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Dal 73

Tigers Third in SMU Invitational

Dal 83

St. Francis 66

Getting into early foul trouble proved to be the downfall for the Tigers in the weekend St. Mary's Invitational Tournament. In the opening game Dal was pitted against St. Francis Xavier and lost in the final second of play 75-73.

The Tigers started out fast and confident and as a result almost ran the X-Men off the court. With fantastic shooting and tenacious defensive work the Tigers scored quickly. By the ten minute mark of the half Dal. led 28-11. However as proven later in the contest the makings of the lead proved costly as two of Dal's key players got into foul trouble. By the ten minute mark both John Cassidy and Bruce Bourassa had three fouls and coach Yarr was forced to rest his big men. Up to this point John was playing his usual strong defensive game while Bruce was having an outstanding day on the boards picking up rebound after rebound.

By the fifteen minute mark the lead had increased to twenty points with Dal. leading 40-20. At this stage in the game Yarr freely substituted and had at least three fresh men on the court during the last half of the first half. The half ended with Dal leading 42-29.

A significant point occurred during the last five minutes of the half - Dal's shooting was absolutely cold. In fact Dal. didn't score a point for a period of four minutes. Being early in the year this may be expected since perfect timing has still not been accomplished.

The second half began in the same manner in which the first half ended. Dal was unable to score yet they played tough on defence. By the ten minute mark Dal still held a commanding lead of 66-49. However disaster struck Dal. First John Cassidy, who had been controlling the boards, fouled out. A few minutes later, Bruce Bourassa, who was playing his best game of the young season, fouled out. As if this wasn't enough to handicap the Dal. squad Brian Peters suffered a fractured nose and was forced to leave the game. To complicate matters

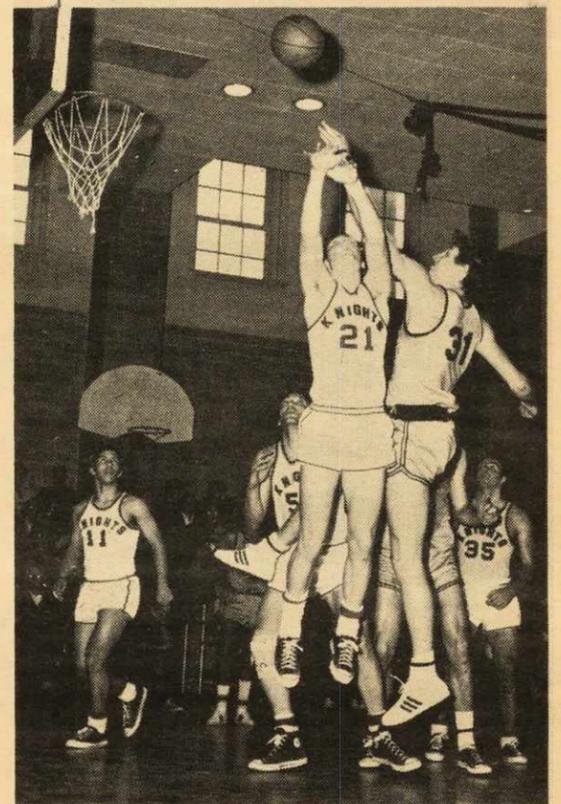
Gabriel of the X-Men began to hit with his long shots. With our inexperience the X-Men narrowed the score and with one minute left tied the score 73-73. With a desperation shot with a couple of seconds left in the game the X-Men recorded an upset by defeating the Tiger squad 75-73.

As much as the team was disappointed, as well as the fans, it is to be noted that Dal. played without three of its stars. The young freshmen were then forced into a situation which they could not be expected to handle. In all, it was a fine showing on the part of our team in general and our freshmen in particular. On Sunday, the Tigers played St. Francis College of Maine, in the consolation final. The Tigers, with George Hughes showing old-time form and John Cassidy controlling the boards, completely out-classed the small but determined squad from Maine 83-66.

George played unbelievable defensive basketball and scored 12 points on outstanding individual efforts. John returned to the aggressiveness which typified his play last year and it paid off as he played his best game to date this season.

Unfortunately Dal's shooting was hot in the first half and cold in the second. However, the game was never in doubt and Al Yarr continued his practice of free substitution in an exhibition game. The game ended with a flourish as St. Francis closed with two quick baskets.

In total, the tournament was a success for the Tigers. Although we didn't win, the game gave experience to the young players, which they will need if they are to be Canadian Champions this year, and secondly, it showed the Dal squad that even though they have a surplus of talent they must still work hard to prevent defeat. The loss to the X-men may be a blessing in disguise. Finally, but by no means least, George Hughes, the outstanding individual of the tournament for the Tigers, was named to the all-star team.



John Cassidy (31) of Dal goes high in the air to tip the ball toward the hoop. Lyons (21) of St. Francis is also trying to grab the ball. In the background are Piccola (11) and Rocco Ferranti (35) of St. Francis.

COMING EVENTS

Thurs., Nov. 28 - 7:30 P.M. McInnes S.U.B. - Dal Film Society - Mixed Identity (Charlie Chaplin) and Emil und Detektive, Lamprecht, Germany 1931.

Fri., Nov. 29 - 8:00 P.M. - S.U.B. - Dal History Club - Prof. J.M. S. Careless, "Canada: History's Error?"
- 9:00 P.M. - McInnis S.U.B. - Science Ball - Eddie Richards orchestra.

Sun., Nov. 30 - 3:00 P.M. - McInnes S.U.B. - Sunday Afternoon Concert - Music for Christmas

Mon., Dec. 2 - 12:30 P.M. - S.U.B. McInnis - Discussion for people interested in C.U.S.O., Film - "You Don't Back Down".

Tues., Dec. 3 - 8:00 P.M. - Rm. 328 S.U.B. - C.U.S.O. Seminar - "Development - Evolution or Revolution" - speakers, Mr. Ray Wylie and Prof. Z.A. Konczacki.

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