

## Acadia comes back

# Tigers lose their tail

**MEN'S BASKETBALL  
DAL. VS ACADIA**  
by Brian Miller

There is a children's story of a little boy being chased by a tiger around a tree. The boy managed to grab the tiger's tail and eventually he got the tiger to grab his own tail instead of the boy. The tiger then chased his own body around in circles until it melted into butter.

That little story is analogous to the Dal. — Acadia basketball game. In the first half the Tigers played very much better than they had in their last meeting, which Acadia won handily in Wolfville. The final half saw the Tigers lose their 32-31 half time lead and finish on the short end of a 72-56 score.

On the strength of strong rebounding by Bruce Bourassa and Mike Flinn and consistent shooting by Peter Sprogis the Tigers set the pace of the game in the first half. The Tigers had the Axemen running for their reputation.

The second half began differently though. There seemed no relationship between the proximity of the players to the basket and the accuracy of the shots. Several missed shots by the Tigers and by 5 minutes into the half and it was now Acadia's turn to watch the Tigers become disorganized and ineffective.

On offence, Dal. tried to set Peter Sprogis up for "sure" shots. Sprogis who had scored 12 points in the first half lost his touch and was unable to score consistently as he had to settle for a game total of 16 points.

A tight defence by Acadia and attempted ad-lib offence by the Tigers left Dal. moving somewhat aimlessly around the court. During the period of disorganization Acadia built up a large lead and held on until the 15-minute mark when they began stalling and effectively used up the last 5 minutes of the game. There was a good chance that had the Axemen handed Dal. the ball in the last five minutes the Tigers would have

fumbled the ball away on the trip to the basket. For a good part of the night, Dal. had an unbelievable time holding on to the ball.

Paul Calmut of Acadia found himself in the position of losing the battles but winning the war. At a point in the second half, he hauled Peter Sprogis down and received a foul for his efforts. Bruce Bourassa then came running over to defend Sprogis and Calmut was on the receiving end of Bourassa's greeting. Less than a minute later Calmut was bowled over by Brock Savage who was running full tilt with the ball and then passed off. No foul. No sooner had Calmut rearranged his bones, when trying to guard Albert Slaunwhite on a lay-up he was knocked end-over-end by Slaunwhite. Foul to Calmut. Oh well, he'll probably have to console himself with the league championship.

A noticeable improvement in the atmosphere filled the Forum for the game. The largest crowd of the season was

entertained by a good game, a lively "Jazz" band from Dal. and a half time tumbling display. Judging from the size of the crowd and its reaction, it appears that the local basketball fans are desperate for competitive games.

As the crowd filed quietly out

of the Forum, the "jazz" group sat isolated on the now empty floor playing the last few strains of "Hold that Tiger". That was it, the story of the game. The Axemen, in trouble early in the game, held on and eventually the Tigers ran themselves into confusion and melted away.

