

Basketball Tigers- intensity and desire lacking

by Rob Cohn

The 1979-80 Dalhousie Basketball Tigers will feature a new look as there are not only six new players on the squad but a completely new coaching staff as well.

Last year the Tigers had one of their most dismal seasons ever, managing only 2 wins in 18 games. New head coach Peter "Doc" Ryan is out to change all that.

The outlook for the coming season is bright according to Doc Ryan, "we will definitely win more games than last year, we have a lot more intensity. We feel that we can play with any team in the league."

Can the Tigers play with any team in the league? To answer that question we will first take a look at the Tigers and then at the rest of the league.

Leading the list of returnees in every sense of the word is last year's MVP and one of this year's captains Alistair Macdonald. Al is a 5'11" guard from Halifax and will be heavily relied on to run the team on the court. Al is the key to this year's squad, without him they couldn't beat the Women's team.

The key returning player up front for the Tigers is Phil Howlett, the second half of this year's captain corps. Phil is a 6'4" forward from Greenwood, N.S., who could be one of the best players in the conference—if he tried hard enough. Phil had moments of brilliance in a few games last year but they were few and far between. When he decides

that he wants something bad enough he can be unstoppable.

Rounding out the Tigers' frontcourt are 6'5" Chuck Judson, 6'4" Roger Jones, 6'6" Eric Haughn, and 6'4" John Macdonald. Of the four Roger Jones could be the best player on the team, but again, desire is the major factor. These players all have better than average playing ability, the hard part is to channel it in the right direction.

It is in the backcourt that the Tigers show the most promise for the future. Coach Ryan has three freshmen that have the potential to be top flight players. A pair of matching 6'0" guards are going to be the talk of the campus for years to come. Larry Gaudet from Montreal and Pat Slawter from Dartmouth both display the basic fundamentals and abilities to make it in the CIAU. Gaudet can do it all, drive, jump, shoot, and play defense, reminiscent of last year's AUAA MVP Kevin Wood. Slawter has the ability to get open to get a shot off, essential to a high scoring game of the type played in this league. Rounding out the backcourt are returnee 5'11" Ken Russell, 6'3" freshman Don Zwaagstra, and 5'7" Brian Macphee.

Around the league Acadia is the team for everyone to beat; they also hold that honour in the nation. Returning to bolster the Axemen's leaky backcourt is Robbie Upshaw who will join everyone from last year's team except Tom Cav-

inaugh. Both St. F.X. and SMU have lost key players with SMU suffering the most damage, but both had good recruiting years. UPEI and our own Tigers are the prime candidates for the fourth and final playoff spot with Mt. A. and UNB bringing up the rear.

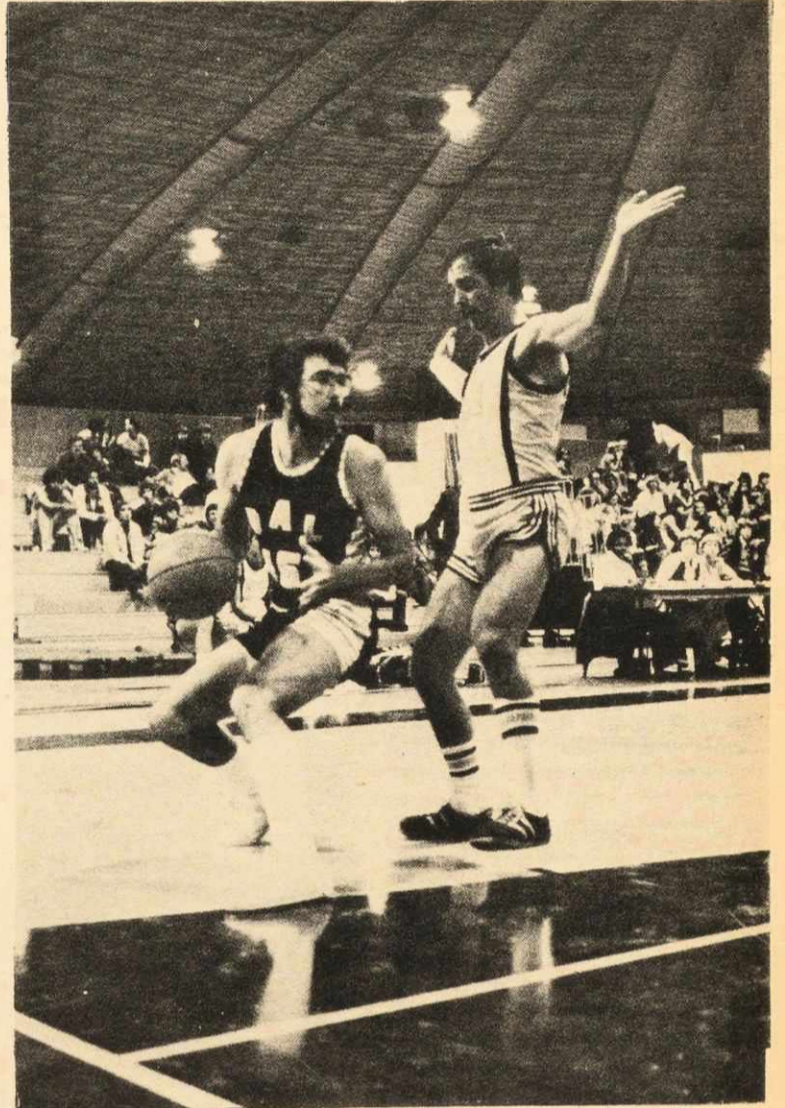
Across the Nation, Acadia is the team to beat with strong competition from U of Calgary, and U Vic.

