

Sports Shorts: Go Get 'em Tigers

by Richard Munro

Last Tuesday Dal was defeated by Acadia 69-60 in a game which was

highlighted by a hot Acadia team, an ice cold Dal team and a packed house of fired-up fans.

The only thing this writer wants to say about the Acadia game is forget it. It was our first loss and hopefully our last.

In the near future Dal's title hopes will be pitted against traditional city rivals - St. Mary's. If we can get by the SMU series without a loss the Acadia defeat will be forgotten by most fans. Go get em, Tigers!

On Saturday, Jan. 24th Saint Mary's held their Invitational Bowling Tournament at the Halifax Shopping Center. Although none of Dal's three teams won the Championship, everyone put forth a marathon effort, completing 13 strings a piece.

John MacBain and Harold Sudsworth (Sudsy) led the residence contingent with averages swivelling around the 100 mark.

The top Dal team was the 'A' residence team which finished 5th out of 15 teams.

Congratulations are extended by this scribe to George Hughes' J. V. Basketball team who ran the Acadia J. V.'s into the floor. Accolades to Howie Jackson who came up with another fine J. V. performance!

That's all from the corner for the past week.

Dal mashes Bulldogs in Potato Classic rerun

by Tom Barry

Al Yarr is gradually approaching the winner's box for the third time in four years. The \$64,000 question is: Will he finally make it?

The Tigers showed lots of power and little sympathy as they completely demoralized the Ricker College Bulldogs of Maine by a convincing margin of 84-45 January 21. This was billed

as a return match between the two clubs as the Bengals previously had defeated the Americans in their own tournament - the Potato Classic.

The game was a total bore as the Black and Gold put on an early charge and never looked back. Playing superbly on both offence and defence, the Tigers romped to a 39-15 lead at

the half and coasted to their 39 point victory.

It might be noted that the fatigued Bulldogs had driven in limousines from Houlton, a seven to eight hour drive, and this must have been considerably lengthened by the snow-storm.

This writer was particularly impressed with the improvement of Steve Bezanson, a lad who gets more confidence and poise every time he steps on the court.

He will be a valuable asset for another two years. I see him as the key player in tough competition to come. His ability to get the ball upcourt and position himself to set up the "big guns" will determine how far the Tigers will go.

No statistics are available at press time, but the news media has informed us of a squeaky 57-55 victory over Mount Allison Mounties on, January 23. At first I thought the Tigers were on the way out, until I heard the next day that the Mounties had defeated the highly touted Acadia Axemen 65-61.

We will look for better things from the Sackville quintet for they cannot be treated lightly from now on. It is a good thing Dal does not have to play them again this season.

Things looked a little better on Saturday evening when the Tigers held on to a 21 point half-time lead to defeat the UNB Red Raiders. Statistics were not available at time of writing.

The Acadia game was played Tuesday. Comment on that game follows.

Letter to the editor

Concerning the article entitled "Raiders Succumb to Tigers 74-39" in last week's paper, I believe that your sports reporter, Tom Barry, did a very poor job of reporting the game. As a matter of fact, the only thing he reported was that Dal was behind after eight minutes, ahead at half time and at the end of the game.

What did he do during the rest of the article? Did he give the team percentages from the floor and foul line? No! Did he give the top rebounders for either team? No!

As a matter of fact, if you wanted the know the top scorer in the game, you had to wait until the end of the editorial and then read the individual scoring listings for both teams. Personally, I thought the team listings were the only good and informative things he wrote, with exception of the final score.

I played basketball for two years in high school. The fans and school newspaper were always down on us because we were supposed to win all the time. We had over 1000 coaches

in that school and thirteen of the most demoralized, players you ever saw.

I think Coach Barry has done his bit to take a bit of the spirit out of our team. Tom Barry: report on and support the Tigers. Please leave the coaching to Al Yarr and Eric Dumford.

Win or lose, the team gives it all they have, and they deserve our full support.

Concerned,
John Pittman

Tom Barry is an experienced basketball player and a capable analyst and writer.

He attempts to explain the sport in his column... and this means pointing out weaknesses as well as being a cheerleader.

His articles tell the why of a loss or win and how it occurred and not just the fact that it did.

There has been some difficulty to date in getting the statistics on games before copy deadline, but this situation should be rectified shortly. - Editor

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COMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, February 3** 12:15 p.m. - Cinema - Art Gallery Film
- Wednesday, February 4** 7:00 p.m. - SMU - Wilson Pickett
- Thursday, February 5 - Winter Carnival**
 - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Torch Light Parade
 - 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Igloo Party
 - Featuring - The Fox (McInnes Room)
- Friday, February 6**
 - Munro Day - no classes
 - 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Snow Blitz (Studley Field)
 - 9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. - Jamaican Village Ball
 - Featuring - 2 exciting bands, one hot and one cold. (McInnes Room)
- Saturday, February 7**
 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Silver Slipper Saloon
 - Featuring - Arne Benson (McInnes Room)
 - 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Black & Gold Review (McInnes Room)
 - Hockey - SMU at Dal Invitational Volleyball
- Sunday, February 8**
 - 9:30 a.m. - Engineers winter rally (Sunnyside).
 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Licorice Sweat Socks (S.U.B.)
 - 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Glenn Yarborough Concert (McInnes Room)
 - Basketball - SFX at Dal.

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