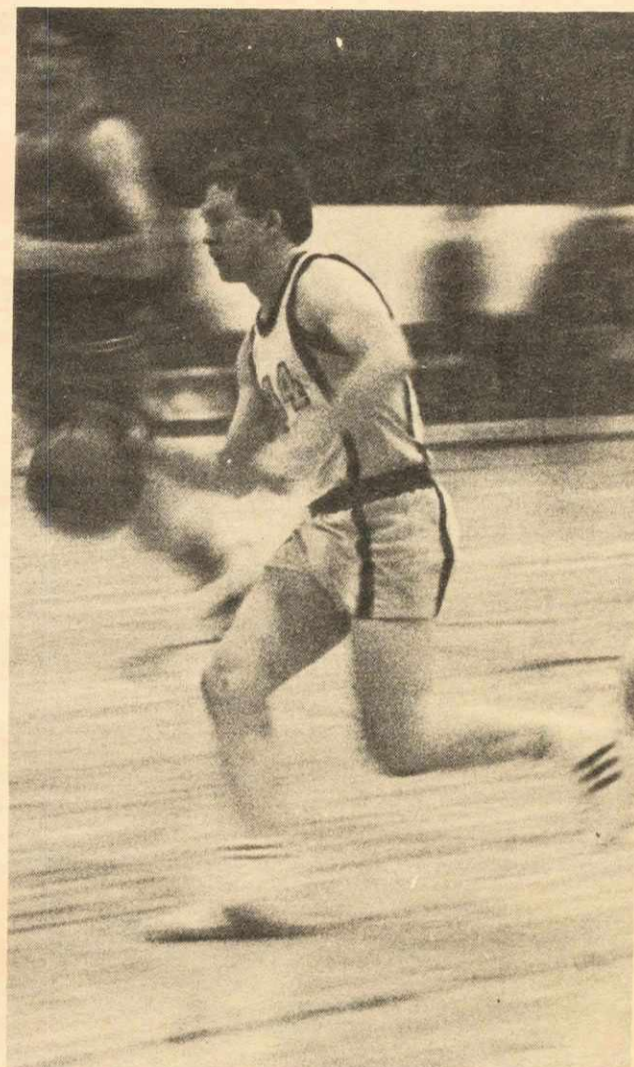


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## take Panthers in revenge

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DAL. VS UPEI**  
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The time is 7:15 p.m. Friday evening. The place, the Halifax Forum. Bruce Bourassa is leaning over the protective glass surrounding the ringside seats and seems to be absent-mindedly absorbing the events of the girls' basketball game being played. Tucked away in the seat next to him is a pile of books, and a blue travel bag, on top, a dozen oranges packed in cellophane and cardboard.

It's now 9:40 p.m. Bruce is lining up along the key under his

own basket. His manner is now more exuberant and verbally eloquent. Referee, Rod Shoveller, has just called Bruce for a foul that Bruce feels is inconsistent with his play. He is a little unhappy with his play so far and the call has just added to his miseries.

During that time gap the Tigers took to the court against the UPEI Panthers. Dal. got off to a 6-0 lead and that was as close as the Panthers got for the rest of the game. The Tigers won by a 78-56 margin.

The Tigers dominated play for most of the game. Jim

Fitzgerald, a league All-Star last season, was held to 9 points by the fine defensive play of Mike Flinn, who was also able to pick up 11 points for himself. Joe Leishman had 11, Brock Savage 12 and Peter Sprogis 16 to round out the top scorers. Savage and Albert Slaunwhite played fine games on defence. They stole the ball frequently and intercepted many passes.

The Panthers had substantially less success with their man-to-man defence than Acadia had with its zone defence. Joe Sullivan was outstanding on offence as he

threw in 21 points, mostly on outside shots.

Quite a change existed in the feeling around the Forum for the UPEI game. To begin with, a generous estimate of the size of the crowd would be 500. There was no band, no half-time display and very little ex-

citement. A basket was greeted by resounding applause from about 12 spectators. It's no wonder the players are not in top form for such games. Many of the spectators in attendance seem to be at the game just for something to do.

### SCOREBOARD

Men's Basketball	Dal 56	Acadia 72
	Dal 78	UPEI 56
Women's Basketball	Dal 50	St. F.X. 39
	Dal 58	Mt. A. 23
Hockey	Dal 7	U. de Moncton 6
	Dal 18	Mt. A. 2

### UPCOMING VARSITY EVENTS

Basketball (Men)	Fri., Feb. 5	SMU at Dal 8:00
	Wed., Feb. 10	St. FX at Dal 8:30
	Sat., Feb. 13	Dal at UPEI 8:30
	Wed., Feb. 24	Dal at St. FX 8:00
Basketball (Women)	Fri., Feb. 5	UNB at Dal 2:00
	Fri., Feb. 19	Dal at St. FX 2:00
	Sat., Feb. 27	Dal at Acadia 2:00
Hockey	Fri., Feb. 12	Dal at Acadia 8:00
	Fri., Feb. 19	U de M at Dal 8:00
	Sat., Feb. 20	Mt A at Dal 8:00
	Fri., Feb. 26	Acadia at Dal 8:00
Swimming	Sat., Feb. 6	Acadia at Dal 1:30
Volleyball	Sat., Feb. 13	Men's tournament at Dal
Gymnastics	Sat., Feb. 27	Men and Women at Dal