Concordia, Winnipeg, Brandon, X, Windsor and York are also teams to watch. One word of caution is that no one should ever be ruled out before the season starts. SMU could surprise a lot of people and you never know what Heaney is working with at the U of Alberta.

Back in our own Dalplex it could very well be a long season. The ability is here but the intensity and desire may be lacking in spite of what Coach Ryan may say. These are the ingredients that make the difference between a winning and a losing season. If the Tigers decide that they want it bad enough they could surprise a lot of teams, including themselves.

OUTLOOK

The Conference	The Nation
1) Acadia	1) Acadia
2) X	2) U. Vic
3) SMU	3) Calgary
4) Dal	4) X
5) UPEI	5) Winnipeg
6) UNB	6) Concordia
7) Mt. A.	7) Windsor
	8) Brandon
	9) SMU
	10) York



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Staff Meeting Thursday at 7:00

MEN'S BASKETBALL	Tuesday, December 4	Tuesday, January 29
Friday, November 9 and Saturday, November 10 At Ottawa Invitational (Dal, Brock, Wilfred Laurier, U. of Ottawa)	St. F.X., 9 p.m.	St. F.X., 9 p.m.
Sunday, November 11 Husson College, 8 p.m.	Thursday, January 3 and Saturday, January 5 At N.S. Invitational at Acadia	Saturday, February 2 At U.P.E.I., 8 p.m.
Monday, November 19 Athletes in Action, 8 p.m.	Thursday, January 10 Acadia Here, 8:15 p.m.	Thursday, February 7 At St. Mary's, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, November 20 At St. Mary's (Metro Centre), 8 p.m.	Saturday, January 12 University of N.B., 2 p.m.	Saturday, February 9 At University of N.B., 3 p.m.
Sunday, November 25 Boston University, 8 p.m.	Sunday, January 13 U.P.E.I., 2 p.m.	Sunday, February 10 At Mt. Allison, 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 27 At Acadia, 8:15 p.m.	Friday, January 18 Mt. Allison, 8 p.m.	Thursday, February 14 At Acadia, 8:15 p.m.
Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1 At Guelph Tournament (Dal, Carleton, Concordia, Guelph)	Monday, January 21 St. Mary's, 9 p.m.	Tuesday, February 19 At St. F.X., 8 p.m.
	Thursday, January 24 At St. F.X., 8 p.m.	Monday, February 25 Acadia, 8 p.m.
		Thursday, February 28 St. Mary's, 9 p.m.

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M.B.A.	3 2 0 6	1 2 0 2
	T.Y.P.	1 2 0 2
	Studley	0 3 0 0
	1 4 0 2	
	P.D.T.	
	0 4 0 0	
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