

Howlett stars in losses

by Ron Cohn

Since we last visited the Men's Varsity Tigers Basketball team they have dropped three more games. They lost to Guelph (90-66), Concordia (114-83) and a league contest to St. F.X. (97-69).

The first two games were at a tournament in Guelph where the Tigers finished dead last. The important landmark for the Tigers was that Phil Howlett emerged as a tournament all-star which was richly deserved. He also received player of the game honours against St. F.X.

With what little space that is afforded me I will just say that the Tigers are playing better and are starting to impress a lot of people everywhere they go.

Let anyone should prematurely write off the Tigers, I want to let you in on some information from around the league. UNB beat Acadia this week by four, but lost big to Mt. A. who then lost big to St. F.X. UNB then only lost to SMU by ten, and then SMU turned around and beat Acadia by 17. SMU only beat Dal by 16, but Acadia beat Dal by 47.

Confused? Let me explain it.

The league is changed this year. Teams are smaller and more closely matched. X looks to be the team to beat, but nothing is certain. With four point games being played this year it is more important to win the games out of province than the local games. The playoff spots, all of them, are up for grabs and I'm not going to do any more speculating at this point.

Across the Nation UVIC has been given the nod by the **Starting Lineup** as the No. 1 team in the nation and would appear to deserve it. Coach Shields is one of the best coaches that plays his trade in the CIAU, so don't look for many upsets of his team this year.

In Canada West, it will be a two horse race with UVIC and Calgary fighting it out for top spot, but the definite edge goes to Victoria. Calgary has already dropped one league contest to UBC.

In the Great Plains Athletic Conference Winnipeg has had some impressive wins over

Toronto and Manitoba so are given a slight edge. A close second goes to Brandon who could quite easily take it all.

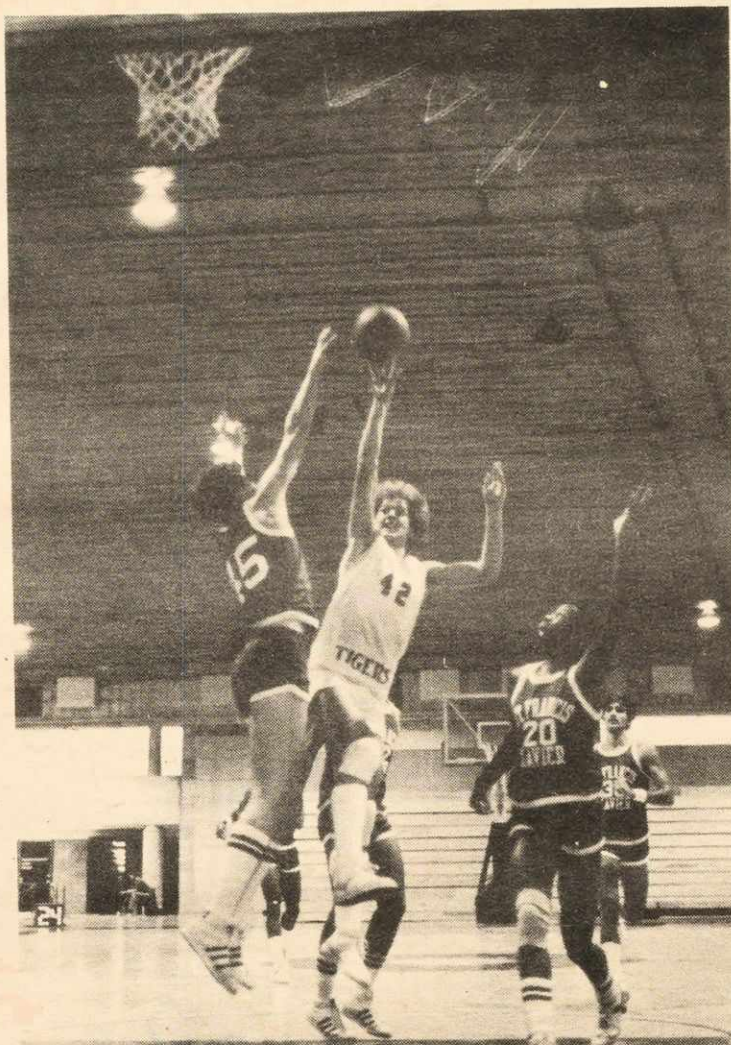
The Ontario University Athletic Association west should be the closest race in the nation with several teams battling for the top spot. Waterloo is slightly favored over Windsor to take all the marbles.

In the OUAA east York should once again take top honours, but will have a lot more pressure this year from Carleton. The rest of the league is a joke.

Quebec should also see a close race this year, but once again it will be between the usual three teams: Concordia, McGill and Bishops. Concordia gets the nod for top spot due mostly to superior depth.

The national rankings according to the **Starting Lineup** are:

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| 1) UVIC | 6) SMU |
| 2) Winnipeg | 7) Lakehead |
| 3) Brandon | 8) Acadia |
| 4) Calgary | 9) York |
| 5) St. F.X. | 10) Waterloo |



Tom Higgins

Parachute club really jumping

by Laurie MacNeil and Eileen Vaughan

After a very active summer, the Dal Sport Parachute Club is going strong. The great number of jumps made by Club members during the summer months reflects the excellence of that season this year for jumping. Dal jumpers participated in a number of events, including the Nova Scotia Provincial Competitions, where first place in Senior Freefall Acrobatics and second place in Senior Accuracy were captured. A number of exhibition jumps were also made into the Pop Festival, the SMU Staff party, the Halifax Natal Day Celebrations, the St. Peter's Homecoming Week, the Queensland Beach Lifeguard party, the Mahone Bay Anniversary Celebrations, and most recently Sakville's Eastern Dragway.

Labour Day found some of our members off in Pennsyl-



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Senior Freefall
Acrobatics**

Christmas trip to the Skydiving Capital of the World in Florida is also being worked on by the Club. The Dal Club further hopes to send some of its members up in the skies to make an exhibition jump into the University's own Studley Field during winter carnival celebrations. The specifics of this jump will be publicized as soon as arrangements are finalized.

Any persons interested in taking up skydiving, the complete training course costs \$75, and includes your first jump, equipment rental, and facilities and arrangements for purchasing student equipment, which will lower the cost of student jumps for Dal members by about 70%. A all subsequent instruction. Once you progress past the student phase, jumps cost about \$5 each, depending on how high from which you take the jump.

The Dal Paracats offer an open invitation to all those interested in learning more about the Club or skydiving in general, to come to our next meeting. You will be able to meet the members, learn about the sport, and the Club activities, and watch two great skydiving films. The meeting will be held on Thursday evening, November 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 318 of the SUB. If you can't make the meeting but have interest, then call Dave Williamson at 455-1409, or Laurie MacNeil at 423-1486. Come join the growing number of skydivers at Dal.



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vania, attending the North American freefall formation competition. The Thanksgiving weekend also proved to be a big success, as we made use of a 12-jumper aircraft to help set the new Maritime record of ten people in a freefall formation. Dal also finds itself with three members recently completing an extensive instructors' course. The new instructor ratings were awarded to Phil MacLean, Laurie MacNeil, and Eileen Vaughan.

Presently underway are a number of projects which include development of student