

Basketball Tigers Blast Alumni



Dal Basketball Team '74-'75

by Keith Johnston

Even though you haven't been reading about it, for certain inexplicable reasons, the Dal. Tigers have been very busy over the past two weeks. Last Thursday night, they entertained the Alumni at the Dal gym and ended up blasting them 96-70 before a pretty well packed house.

Best man on the court for the Tigers was Mike Donaldson who collected 26 points, cleared the boards of 14 rebounds, and showed that he will definitely be among the leagues great leapers this season. Actually, the Tiger's "big men" all came through with big games Thursday night, with Bob Fagan and Kevin Kelly coming up with 31 points and 19 rebounds between them. Another bright light for Dal. was rookie point guard Mike Pederson, who although not playing a great deal, showed good poise and steadiness. For the Alumni, Steve Bezanson, who rarely even seems to have a bad game, looked ever-smooth as he tallied 19 points and recorded numerous steals at the Tigers' expense. Other veterans of note were George Hughes, who still maintains his fine shooting touch, John

Cassidy, who provided the Alumni's only tough board work, and Albert Slaunwhite, who can still move the ball as adeptly as anyone around here.

Tonight, the really tough work will begin as the Tigers will face the strong and proven Sir George Williams Warriors at 8:00 in the Dal gym. Sir George, who last year represented the Quebec Conference at the CIAU finals, proved to be the nations top offensive school, averaging 91 points per game. Although their back-work has been weakened somewhat, their post position has been augmented with a 6'8" center who hooped 44 points in last weekend's contest with Ottawa U. which incidently saw Sir George coming out on top of a 98-95 overtime decision. They're a team which has shown itself in the past, to be offensively potent, and very exciting to watch. Thus far, it doesn't appear as if that pattern will be altered this season.

The key to this game, as with most, will be the Tigers' defense, and surprisingly, fan support can play a major role in how well they carry it out. Strong and boisterous

vocal reaction from the stands can literally account for players executing defensive plays which they didn't know they were capable of. It's probably not an exaggeration to say that relentless, persistent defence will rattle a team more than any other single thing, and fans can really make that a much more real possibility.

Health - wise for the game, the Tigers will be minus rugged, Bruce Cassidy who still has jaw problems. Kevin Arnstein, who has been missing for some time due to an ankle injury, will in all likelihood be back for tonight's ball game.

Unfortunately, an admission of \$1.00 will be charged at this game, due to the high guarantee cost which must be given to Sir George to come down here. However, considering the calibre of basketball you'll see, the price seems pretty reasonable. It's not often that Dalhousie fans get to see their teams in top-rate national competition at home, so if you're into basketball, I'd advise you to arrive early at the gym to get a seat.

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Dal Fencing Team

On Nov. 2, the Nova Scotia Open Fencing Championships were held at Acadia University, Wolfville. Amongst over forty competitors from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland, the Dalhousie Fencing Club definitely showed that it has "the team to beat". By capturing every title and several minor placings, Dal demonstrated strength in every weapon.

As well as skill, it was a tournament of fitness and stamina with some competitors fencing from, 11:00

a.m. Saturday until 1:00 a.m. Sunday.

The U.N.B. team - Dal's regular rival - was given a severe jolt by Dal's performance. Memorial University from Newfoundland, with only four competitors, returned home with three trophies - an admirable showing.

All in all, as a Dal fencer would say, "we foiled them again." and we can't wait for the Nova Scotia Team Championships in Windsor, October 23rd.

Ladie's Foil

1. Barbara Daniel - Dal
2. Brenda Clark - MUN.
3. Denise Mullan - Dal

Men's Foil

1. David Green - Dal
2. Mick Dawson - MUN.
3. Roby Morrison - UN.NB.

Sabre

1. Peter Brand - Dal
2. David Green - Dal
3. Paul Donovan - Dal

Epee

1. Ian Youle - Dal
2. Mick Dawson - MUN.
3. Roby Morrison - U.N.B.



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