

Despite loss

Dal women improving

by Kent Rogers

This past weekend, the Dalhousie Tigers Women's Volleyball team travelled to Moncton to compete in the Université de Moncton Invitational Tournament.

After defeating Acadia in league play, 3 games to 0 last week, Dalhousie was expected to do very well and did just that! The Dal team started off facing the very strong Laval team. Dal needed this win to qualify for the semi-finals. After losing the first game in a hard fought battle, 15-13, the Dal team came back to win another close game 16-14. This set the stage for a third and deciding game.

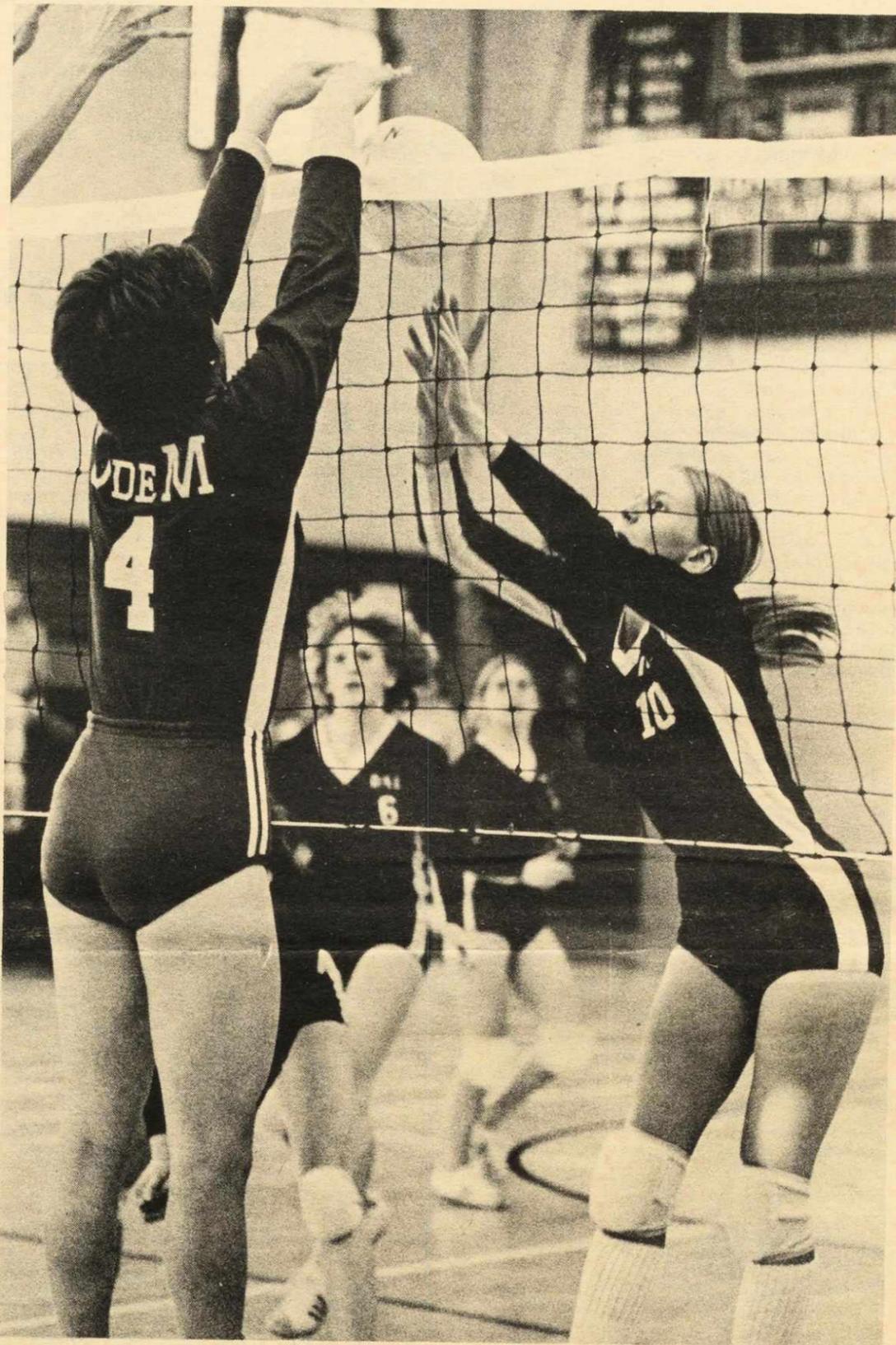
Starting slowly, the Black and Gold fell behind 11-0 but refused to quit. Showing their best play of the year, Dal began to fight back. With exciting efforts, the Halifax club brought the large crowd to its feet many times as they came back to take a 12-11 lead. However, the Hollywood script was not to be as Laval came back to win the game 15-12, thus eliminating Dal from further play.

