

Sixth Bluenose classic..... M.I.T. outlasts Tiger Varsity 65-55

Dal routes Sir George in semi-final, 65-55

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology outlasted Dalhousie 65-55 to win the Sixth Annual Bluenose basketball meet here last weekend.

The Bluenose classic, Canada's oldest invitational collegiate hoop tournament, was staged in the Dalhousie gymnasium last Friday and Saturday.

The two schools had reached the finals by elimination victories the previous evening. The M.I.T. Beavers came from behind to defeat Acadia University in overtime, 60-59. Dal had a far easier time in the semi-finals as Sir George Williams University played obliging guests, suffering a 72-44 loss.

This year's Classic varied from the pattern that had been established by the five preceding meets. Ordinarily, of the four competing schools, two are chosen from the U.S. Also, it had been customary to hold the tournament on New Year's Day and January 2, but the 1966 competition was pushed back one weekend in an attempt to attract more students and ensure capacity crowds. To this end, the gym was sold out on Friday evening and people were turned back Saturday evening at St. Patrick's.

The original aim of the Bluenose Committee was to invite Brandeis University of Boston along with M.I.T. Apparently Brandeis was forced to turn down the invitation because of scheduled exams, coinciding with the dates of the Classic. Sir George was chosen because of a good record last year and their present position at the head of their local conference. However,

they have a weak team this year and were badly outclassed in the tournament. As the games turned out, though, M.I.T., Dal, and Acadia were surprisingly well matched.

The Beavers, fresh off their first victory over Harvard in 22 years, were making their third appearance in the Classic. While they had reached the finals each time, the championship had eluded them on both tries. While a Canadian finalist was inevitable this year because of the arrangement of the semi-finals, Dal's participation was the first such occurrence since 1962.

The Championship game was an exciting one. Both teams play a similar style of basketball, running with the fast break. The game began evenly, but Dal soon fell far behind. Early in the second period M.I.T. had doubled the score at 28-14. The Tigers appeared unsure of themselves and had difficulty working the ball on offence. Resorting to long shots from the outside Dal went for one five minute stretch without scoring a field goal. Yet, the tide suddenly turned. Several successive baskets by Tom Beattie spurred the Tigers offence while the Beaver's shooting went stale. At the half Dal had pulled to within two points of M.I.T. With 45 seconds gone by in the 2nd half a hook shot by Kevin White tied the score at 36 all. For several minutes the teams battled evenly until the visitors opened a five point lead never to be headed. While the Tigers closed the gap to 49-46 at the beginning of the fourth period their attacks sputtered and died. Foul troubles plagued several Dal regulars decreasing their efficiency and necessitating frequent substitutions in the last quarter. About this time Kevin White already playing with a badly sprained thumb, suffered a broken nose in action under the boards. George Hughes offensive star of the previous evening found himself constantly harassed and was held to nine points. His 32 points against Sir George had fallen one short of the single game Classic record set two years ago.

Tom Beattie and Larry Archibald led the Dal scoring with 14 each. Alex Wilson and Kevin Kinsello paced M.I.T. with eighteen points apiece. Wilson was later chosen the outstanding player of the Classic an award he well deserved. He was the Key man especially in pressure situations in both Beaver victories.

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STUDY IN CONFUSION Dalhousie's Tom Beattie grimaces while Dave MacDonald stumbles to floor in forecourt scramble during M.I.T. Varsity clash for Bluenose glory last weekend. (Bob Brown Photo)

The Sir George contest was quite another story. Dal jumped off to an early lead and never looked back. The game was slow and considerably during the middle periods. The Tigers appeared to be stalled by the Georgians slow ball control style. Sir George's general ineptness often influenced Dal's play. However, the Home Side was able to reorganize itself and revert to its usual style of play in the last period. Despite the fact that Dave MacDonald and Larry Archibald fouled out Dal scored 22 points in the final quarter to win going away. The team rebounded very well. Their total of 59 was a single game Classic high. Tom Beattie had nineteen of them which became a personal Tournament record for one game. Continuing such fine board work against M.I.T. the Tigers set a Classic high with their total of 108 and Beattie totaled 39 himself, also a record.

Larry Archibald was named to the Tournament All-Star Team. The little guard played two steady games sparkling on defence as well as scoring 29 points. Others named to the team were Wilson and Dave Janssen of M.I.T. and Brian Heaney and Steve Konchalski of Acadia. It is the third straight year that Konchalski has been so honoured.

COCKTAIL PANTS

They may be high-fashion cocktail pants to courtiers but to Rudi Prins they're just slacks. Mr. Prins, executive assistant manager at the Chateau Laurier Hotel, has turned thumbs down on the latest feminine fashion as far as his establishment's posh grill room supper club is concerned.

"An iron curtain of fashion ignorance," claimed former model Mrs. P. J. Murray after being turned away from the supper club after seeking entrance in cocktail pants.

"This same outfit can pass through the majority of doors all over the world without question but not in conventional Ottawa, it appears."

Mrs. Murray said she was wearing pure silk cocktail pants, a velvet top and high-heel evening shoes.

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BLUENOSE FINALE Varsity's Tech in hoop finale. Larry Archibald scoring against (Photo by Roger Bell)

Junior Varsity hockey

Dal throttles SMU, 6-1

BY GEORGE ELIOT
"The Dalhousie Junior Varsity team is a veritable powerhouse." These words ran through the dressing room of an ecstatic, triumphant and world-weary group of athletes, who compile that team after an overwhelming 6-1 demolition of St. Mary's boys Saturday afternoon Jan. 8.

The J. Vs. do have an impressive array as a matter of fact, but their conditioning leaves something to be desired. This probably should refer in some measure to their stimulus-response conditioning as unfortunately the game was marred by

three major fistic outbreaks, elicited by a good deal of crude play many Dalhousie supporters would attribute to the St. Mary's troupe but probably more fairly attributable to both sides in greater or lesser degrees. However, the Tigers may well be the class of their abortive league, should they reach any level of physical conditioning, and they offer an exciting brand of hockey for any observer.

In the St. Mary's encounter the first line of Doug Rowen, Terry Mahoney, and John Napier played the big role, in notching four of the six goals. Bruce Reynolds, and Peter Quackenbush tallied

the other two.
The Tigers have two practises this week and meet Tech at 1:00 P.M. Saturday afternoon on the Dalhousie rink.

Coach Gerry Walford is fairly pleased with his consorts and it looks as though a few will have a chance to share the limelight with the Varsity team. The calibre of play is remarkably good under the circumstances and this is due to the fact that Terry Mahoney, and others are ex-Varsity hockey transfer students and are thus ineligible to play Varsity.

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