

Axemen Eat Tiger Meat

by Tom Barry

Pound is his name, basketball is his game and he is hungry.

The 18-year old hoopster from Millinocket Maine was the key player as the defending champions, Acadia Axemen, soundly defeated the "high-

ly touted" Dalhousie Tigers Tuesday night, 69-60.

Pound has been labelled a gunner who plays basketball to score points and see his name in print. Well, his name is in print now and not parti-

cularly because he scored 23 points Tuesday night and was the game's leading scorer.

His defensive performance was far above his offensive showing - to put it short, he is a coach's dream player. Pound knew what he wanted. He got it with the help of former Dal bench-warmer Gary Folker and a 5'6" midget named Phipps, who scored 18 points and looks like Acadia's answer to Sam Jones.

After 2½ minutes of play, the Axemen led 6-1. The Tigers rallied to an 18-18 tie by the time Brian Peters had to leave the floor after 14 minutes of the first half. That was the first indication of the difficulties the Tigers would have as a result of numerous unnecessary fouls.

It is a fact that Peters was the only Bengal compelled to leave the floor as a result of fouls, but the "bonus" was what killed Dal, particularly in the second half. With seven minutes remaining in the game, and the Tigers trailing by five points, Acadia was awarded the bonus situation because the Black and Gold had received their seventh foul of the half.

The Axemen hit for eight points as a result of this and went into a well executed freeze. With the help of Pound, they picked their shots for the rest of the game. It seemed as if the Tigers were not aware of the fact they needed the ball to win until the last minute.

When Acadia pressed early in the second half, who was there to help out quarterback Bezanson? A videotape replay of the game would show a few instances where the wings had a tendency to stand in awe and watch Pound swarm all over Bezanson. Cassidy had to move up from the post to help out numerous times.

Acadia's 1-2-2 defensive zone was obviously well planned and thoroughly executed. With Pound out front, and Eaton and Folker on the boards, the Tigers were boxed out completely.

Who would have thought that John Cassidy, Brian Peters and 6'2" Irv Cohen would be out rebounded in the first half by Folker and Eaton? Who would have thought that anyone but a junior high school team would shoot 33% from the floor? The Tigers took 72 shots at the hoop and only 24 managed to find the mark. In contrast, the Axemen fired up only 44, which says a lot for their accuracy and ability to pick the good shots.

Brock Savage and Mike Flinn are two lads who deserve a lot of credit for their efforts. Anyone who comes off the bench in a tight game and puts forth as much effort they did, deserves more than a nine point loss. Flinn was good on the boards, but a little shaky on the jump shots from around the key.

Cassidy played a steady game, but the key factor in the game was the loss of Peters through cheap fouls.

You cannot win championships if you cannot win on your home court. The explanation is obvious - Acadia needed a win to stay alive and they wanted it badly. A win for the Tigers would have left them with only SMU to worry about. Now there is a new race on, with the Huskies currently leading the pack.

Perhaps the Tigers will benefit from this loss - though I wonder how. The pressure is on more than ever now. We cannot afford to lose again. Disappointed - yes.

The Tigers played consistently well the first half and left the floor trailing 34-31. A lack of precision in the second half cost them the game, but by no means did it wipe out their chances for a conference title.

I know we are the best, and it is our job to prove it to the rest of the conference. We were not the best Tuesday night. With a little more

accuracy and desire, we will let everyone else know how good we really are and that the Tigers can put the ball in the hoop.

