

Men's volleyball

Tigers return not so triumphant

by Andrew Sinclair

The Dalhousie men's volleyball Tigers returned home from Winnipeg this weekend after participating in a cultural exchange trip sponsored by the Secretary of State. The team took time out from tours of local industry and historical sights to play two exhibition matches and compete in the University of Winnipeg Classic.

In exhibition play the Tigers lost a close match to the University of Manitoba, defending CIAU champs and currently the number one ranked team in university competition, and then, in a unique match, defeated the University of Winnipeg 54-53. The match was played in three twenty minute periods instead of the usual format, and this deviation from tradition, according to coach Al Scott, not only proved to provide lots of excitement for the fans, but "threw a whole different light on coaching."

The Tigers faced the Univer-

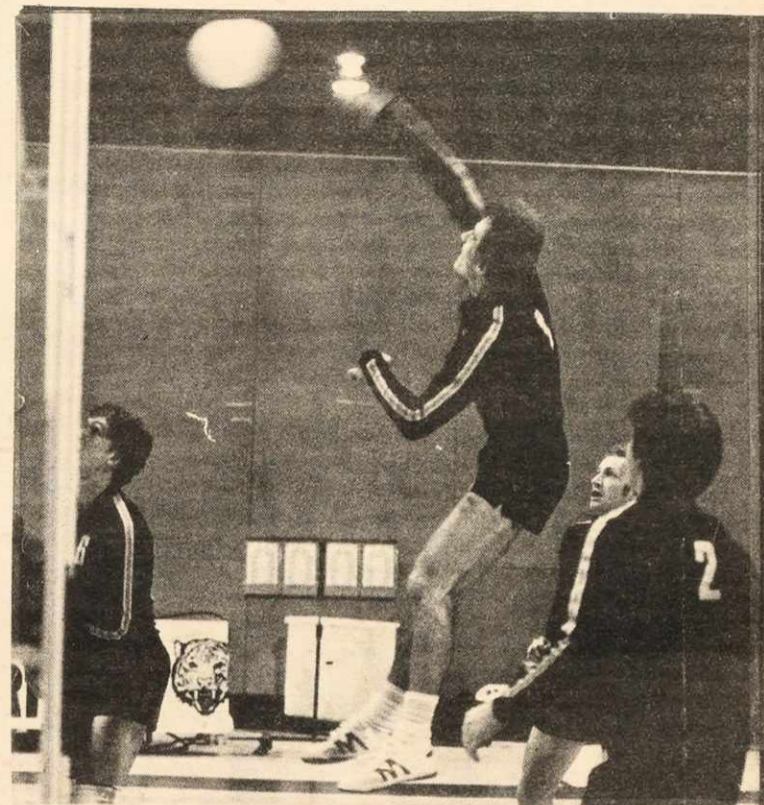
sity of Winnipeg again in the first round of the tournament, but this time the Dal squad fell to the Wesmen in five games, 15-12, 11-15, 11-15, 15-6, 9-15. The Tigers also went five games before losing to the University of Saskatchewan, the second ranked team in the nation, 12-15, 8-15, 15-12, 15-10, 6-15. Eliminated from the finals, Dal managed to beat the Minnesota Volleyball Club 15-12, 12-15, 15-6, 15-2 to place fifth in the six team tournament.

There were compensations for the team's poor record; Jamie Fraser was selected to the tournament all-star team, and Bernie Derible won the spiking contest with a spike of 61 p.m.p.h. On the whole, however, coach Scott was a bit disappointed with the results of the trip. "The experience gained hopefully will benefit us in the second half of the season", he said, but added that there comes a time when "you have to do better than just acquire exper-

ience."

Fraser, with 47 kills, 24 digs, and 6 blocking points; and Derible, with 38 kills and 37 digs, led the Tigers throughout the tournament, but a pair of rookies, Rod Walsh and Jamie Naugler, also turned in strong performances. Walsh had 23 kills and 28 digs, as well as a team high 12 blocking points; while Naugler, seeing more court time than he has yet this season, recorded 30 kills, 14 digs, and 4 blocking points.

The team travels to Fredericton this weekend to compete in a tournament at UNB, but will return to host the Second Annual Dalhousie Volleyball Classic, along with the women's team. The tournament, according to Scott, could well prove to be the best in Canada this year, and will feature teams from as far away as Mexico. The competitors in the women's division will be the University of Guadaleajara, the fourth place finishers in this year's Mexi-



can university championships; defending champions Rive Sud; Memorial University, Dal's arch rival and current holders of fourth place in the national rankings; the seventh ranked University of Sherbrooke; the Scarborough Titans, last year's Canadian Junior champs; the College of Sherbrooke, this year's top ranked junior club; UNB; and the eighth ranked Tigers.

In the men's division, competition will be between the

Quebec YMCA, silver medalists in last year's senior championships and currently the number two team in club competition; fourth ranked York University; sixth ranked University of Winnipeg; eighth ranked University of Sherbrooke; tenth ranked Laval University; the Sunbury Volleyball Club of Oromocto, tenth best club team in the country; UNB; and the seventh ranked Tigers.

score bored

by Sandy Smith

Dalhousie has two people playing very important roles in this year's Canadian Figure Skating Championships to be held throughout rinks in Halifax later this month. Robert McCall, half of the famous McCall and MacNeil ice dancing duo that hails from Halifax, is an English major here at Dal. The costumes he and Marie MacNeil will be wearing in the competition have been designed by none other than Robert Doyle of Dalhousie's Theatre Department . . . Oh yes, the Super Bowl.

I'm not quite sure this is a smart thing, but I'm going to try and disregard all of the good fortune that has fallen upon the Raiders of Oakland, and I'm going to pick the Philadelphia Eagles to 'win it all' . . .

Say! Haven't all the developments in hockey lately kept you on the edge of your seat waiting for the news as to what will happen next? Why just this past week two very dramatic developments have taken place. Mike Nykoluk was named the new coach of the Maple Leafs and Pete Mahovolich has been sent to the minors. Stop the presses! . . . Sacre blue! Word from

Montreal is that Guy Lafleur feels he's not getting enough of his \$300,000 plus salary and wishes to play in the U.S.A. in the future where taxes are a bit lower. Guess that shoots Cousin Clem's theory that big Guy is retiring at the end of this season . . .

The homeless hockey Tigers will have a home by Christmas of this year if all goes according to plan. Construction of the new rink will begin in March. The proposal has received all the needed clearance from City Council and was described last Saturday on CBC's Sports Set. The show was broadcasting a swimming meet from the Dalplex pool and, in one of the 'breaks in the action', Ken Bellemare unveiled the university's model of the building to the television audience . . .

Finally, 'Fat Phil will cry no more.' Phil Esposito, hockey's sobbing slot master who always found something to gripe about, decided to hang up the blades last week. His decision wasn't as nearly as tough as the one Gordie Howe must have had to have made. Howe paid tribute to 'Espo' and actually told a sold out Madison Square Gardens that he felt that hockey was going to miss this class performer. And he kept a straight face!

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Wine dipped.

Crack a pack of Colts along with the beer.