

Overtime: Women coaches are making inroads

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IF DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S volleyball coach Lois MacGregor has felt outnumbered in previous years at tournaments such as the Dalhousie Classic, the reason would be understandable.

Often, MacGregor was a minority of one, possibly two, and rarely, three women who would be coaching intercollegiate women's teams at a major tournament or a CIAU championship event.

That won't be the case this year in the women's division of the premiere Atlantic intercollegiate volleyball invitational of the year, the Dalhousie Volleyball Classic, slated to take place at the Dalplex this weekend.

MacGregor will be joined by five other women coaches on the women's side — leaving the men in a minority of two.

Therese Quigley, in her second year as coach of the McMaster Marauders, brings with her playing experience with the national team in 1973-74 and with the FISU games team in 1973. Previously a coach at University of Alberta, Quigley brings her unranked Marauders as an unknown quantity to the Atlantic schools.

Julia Andruchiw, also a former national team member (1970-74), will guide the fortunes of the University of Toronto Blues, who currently hold down second spot in the OWIAA conference. Andruchiw, who has been coaching at U of T for seven years, also served as coach of the Ontario Winter Games Team in 1979.

France Vigneault, coach of the Laval Rouge et Or, collected playing experience with the Quebec provincial team and Laval University. Coaching experience includes a stint behind the bench of the Limoilou team from 1982-85. The Laval squad is currently ranked fifth in the CIAU.

Sue Seaborn, coach of the Mt. Allison Mounties, previously guided the University of Manitoba for four years, including a silver-medal performance at the CIAU in 1980. Seaborn, who will serve as the coach of New Brunswick's women's entry in the Canada Winter Games in 1987, is now in her sixth year as coach at Mt. Allison. Seaborn served as the coaching development chair in New Brunswick from 1981-84.

Donna Baydock stepped behind the bench at University of Manitoba when Seaborn left. In her fifth year as head coach at Manitoba, Baydock has built the Bisons to a third-place CIAU ranking this season. A four-year veteran of the National team, Baydock also played Senior AAA volleyball for the Prairie Blues, Senior National Champions in 1984.

Dalhousie's MacGregor, in her

tenth year with the Tigers, is herself a former Dalhousie Tiger player — in both volleyball and basketball. She guided Dalhousie to the national intercollegiate title in 1982, and a silver-medal performance in 1984. An assistant coach for Canada at the World Student Games in 1983, she has also coached Nova Scotia provincial teams, and guided the Nova Scotia White team to back-to-back victories in the Tachikara International Junior Tournament in England in 1976 and 1977.

Currently a Level IV coach with the Canadian Volleyball Association, MacGregor is pleased with the national trend in developing women coaches evidenced by this year's behind-the-bench lineup at the Classic.

"Usually, I've been the only female coach at the Classic, or there have been only one or two others," says MacGregor. "That's changing now as more former players are taking up the reins and developing strong programs."

"I think it's a positive trend to see more women involved in coaching at this level."

For the record, the minority group of two male coaches in the women's side of the tournament includes *Daniel O'Carroll*, in his tenth season with the Moncton Blue Angels, and *Mike Burchuk*, coach of the Winnipeg Lady Wesmen. Like MacGregor, O'Carroll has his Level IV certification. O'Carroll guided the Angels to an AUAA title in 1977-78.

Burchuk, an assistant coach with the national women's volleyball team, is in his sixth year with the Lady Wesmen. He has guided his Winnipeg troops to three consecutive CIAU championship titles. The Lady Wesmen, who have been ranked first in the CIAU all season, are also the defending champions at the Classic. Thus far this year, the Lady Wesmen have won their own tournament in November, the York Tournament, and the University of Manitoba Bison Invitational.

The Lady Wesmen will be one of the key obstacles in the Tigers' path if they hope to gain possession of their own tournament title.

Coach MacGregor anticipates a finish in "at least the top four" for the Tigers, but hopes to see her team earn a berth in the tournament title match.

The tournament will provide the Tigers with one of their last chances this season to claw their way up the ranking ladder.

In order to do that, they will need a strong showing at the Classic.

A key in this process will be a good performance in their 9 p.m. matchup Friday with the top-ranked Lady Wesmen.



Rookie Steve Noseworthy goes up for a spike from a Ron MacGillivray set Saturday afternoon against Universite de Moncton. The Tigers won both weekend matches, see story page 11. Photo by Deepak Seth, Dal Photo.

Volleyball Classic ready to go

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL Dalhousie Volleyball Classic is set to go at the Dalplex this weekend, Jan. 24-26, and the indications are that the tournament should once again prove to be very exciting.

In addition to the Tigers, the eight-team men's division will feature strong teams from the University of Toronto, third in the CIAU last year; the Winnipeg Wesmen, a top contender for this year's national title, the improved Moncton Blue Eagles, and two strong teams from Quebec, the

Laval Rouge et Or and the Sherbrooke Vert et Or as well as two solid Ontario schools, the Western Mustangs and the Waterloo Warriors.

In the women's division, the Tigers will be joined by last year's CIAU champions the Winnipeg Lady Wesmen. Other entries include the powerful Manitoba Bisons squad, Toronto Blues, Laval, the McMaster Marauders, and two AUAA schools, the Moncton Blue Angels and the Mount Allison Mounties.

In round robin play, the men

Tigers will play at 2:30 p.m. on Friday against Sherbrooke, at 7 p.m. Friday against Toronto and at 12 noon on Saturday against Western.

The women's Tigers' three round-robin matches are against Moncton at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, against Winnipeg at 9 p.m. on Friday, and against McMaster at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Special student ticket prices will be in effect for Friday night's matches. Dal students will be admitted to both Tiger contests for \$1.