

MIAA STATISTICS

Basketball

	W	L	F	A	Pts
Acadia	11	1	827	575	22
X	10	2	984	759	20
SMU	8	4	1044	931	16
UNB	4	8	777	857	8
SDU	4	8	770	880	8
Mt. A.	3	9	781	949	6
Dal	2	10	648	880	4

Standings

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
UNB	9	2	0	70	28	26
SDU	8	3	0	59	44	26
St. F.X.	9	2	1	81	40	23
STU	7	4	0	59	38	22
Acadia	5	7	0	53	52	14
Dalhousie	5	6	1	49	43	11
SMU	4	8	0	44	66	10
Mt. A.	2	8	1	24	58	8
Tech.	1	10	1	30	100	4

Scoring

Lahey, SMU	381
Harrison Mt. A.	258
Bisson, X.	230
Spears, Acadia	202
Francoeur, SDU	197
Konchalski, Acadia	190
Blakeney, Dal.	176
Johnson, Mt. A.	175
Baber, UNB	174
P. Chenard, X	173
Buchawecki, X	168
MacDonald, Dal	164

	G	A	Pts	Pim
B. MacMillan, SDU	25	11	36	17
W. Synishin, X	9	27	36	19
G. Hollihan, X	21	13	34	25
G. McQuaid, X	11	19	30	43
D. Decarufel, SDU	11	14	25	26
T. McCarthy, STU	8	16	24	2
D. LeBlanc, UNB	15	7	22	4
B. Buntain, Dal.	7	14	21	14

The final statistics are in for the 1963-64 MIAA hockey and basketball schedules. Dalhousie did not fare too well as individuals or as a team but they nevertheless do show some interesting points.

In hockey the lack of scoring ability as shown by the Tigers is evident as only two players, Buntain and Drmaj, are the only Dal scorers among the top 39. Defensively the Tigers did very well

as the top goal tender was John Wrigley of UNB with a 2.70 average while George MacDonald had a 3.58 goal against average.

In basketball Bob Lahey of SMU had no trouble at all in winning the scoring championship as he held more than a 100 point lead over his nearest rival Harrison of Mount A. Dal had the poorest offensive record in the league as they were held to 54.0 points per game but Mount A had the worst

defensive average allowing 79.1. SMU had the best offensive record, averaging 87 points per game while Acadia had the best defensive record allowing the opposition a mere 47.9 points per game, second lowest in Canada.

George Blakeney led all Dal scorers with 176 points while Dave MacDonald and Jack Budd were the other two Dal players to go over the century mark with 164 and 100 points respectively.



The surprising 1963-64 Dal Basketball Tigers. Left to right back row - George Blakeney, Tor Boswick, Gerry Clarke, Wally Clements, Dave MacDonald, middle - Jim Seamen, Jack Budd, Ross Nesbitt, Bud McSween. Front - Al Yarr (Coach), Ken Glube (Manager). (Munroe)

Basketball in Review

By KEN GLUBE

For the first time in years Dalhousie sports fans were genuinely sorry to see the basketball season come to a close. No higher tribute of any sort may be paid to Coach Yarr and his battling Bengals.

Indeed this was the season that basketball finally went big time at this University. The sport is no longer regarded as second rate but has come into its own with a blaze of glory. In fact next year may well witness basketball superceding both football and hockey as the best and most popular team at Dal.

What is the source of this optimism and popularity that enshrouds a team which has just finished dead last in a league of seven clubs, with a record of two victories and ten defeats? The answer may be expressed in word; attitude and adjustment. For the former, Coach Al Yarr must be given all the credit. When he arrived at Dal last summer he found a school that had a long record of apathy towards basketball on the part of both the fans and the players. Mr. Yarr correctly saw that his first objective was to build a completely new team and instill in it a positive mental and physical attitude. It was difficult at first. Of the sixteen potential varsity ballplayers who showed interest in October only six remained in January. While the teams ranks were subsequently "swelled" to eight or occasionally nine players the picture appeared far from encouraging as the league schedule opened. Yet Coach Yarr still retained his cautious optimism. Even after several horrendous defeats in the early game his confidence remained unshakable. Eventually with hours of hard work Mr. Yarr was slowly able to mould his small contingent into a formidable ball club. Fundamentals were stressed, skills were improved and positive results were the reward. However, physical ability is always qualified by mental attitude. The two go hand in hand. Coach Yarr realized the importance of instilling into his charges the proper "mental toughness" so necessary for a successful team. This he was also able to accomplish.

While correct attitude was fostered by the Coach it was the players who were instrumental in making adjustments. No two Tigers had even played together before. Yet they rapidly changed and modified their various styles of play to accommodate one another and foster a strong smooth working unit. They progressed and improved as the season continued. In every case the Tigers played a better game against the opposition in the second meeting with the various other clubs. The margin of defeat was substantially reduced or the final decision was reversed in all return games but one.

The team's improvement was directly reflected in the interest shown by the fans. The last four intercollegiate home games were played in an SRO gymnasium. The effervescent and exciting Tigers completely disproved the theory that apathy exists in Dal sports from the fan's point of view.

The prospects for next year are excellent. Four of the starting five ball players will be returning. Many others, who for one reason or another, were unable to participate this year have shown a definite interest in coming out next season. Furthermore Coach Yarr has been talking with high school players throughout the province. He is especially high on two boys, both of whom he feels could right now break into most varsity squads in the league. Mr. Yarr is stressing Canadian talent. He even believes that there is enough good local talent with which to mould a team that could seriously challenge any of the other university teams. Coach Yarr's gravest need is height. With a few taller ballplayers the Tigers could effectively control the backboards which would lead to a fast breaking game.

If everything progresses according to plans next year the Tigers might well control the entire league.

If you wish to know yourself observe how others act.
If you wish to understand others look into your own heart.
- Von Schiller.

Perfection consists not in doing extraordinary things, but in doing ordinary things extraordinarily well.
- Antoine Arnauld -

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I Think
by Bill Owen

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a letter
from
coach yarr

I want to say thank you to the unknown hero of this year's basketball team. However, first I would like to congratulate the fans who proved this campus is not dead. Apathy is little more than a word. Secondly the players who worked hard and truly found out that you get what you earn and, therefore, are already working for next year.

Ken Glube is the unknown hero. Ken is the basketball manager. He has been with Dalhousie Basketball for four unglorious years. He has been loyal, reliable and efficient. When I came I was told that the carry-over from last year's team was one good manager. This was very true. The manager must attend practices, take care of equipment, keep score, organize statisticians, arrange for publicity and make travel plans. Through all this he must take criticism from coaches, players, fans and officials - for matters that are rarely his fault.

Ken has been through this for four years with a losing team. Ken is leaving Dalhousie as the basketball horizon looks somewhat brighter. This must make it a little difficult for such a person to leave. However, Ken has proven to all, and especially himself, that regardless of the odds, he is a winner. Good Luck, Ken!