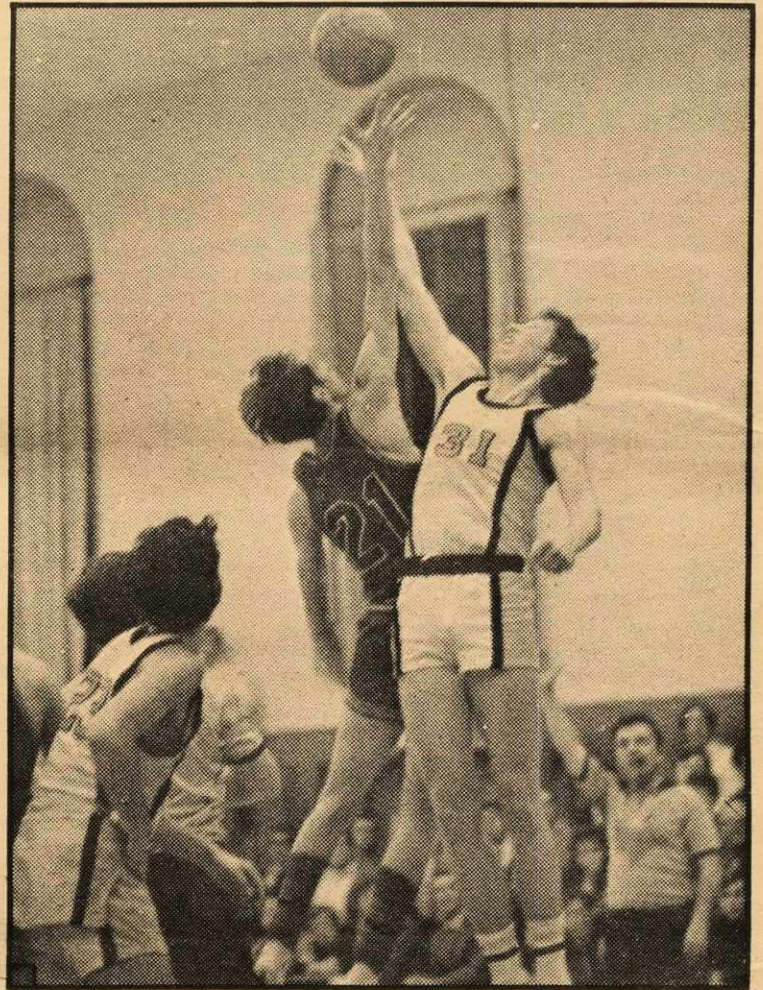
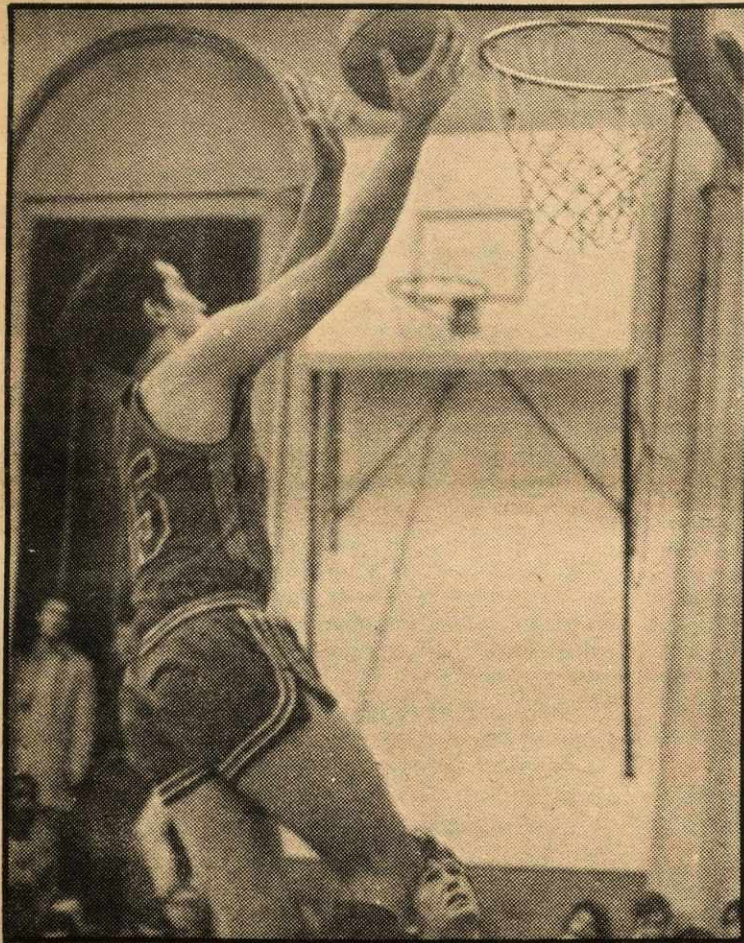
14, Zanolin 10, from the foul line: 23-35.

DALHOUSIE

Peters 13, Cohen 6, Cassidy 11, Archibald 16, Bezanson 6, Savage 4, Flinn 4, from the foul line: 11/19.

STATISTICS
ACADIA

Eaton 4, Pound 23, Phipps 18, Folker



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Ski Team Champion Material

Both the Alpine (downhill) and Nordic (cross-country) sections of the Dalhousie Ski Team have been training hard since early in the Fall.

The addition of Kel Antoft and Roland Brunner to the provincial skiing scene has improved Dalhousie's chance to win the 1970 Maritime Inter-collegiate Ski Championships immeasurably.

Brunner is the Provincial Alpine Ski Coach and he also works closely with the Dal Team. He and Antoft worked together in Southern Ontario where Antoft originated the highly successful Nancy Greene Ski League. The ski team is fortunate to have the two working with them.

The Alpine and Nordic skiers will participate in the same inter-collegiate meet this year, but each discipline will have a distinct team championship. Whereas in previous years Nordic and Alpine results were combined to determine one championship ski team. Confusion in relating FIS points forced this change.

Both the Alpine and Nordic events will be conducted by St. Xavier but the date is still uncertain.

At this point seven Nordic skiers are competing for the five places on the team. Two veterans are back from last year's team. Richard Munro and Hartmut Keizer who are expected to perform strongly this year.

The five newcomers to the team are: Brian Scallion, John Underwood, Rick Davies, Mark Pratt, and Lynn Mason.

Mark Pratt has skied with Nova Scotia Junior Ski Team and Lynn Mason, who coaches the team, is an experienced senior racer.

The Alpine team has a strong veteran nucleus consisting of James Gregg, Mike Blaxland, and John Underwood. All did well with the provincial and Dal ski teams last year.

Mike Blaxland had an exceptional race this past summer, placing second in a field of international and professional skiers.

The new members of the Alpine team are: Larry Kline, Bill Powers, Bill Burton, and Dave Langille.

Last year Dal was the runner-up to UNB for the championship by a narrow margin. This year, however, the team is confident they can repeat Dal's 1968 Championship performance and come away with top honors in both the Alpine and Nordic competitions.

Once again UNB should be tough to beat, and SMU will be heard from now that Richard Petley-Jones is racing again. Both Memorial and Mt. Allison could be challengers, especially in the Nordic event.