

BASKETBALL BUG BITES BLACK AND GOLD BELLES

by BOBBIE WOOD, Sports Editor

Basketball fever is in the air again, as the Dal gals are practicing hard this year in an all out effort to produce two of the best basketball teams Dal has seen in a good many years. Prospects are good for a banner year, with a good crop of newcomers showing up regularly to bolster the re-turnees from last year.

The Varsity team will play a home and home series with Mount A Acadia and UNB in the Inter-collegiate league. The Intermediate team will play in the City League and they will travel to Acadia for their two-day round-robin Inter-collegiate tournament.

Practices have been held every day for about two weeks now, with conditioning and fundamentals taking up most of the practice time. A welcome sight is Pam Dewis, a star of two years ago, who has returned to the Dal basketball scene after a one-year absence. Other returnees include the MacRae sisters, Jane Williams, Joanne Murphy, Jean Bremner, Bobbie Wood, and Heather Hebb. Returnees from last year's Intermediate team include Eve Smith Penny Bennett and Sheila Mason, all of whom have improved considerably, and have been working out well.

Among the promising newcomers this year are Marcia Smith, Eleanor Brainbridge and Carol Sawyer out for guarding positions, and Sharon Curry and Gillian Ash who are both forwards. These of course are just a few of the players we hope to see continually out for berths on

the two teams. More players are needed at practice to insure that coach Joanne Fryers will be able to choose the best to play for Dal. Look what happened in field hockey—more than enough players turned out for two teams, better practices ensued and Dal won the title. Freshettes don't be discouraged — the teams have not been picked and more new faces are needed.

Defeat Grads

Dal played their first practice game of the season a week ago, when they handed a 27-11 defeat to the Dal Grads, a team in the City league. Donna MacRae was high scorer with 14 points Lib MacRae sank 8, Sheila Mason 7, and Pam Dewis 2. The shooting averages were poor but the passing and floor play was crisp and clean for the first quarter. After that, lack of conditioning began to tell, as the players tired noticeably. Most of the scoring was in the first quarter, as Dal sank 15 points in that time. Janet Sinclair was Grads' high scorer with 4 points. The Dal guard line of Heather Hebb, Eve Smith, and Marcia Smith playing together for the first time blanketed the Grads and carried the ball well.

TIGERS HOST X-MEN IN OPENING TILTS

HOOPSTERS PLAY SATURDAY

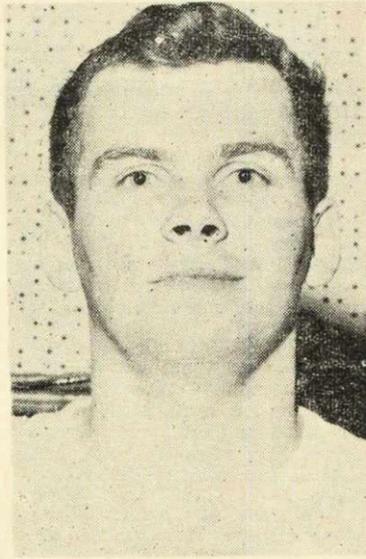
Nova Scotians will be the order of the day when the Dal Tigers line up for the opening tip-off of the 1961 basketball season Saturday night against St. F.X. at the Dal Gym. Of the 14 available hoopsters, 10 are from N.S., one is from New Brunswick, two are from Massachusetts and one hails from Maine. Eight of the 14 are from Queen Elizabeth High School of Halifax.

Coach Harry Wilson has termed 1961 a rebuilding year as only five of the roster have played Varsity ball at Dal before. This quintet consists of: Bruce Stewart, Ted Brown, Robert Cunningham, Bill Robertson and Al Murray. Six of the potential Bengals are freshmen: George Bendelier, Jamie Richardson, Howard Parker, Tor Boswick, George Blakeney, and Peter Nicholson. Of the remaining three Peter House is in second year, John Schiffman is a second year dentist and Bob Shea is in Education. There is a fine nucleus for Tiger teams in the future.

The practises show a better and more enthusiastic team than last year even though three of last year's starting five are not returning. Ted Wickwire, Ron Simmons and Bob Schurman have all hung up the sneakers as far as Dalhousie is concerned. Ted Brown and Bruce Stewart were the other starters in 1960 with Cunningham and Robertson being the majority of the bench.

Wilson plans to emphasize defense in this year's edition of the Tigers, using a shifting defense—a zone or a man-to-man depending on which team Dal is playing. With a constantly shifting defense, Dal will be able to capitalize on the errors of the other teams, made when they try to combat the shift. The offense will basically be a single post offense with the centerman playing the pivot.

