

Dal Downs X, SMU

Wins SMU Invitational

by Phil Bingley

The Dalhousie Tigers lashed the St. Mary's Huskies 70-59 in the final game to take the sixth annual St. Mary's Invitational basketball tournament Nov. 23.

Not only was it the first time the Tigers have ever won on the SMU court, but it was the first time the Huskies have ever lost their own tourney, which says something for the way these invitational tournaments are organized, with the home team inviting teams it thinks it can beat so as to win their own tournament all the time, but Dal fouled them



Irv Cohen

up this time, smearing St. F. X. 83-66 in the first semi-final then creaming the Smoovians in the final.

Dal opened up early in the game and had a 10-3 lead after five minutes, but the full court press of the Huskies soon closed the gap. Dal recovered and mounted a steady drive, and at half time, held a 33-26 lead.

In the second half, Dalhousie took over and maintained a steady lead dominating the court. A major factor was SMU's loss of Al Brown, Dennis Reardon and Mike Chambers who fouled out in the half.



Mike Flynn

Dal's John Cassidy was also axed by penalties, but rookie Mike Flynn filled in and did a great job at it. Coach Al Yarr had nothing but praise for his fine performance.

IRV Cohen was top scorer for the Tigers with 19 points, 15 in that great second half, while Bill Thomas picked up 14 for the Huskies.

Scoring:

Cohen 19, Archibald 14, Bezanson 10, Peters 9, Cassidy 7, Flynn 6, Bethune 4, Savage 1.

Dal 83, St. F.X. 66

In the semi-final on Saturday, Dal dumped St. F. X. 83-66.

Dal started early and held a 45-32 lead at the half. After five



Brian Peters

minutes of the second half the score stood 58-34, and Dal never looked back.

Irv Cohen was court general once again, sinking 26 points. Larry Archibald played a strong game and picked up 16 points. John Gabriel was top X scorer with 30.

Scoring:

Cohen 26, Archibald 16, Cassidy 12, Peters 12, Bezanson 7, Bethune 5, Savage 3, Flynn 2.

Archibald MVP

Dal's mighty-mite, guard Larry Archibald was voted most valuable player in the two-day tournament.



Larry Archibald

In addition to his 30 point scoring total, Archibald's masterful ball-handling stood out as he kept play under control for the Tigers.

Archibald was also named to the tournament All-Stars, along with team captain Brian Peters.

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Dal Whips Mt. A

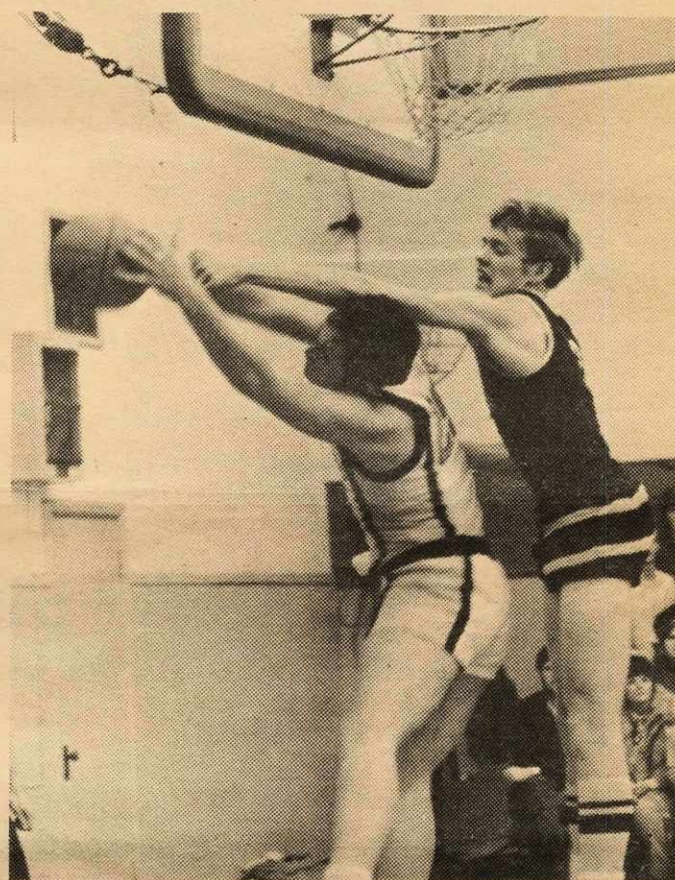
by Tom Barry

Coach Al Yarr had a pleased expression on his face as he walked off the basketball court Saturday night. He had a right to be as his boys had just whipped a game from inexperienced Mt. A. squad by the convincing score of 78-49. And what was more pleasing was the excellent performance of his bench, who received their chance late in the game.

Both teams were a bit shaky in the first few minutes of play and Dal got the edge only when Larry Archibald drove from 15 feet for the first two points of the game. The effective pressure of Bezanson and Archibald in the front court on a typical Dal man-to-man defence was too much for Mt. A. guard, Ken Evans, who could not get the ball up court. Dal lead 15-1 after 7 minutes but still was not as effective as the team might have been in their shots around the key.

Mt. A. brought the score to 21-15 after 12 minutes of play, due partially to a show of nerves on the part of the Dal backcourt as they tried to overcome a Mountie full court press. However, the cool play of Archibald and the driving ability of "quarterback" Bezanson gave Dal a 41-25 lead at the half.

In the second half, experience and conditioning of the Dal squad was too much for the faltering hoopsters from Sackville as



the Tigers gained the momentum which they never lost. With 9 minutes remaining, the Bengals lead 62-34 and Yarr gave some of his rookies an opportunity to show their abilities. Looking particularly impressive was Mike Flynn, who garnered 3 points and looked aggressive under the boards.

Steve Bezanson is definitely one of the bright lights in the squad this year. His much improved court sense and driving ability will be a great asset, so Coach Yarr can rely on Archibald for scoring power. Archibald, the man with the "beautiful hands" showed the talent with which he gained basketball fame 3 years ago. His court sense and polished moves added some dynamic moments in an otherwise dull game.

With improvement in Bezanson's ball handling, and more boards from Brian Peters, the Dal squad should be able to give defending M.I.B.C. champions, Acadia Axemen a good run for the laurels.

Irv Cohen lead Dal scorers with 19 while Archibald followed with 17. Dave Wood was the only bright light for Mount A with 20.

Cohen was probably the most impressive player on the floor as he shot well the first half and was strong defensively also. His desire and hustle on the floor was exemplary of the new desire shown by the Dal hoopsters.

Scoring Dal:

Cohen 19, Archibald 17, Bezanson 13, Cassidy 11, Peters 9, Savage 4, Flynn 3, Bethune 2.

JV's Drop Y, 58-54

In preliminary action, the Dal J.V.'s defeated the Community Y by a score of 58-54. Joe Murphy, who elected not to play varsity this year as a result of academic pressures, lead the junior varsity with 21 points. George Hughes, in his rookie effort as pilot, indicated that he has plans for his boys. They opened their season last weekend with an impressive 78-51 victory over the Agricultural College Aggies.

In future, the J.V.'s will be up against various opposition as preliminaries to varsity home games.

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