

Men and Women volley to first!

The men's and women's volleyball teams lived up to their reputation as the best in the east, as both teams walked away with their respective AUA titles.

The women never once felt any pressure from Acadia or Memorial as they defeated both teams in straight sets. In the semi's, the

Tigers humbled the clearly out-skilled Acadia team recording victories with scores of 15-3, 15-6, 15-3. "It was simply a game where we did not allow Acadia to get started," Coach Lois MacGregor said. MacGregor illustrated her point with the game statistics where Brenda Turner had a 79%

kill success and Karen Fraser added 50%. Turner who played very well all season and even better in the tournament also led the team in blocks, while Karen Fraser teamed up with Karin Maessen to head up a powerful serving attack.

In the final, against Memorial,

the team again played with unbelievable skill as the team had a whopping 82% team service reception. This factor alone may have been the key to the win as it never enabled Memorial to mount much of an attack.

Coach MacGregor also stressed the importance of good serving as the other essential ingredient which led to the Dal win.

Again, because of the superb serving by the likes of Kathy Andrea, Veronika Schmidt and Karin Maessen the Memorial team was relegated to employing their rookie-hitters which enabled Fraser and Maessen to conveniently block the majority of kills attempted by the Beothuks.

Thus, with incredible service reception, great serving, and taking advantage of a weak side on the Memorial team, the Dalhousie women's volleyball team chalked up another AUA title.

Individual awards given after the tournament included All-star selection for Karen Fraser, League as well as Tournament MVP for Karin Maessen, while Coach MacGregor received Coach of the Year Award for the third consecutive year.

The men's team was also successful in their bid to win, as they captured their third straight AUA volleyball title.

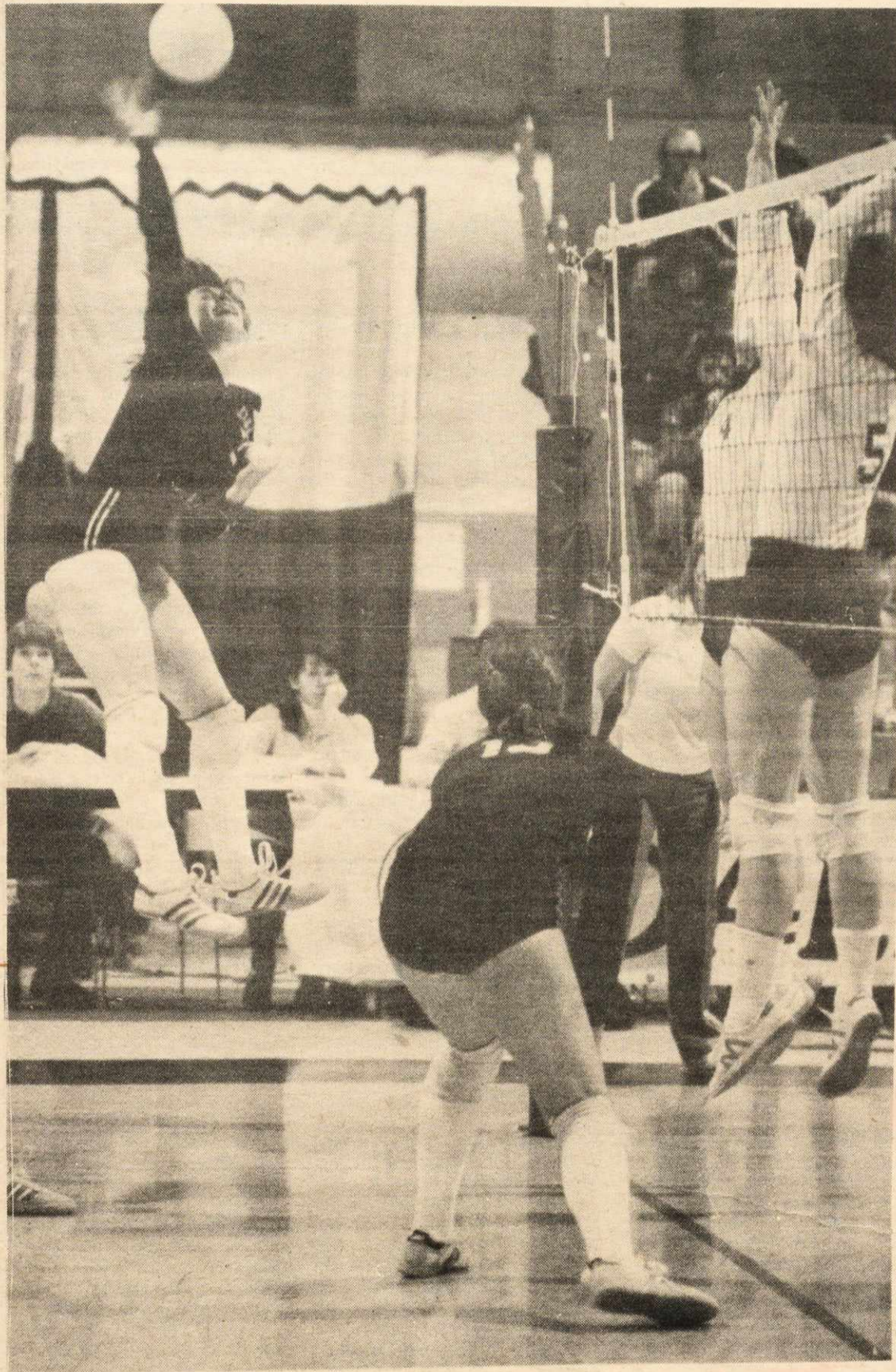
In the semi-finals, the Tigers were up against a game but not too testing UNB team. As the score indicates, the Tigers cruised to a three game straight set victory with scores of 15-5, 15-11, and 15-3. Leading the Tigers attack were Jamie Fraser and Rod Walsh, while Phil Perrin and Jamie Naugler assisted on many kills and blocks.