The Tigers will be a small team as basketball teams go. The tall man is Peter Nicholson of Annapolis Royal at 6'3" and 180 lbs. The shortest is Bob Shea at 5'7" and 160 lbs. The tentative starting five averages just under 6'1" and 173 lbs. Ted Brown (6'-155 lbs.) guard; Robt. Cunningham (6'-185) guard; Al Murray (6'2"-180) center; Bruce Stewart (6'2"-180) forward; and Bill Robertson (6'-165) forward. All but Stewart are products of



AL MURRAY

QEH; Stewart hails from Truro. George Bendelier is the sixth man at the moment. He graduated from QEH, stands 6'1", and tips the scales at 160. George is being worked at guard.

Howard Parker (6'-170) is from Maine and plays guard. He played on the U of Maine freshman last year. Nicholson plays center; Schiffman (6'1"-190) a forward scored 22 points for the Jayvees in a Senior C league tilt before Christmas. He is a Boston product. Bob Shea, a 5'7" guard, is from Lee, Mass. Forward Pete House (6'1" - 155), guards Richardson and Tor Boswick (6'-165), all Haligonians, and forward George Blakeney (6'1"-150) from Newcastle, N.B., round out the 14-man crew. There is a possibility some names may be added to the roster but at the moment this is the way it stands.

Four of the 14 were cut Monday to allow them to play Junior Varsity but will be on call at any time to fill any voids in the Varsity roster.

At the moment, the JV picture is very foggy. A game was scheduled last night and another is on tap for Saturday before the Varsity tilt but unless a coach can be found to handle the Jayvees, the team may have to fold.

Varsity-wise, Wilson is planning for the future while trying to do justice to this year's squad and, all things considered, Dal shouldn't do too badly at all this season.

ICEMEN CLASH TONIGHT

The night for which all Dal puck fans have been eagerly awaiting has finally arrived. Tonight at 8:00 p.m. Coach DeWitt Dargie and his charges host the faltering Saint Francis Xavier X-Men who so far this year sport a humble 1-2 record. This evening's premiere should draw a capacity crowd as all Tiger supporters are most anxious to get a glimpse of what this year promises to be a better than average hockey club.

Although the team which takes to the ice tonight will be minus several of the boys who made the Boston trip, Coach Dargie is looking for a real team effort from his pucksters. Taking over the cage duties for tonight's encounter will be soft-spoken George MacDonald. George has a big job to do and we would like to assure him that all Dalhousians will be behind him 100%. Big Bob Ferguson, one of the Boston Tournament All Stars, has unfortunately used up his four eligible years while serving with Major Kelly and the Acadia Axemen, and as a result will not see further action in Intercollegiate play. Also doubtful starters in this opening contest are Bob Dauphinee and Don Bauld. Bauld is suffering from a painful knee injury which he aggravated while in Boston.

As this article is being written Coach Dargie has not decided who will fill the vacant spots but has indicated he is keeping a watchful eye on several hopefuls during practice sessions. Some of the reserves which may be drawn on for this evening's clash are former QEH playmaker Gary Hurst, med-students Dave Murray and George Boyd. Footballer Steve Brown is also beginning to regain his form after a slow recovery from a late season injury suffered on the grid-iron.

All in all, Dal supporters should be in for some fine hockey on this opening night and fans would be well advised to keep an eye on defenseman Gene Scheible and forwards Bill Gillies and Graham Mercer. These newcomers together with a solid group of veterans provided a lot of spark in the Dal attack during their Boston encounters.

BASKETBALL CLINIC

with Harry Wilson

Breaking the Zone

The basic philosophy of the zone defense is to prevent the inside shot (from the key area) and to allow the outside or long shot. Therefore the most successful method of attacking a zone is excellent set-shooting. Unfortunately, many teams do not have the personnel capable of hitting consistently from the outside, and thus must rely on other methods of attack in order to obtain closer shots.

One of the better techniques of doing this is the fast-break. In this manoeuvre, the offense attempts to beat the zone downfloor, and get a close shot before the zone can organize. But the fast-break is not that successful that a team can rely upon it for the entire game. It is necessary for the offense to have set patterns of attack—patterns that will capitalize on the weaknesses of the various zones.

One of the major weaknesses of any zone is that it leaves big unprotected gaps. The good offensive team exploits these gaps and attempts the most shots from these areas. Diag. 1 shows a 1-2-2 defense with the weak areas shaded. The offensive team should either station men in these areas or have players cut into them in order to get unmolested shot.

The most common pattern of attack used today is the 1-3-1, (Diag. 2). From this basic formation, players can manoeuvre quite easily in order to get in the clear. However, this attack is not successful against all zones and some other formation may be necessary depending on the type of zone the offense is facing.

Regardless of the pattern of attack used, there are certain basic principles which must be employed in order to be successful.

