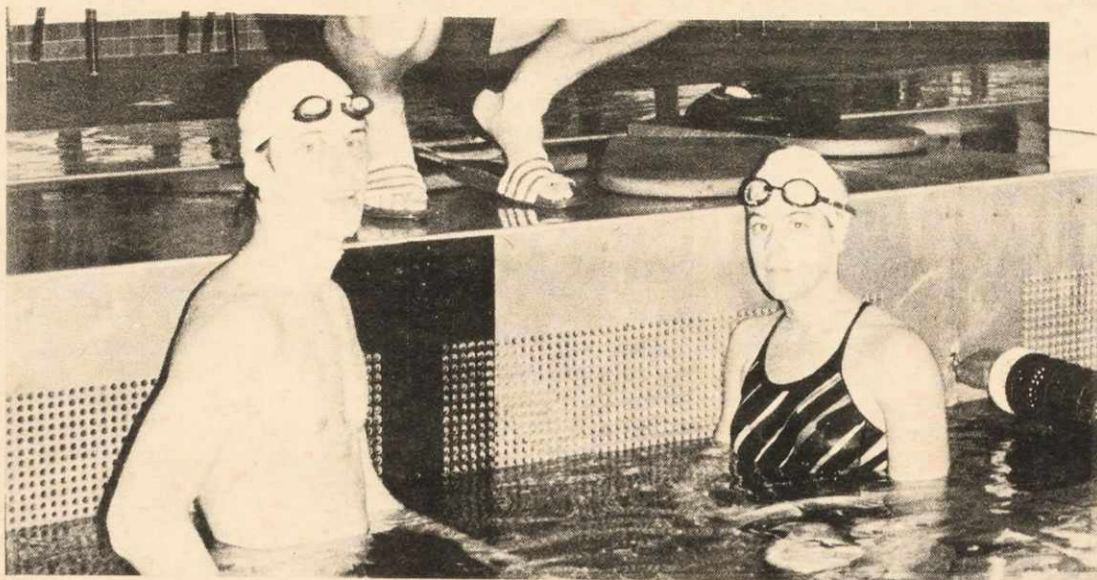


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Gold Medalists Brian Jessop and Susan Mason

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CIAU titles for swimmers

Dal swim team captains Susan Mason and Brian Jessop highlighted the performances of the Dal swim teams at the 1981 CIAU swimming and diving Championships at the University of Toronto last weekend.

Mason, AUA swimmer of the year for the past three seasons, captured the women's 800 freestyle title for the third successive year. Jessop, a third year engineering student, took the gold medal in the men's 1500 metres freestyle to capture his first CIAU title in what was his last individual race in Tiger colours. Jessop, who garnered silver medals in this event, in 1979 and 1980, took command of the race at the 500 metre mark to finish over seven seconds ahead of his nearest challenger.

The Tigers women's team, led by Mason, after a second place finish with 199 points, in 1980, in the women's team championship increased their

points total to 207 this year to place third behind Toronto and Calgary. The men's team maintained their top ten spot with an eighth place finish with 72 points ahead of Acadia's 58 point score in tenth position. Overall, unofficially, Dal was fourth behind Toronto, Calgary and UBC of the twenty four competing schools.

Dal swimmers captured a total of nine medals—two gold, one silver and six bronze. Three of these medals came in the women's relay events. The Dal medley relay quartet of Dawn Suto, Susan Bennie, Carol Flynn and Louise Deveau set a new Dal record of 4:36.1 to take the silver, their first ever CIAU medal in this event. The team of Deveau, Flynn, Shelley Platt and Mason snared the bronze in the 800 metres freestyle relay finishing some 18 seconds clear of the fourth place finisher. The triple medal sweep was accomplished when the squad of

Flynn, Platt, Mason and Bennie grabbed the bronze in the concluding 400 metres freestyle relay event.

Individual bronze medals were won by Mason in the 200 freestyle in which she set a new AUA record of 2:06.47; Dawn Suto in the women's 100 metres backstroke, also in new AUA record time—1:07.55; Louise Deveau in the 100 metres butterfly—an event in which last year she missed this very medal by one hundredth of a second! This year she outtouched Dal teammate Carol Flynn in fourth spot by eight-on-hundredths! Brian Jessop also captured his third medal in the men's 400 individual medley in as many years with a bronze medal performance.

Overall, Dal had twenty-nine placings in the top twelve equalling the team's 1980 performances in Laval. For Coach Nigel Kemp and his teams it was the successful culmination of another outstanding season.

Volleyballers vanquished

by Andrew Sinclair

It was the same old story; the men came close, but once again returned home sans cigars, losing all five of their matches at the CIAU volleyball championships this past weekend in Victoria. Tiger pride was restored in some measure, however, by Phil Perrin's selection to both the All-Canadian team and the CIAU tournament all-star team.

The Tigers' first four matches epitomized this year's season as they consistently came out the losers in games that could have gone either way. Dal's first loss came at the hands of the University of Sherbrooke 15-7, 13-15, 18-16, 20-18; their second to York 11-15, 15-7, 15-4, 7-15, 15-12. In their third tilt with Coach Al Scott's former University of Victoria team, the Tigers were

four points away from clinching the match at one point, taking the first two games 15-13, 15-12 and going up 11-4 in the third. It was not to be, however, as the Vikings came storming back to take the third game 15-12 and the next two 15-4, 15-10. The Tigers' fourth contest was, again, close as the University of Manitoba beat them in four 16-14, 17-15, 11-15, 15-5.

Dalhousie's only real setback came in their final match when they played a University of Alberta team that needed a victory to make the playoffs. Led by the nation's most valuable player, Terry Danybuk, Alberta blew Dal away 15-2, 15-7, 15-4 and went on to win the championship, beating Manitoba in the fifth game of a final match described by Scott as "the best collegiate match I've ever seen in Canada."

The Tigers' main problem,

according to Scott, was that they "never had everybody playing really well; there was always somebody on the team who was having an off match." Top hitter for the Tigers, not surprisingly, was Perrin, who had 122 kills and 19 blocking points for the tournament, and who was successful on an unbelievable 31 of 35 attempts in one match. Jan Prsala was second in the hitting sweepstakes with 85 kills and 6 blocks, Bernie Derible had 64 kills and 4 blocks, Jamie Fraser had 56 kills and 8 blocks, while Rod Walsh had 50 kills and a team high 30 blocking points.

The Tigers now set their sights on the upcoming Junior and Senior championships and, with Ken Boutilier the only member of the team definitely not returning next year, the cliché "just wait 'till next year" can perhaps be forgiven.

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