In the finals, the Tigers faced one of the few teams that provided competition for them in the league, the Memorial University Beothuks. However it seemed that Memorial was about equal to UNB in skill as the Tigers neatly disposed of them with scores of 15-3, 15-4, 15-1. More likely though, it was not that either UNB or Memorial were weak but rather the play of the Tigers made it next to impossible for Dal to be defeated.

This play included near perfect service reception by the team, led by Bernie Derible and Perrin with 100% each. Perrin, who was probably the outstanding Tiger in the game, also added 11 kills. Jamie Naugler added to the cause with 3 aces with his exciting spike serve.

Like the women, the men's team captured many of the individual awards presented after the match. Perrin was named MVP of the tournament, while also gaining a place on the conference all-star team. Joining Perrin as all-stars were Derible and Fraser. Again, the coach of the team, Al Scott, received the distinction of Coach of the Year which now makes it three years in a row for Scott.

Dalplex will be the scene, on March 11-13, of the CIAU National Championships when both teams will be hosts. Both the men and the women have more than a good chance of winning the National title, and we will all know how the AUA champions do in the Nationals, since we'll be out there supporting them.



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AUA Hockey

Panthers finish Tigers

by Kevin Charles Little

On Sunday night the Dalhousie Tigers played one of their poorest games of the season as they were defeated 4-3 in overtime by the U.P.E.I. Panthers. What is depressing is that the Dal Tigers are done after finishing first in the AUA in the regular season. Dal struggled from start to finish, despite goals from Paul Jeffrey, Brian Gualazzi, and Moochie Friesen. UPEI knew the only way to stop a skating team like Dal

was to slow them down with solid checks. Dal, confident they would win with ease, took the aggressive style of UPEI as a challenge and responded by playing a very physical game. Time after time the Panthers out-hustled the Tigers, showing they wanted to win a little bit more. Although Dal did control part of the game, they never returned to the style of hockey which earned them a top-ten ranking in the CIAU.

Curiously, coach Esdale told his team not to get too upset when they were behind, but for a team facing elimination the Tigers looked, for lack of a better word, dead. Getting too emotional is one thing, but emotion is important. Witness team USA in the 1980 Olympics.

So it is farewell to Dal, who provided, up until the playoffs, the most exciting brand of hockey this year, and that includes the pros.

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