1—"Quick passes"

The ball can be moved much faster than the zone can shift. It is possible to catch men out of position thus allowing for a good close shot.

2—"Spread the defence"

Keeping the ball well outside forces the defense to spread, resulting in openings near the basket.

3—"Minimize dribbling"

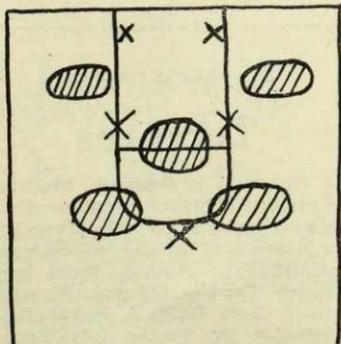
Dribbling slows the ball (see #1)

4—"Exploit weak defensive players"

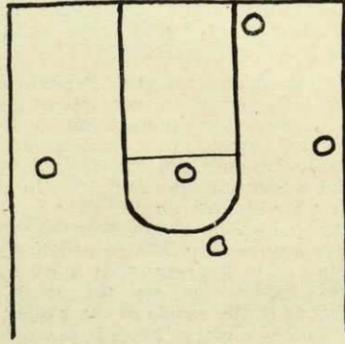
For example, place the tall forward in the area guarded by a smaller man.

5—"Wait for the good shot."

The zone should not necessarily handicap the offensive team if it is adequately prepared and if it uses correct strategy.



DIAG. 1



DIAG. 2

STANDINGS (as of Jan. 8, 1961)

A SECTION					B SECTION				
	W	L	T	Pts.		W	L	T	Pts.
Law	5	1	0	10	Engineers	4	2	0	8
Meds	4	1	0	8	A&S	3	2	1	7
King's	2	3	0	4	Commerce	3	3	0	6
Dents	0	6	0	0	Pharmacy	2	2	2	6
					Pine Hill	1	4	1	3

LAW, ENGINEERS TOP INTERFAC HOCKEY LOOP

by BLAIR GREEN

The interfaculty hockey loop broke off for the Christmas break with Law heading the A division and Engineers topping the B section. Arts and Science, Commerce and Pharmacy are close behind the Engineers while Medicine is one game behind the Lawyers with a game in hand.

In the November 28 games, King's defeated Dents 6-3 while Meds handed Law their initial setback of the season by a close 6-5 score. Strong led King's to victory with a hat trick with Wentzell potting two tallies and Hamm a singleton. Barro scored twice and Andrews once for the losers. MacLean paced the Medicine attack with four goals. Simon and Boyd each added one. The Lawyers goals were scored by Ferguson and MacInnes with two apiece and Martin adding one.

On November 29, Commerce edged Pharmacy 3-2 in a close hard-fought game. Gavin Rainnie scored twice for the Moneymen and Brian Beckett added one. Wood scored both goals for the druggists. A&S racked up their third win of the season by swamping Pine Hill 7-1 on December 1. Bob Lund scored four goals for the victors with Agar, Grant and Chalmers adding single tallies. The loan goal for the "deacons" was scored by Parkhill. The twinbill on December 3 saw Law win by default over Dents and Engineers down Commerce 7-5. The slide-rulers were paced by Pete

Corkum who scored five times. Bill and Parsons scored once. Beckett and Hayman scored twice each for Commerce and Matheson once.

Pharmacy, Law and Meds posted wins on Dec. 5. The druggists belted A&S 10-6 with Wood scoring six

markers. Miles, Spriggs, Forbes and Campbell had singles for the winners. Law bombed King's 10-1 with Gillies scoring a hat-trick to pace the Lawyers. Strong scored King's only goal. In the final game before the break, Med outlasted King's 11-7 in a loosely played tilt.

TRAMP DISPLAY, BADMINTON HIGHLIGHT DGAC AGENDA

DGAC has plans for a busy season this term, with badminton, basketball and the trampoline on the agenda for Monday evenings in the gym.

The trampoline has proved extremely popular this year and for anyone who is interested, Bern Nichols is giving a demonstration of basic exercises on the tramp during DGAC time on this Monday coming.

Also starting Monday will be the badminton tournament, for which players are invited to sign up this week. The tournament will run for

several weeks, with matches scheduled for 7-8 on Mondays in DGAC time. Free badminton will take over later in the evenings. The winner of this tourney will represent Dal in the Intercollegiate tourney at Dal later in the term.

Basketball Intramurals start in earnest next week, and for those who might be interested, no experience is necessary to play on your class team. The competition is just a way of getting girls out for a little exercise and fun. Varsity players are excluded from Interclass competition.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL PRACTICES

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
at 5:30, and

Tuesday and Thursday
at 12:00 noon