Laval went on to defeat their remaining opponents to win the tournament. After the tournament, the Laval coach

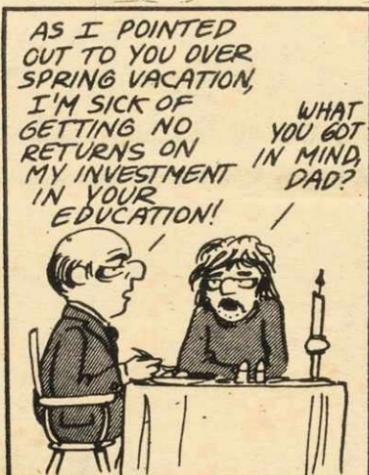
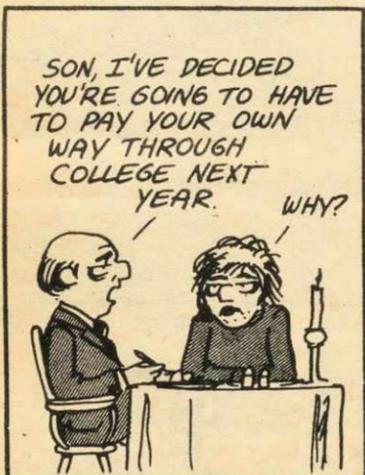
said that he felt Dal were the toughest competition by far and had the match gone the other way, Laval would have watched from the sidelines as the Tigers would have been favoured to win.

Although Dal coach, Lois MacGregor, was disappointed with not making the semi-finals, she had nothing but praise for her players. MacGregor also felt that Laval was the stiffest competition so far this season, and commented that the match could have just as easily gone to Dalhousie. Coach MacGregor later commented that "the second and third efforts shown by the girls were exceptional and with the exception of a few let-ups, the team demonstrated great poise and confidence on the court. Overall, I was very pleased with their play".

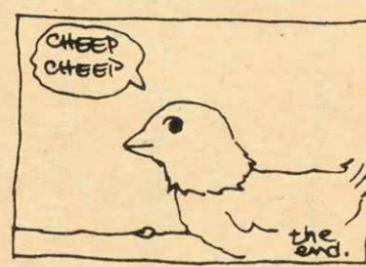
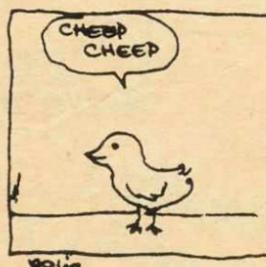
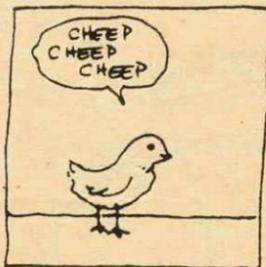
It would appear that the Dal squad has finally jelled and brought it all together! After Christmas, Dalhousie should be very competitive against all opponents and should have a good chance at winning the very prestigious Waterloo Invitational, as could be seen from their fine calibre of play this weekend.



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CHEEP THRILLS



Stunning season for studs and slugs

The Intermediate Water Polo League recently reached the half-way mark in the current season. There have been many stunning upsets in a season filled with excitement, close scores, and periodic (once a gleam) shows of skill. The two Dalhousie teams, the Slugs and the Studs, have

played some excellent games thus far. To date the Dal Slugs have a record of six wins, one tie, and one loss giving them firm control of second place in the standings by one point over the Dartmouth team and one point behind the Halifax team. The Studs are entrenched in the lower half of

the standings but have the potential to move up with the powerhouses.

The biggest upset of the current season must be the inspired win by the Dal Slugs over last season's champs, Dartmouth. Led by Jerry "Chaz" McPhee's two goals and Robert "Ripper" Rappoldt's insane ravings, the Slugs annihilated them 5-2. Another recent upset involved the Studs—unfortunately they

were on the losing end. The Women's I team led by the mighty arms of Heather Kaulback and Heather "B.D." McCurdy-ravished the Studs 4-3. The game which everybody (well almost everybody...) had waited for was the match-up between the Studs and the Slugs. In a well fought and close game the Slugs ended up on top, being led by a hat-trick from Eric "Intermediate Eric" Woods.

Outstanding on defence for the Studs were Clinton "the Mauler" Hicks and Glenn Murray, their 'keeper.

If you are interested in playing Water Polo why not contact Colin Bryson at 477-6081 or just drop by the Centennial Pool some Tuesday night at 6:30 for a practice. Regular times will resume after Christmas with games being scheduled for Sunday nights.