

any stretch of the hockey imagination, but what was important was the end score. The game started slowly, with Acadia striking first on a Dal miscue in their own end. Dal came alive somewhat in the middle of the period, pumping three goals past Shaky Axemen goal tender Gary Lynch, only to have Acadia draw within one at 14:41 of the period.

Acadia tied the game early in the second period, only to have Dal pull back ahead. The highlight of the middle frame was Mike Jeffrey's flying body check which knocked out team mate John Kibyuk.

The Tigers shifted out of neutral in the third period, and skated away with the 8-3 victory. The Megannety, Glynn,

and Cranston line was easily the best on the ice, working tenaciously throughout in piling up 12 points between them.

Saturday afternoon saw the team at the Aitken Centre in Fredericton, for a match-up with the always-game UNB squad. The first period saw Brian Gualazzi open the scoring for Dal, only to have UNB tie it up on a goal which Dal players argued did not enter the net. Argument proved fruitless though, and the teams went to their respective rooms tied up at 1-1.

The middle frame saw the teams once again trade tallies, with Chuck Tuphin notching the Tiger goal. UNB evened the contest on a power play goal, with Paul Jeffrey in the sin bin for Dal.

The final period was all Dalhousie's as they pulled ahead for good. Freshly-initiated rookie Dal Elliot made his first career AUHC goal a big one, potting the winning goal on a picture-perfect give and go with Brian Gualazzi. Peter Glynn scored an empty-net goal for

Dal to secure the victory. The Tigers outshot the tough Red Raiders 39-22, as they constantly took the play to the New Brunswick squad.

The Tigers have three tough matches this week. The first one (already played by press time) is Tuesday evening against SMU. The other two are Friday evening at 7:30 against Mt. Allison, and at kick-off time Sunday against arch rival UdeM.

Tigers & Blue Eagles to face off

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The Best in the AUAA clash this Sunday when the Tigers tackle the defending CIAU champion Moncton Blue Eagles at the Dal Memorial rink.

The red-hot Eagles are presently 5-0 on the season while the Tigers are 6-1. Dal's only loss of the AUAA season came last Tuesday when they dropped a 3-2 heart-breaker to the SMU Huskies. The

Tigers have not won a game against Moncton in their last 9 attempts, including a 6-4 loss at the Lobster Pot Tournament earlier this season.

For football fanatics TV monitors have been set up in the rink's lobby so fans can nip down and check out the Grey Cup scores.

Game time is 2:00 p.m. at the Memorial Rink.



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Tiger Captain Brian Gualazzi swoops in on the Acadia net in action last Tuesday at the Dal Rink.