

Women win volleyball crown

Dalplex, last weekend, was the scene for the men's and women's national volleyball championships and what a sight it was!

The unpredictable but never quitting women Tigers not only served as gracious host, but in fact were so hospitable they decided to walk away with the national title.

After winning the first two games of the final match with scores of 15-7 and 16-14, the Tigers committed errors on service receptions and blocking thereby losing the next two games 5-15 and 9-15. Behind the incredible blocking of Karen Fraser and Karin Maessen with Veronika Schmidt digging up many kills, the Tigers built up a comfortable 13-5 lead. However the never-say-die Dinnies showed the Tigers and Tiger fans the final game was not going to be a walk-away. The Dinnies reeled off six straight points before the women Tigers could sew up the championships, winning 15-11. The final which was one of the most entertaining ever to be viewed, especially for Tiger fans, showed the versatility of both teams. When the outside spike was shutdown, the game changed to quick sets which the Dalhousie side quickly took advantage of.

The Tigers finished the round-robin with a record of four wins and one loss, tied with Calgary for first place. The Tigers easily disposed of the previously enigmatic Rouge et Or team from Laval with a 3 game sweep.

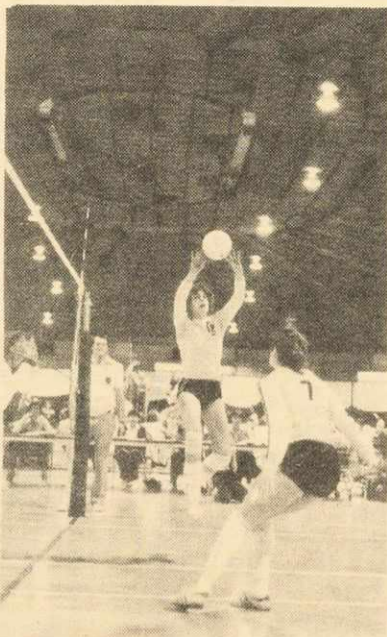
Memorial once again did not prove to be a formidable opponent for the national champions as they were defeated in 3 sets by the Tigers, 5-15, 2-15, and 14-16.

Co-Captain Karin Maessen could open up her own silver mine as once again she took home MVP honors to add to the MVP honors she received at the CIAU awards banquet last

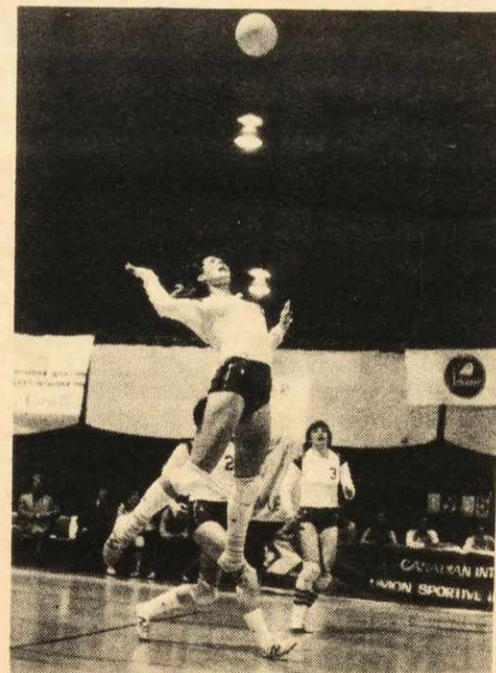
Wednesday. Joining Maessen in the honors was Karen Fraser who received an all-star position. Rita Lichtenegger and Kristen Wagner from Calgary, Ruth Klassen from Winnipeg and Donna Kastelic rounded out the all-star team.

It is only fitting that in recognizing the Tigers as National Champions, that the whole team be mentioned, after all the coaching staff always felt the depth on the bench would be the difference if it came to winning or losing a close game.

The team consists of coach Lois MacGregor, assistant coach Cindy Moore, Manager Patricia Elliot, Co-Captains Karin Maessen and Karen Fraser with Kathy Archer, Veronika Schmidt, Lorraine Cunningham, Beverly Pudet, Kathy Cox, Diana Douthwaite, Leanne Fougere, Beth Yeomans, Janet Rhymes and Brenda Turner.



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