

Dal women capture classic

by Kevin Barrett

It was not as exciting as their male counterparts but in some ways it was more decisive as the Dalhousie Womens Volleyball team turned their play up a notch and defeated the Ottawa GeeGees 3-0 to win the womens title of Dalhousie Classic Volleyball Tournament.

"We proved that we can play with consistency and intensity in the final", said Tiger coach Karen Moore as she reflected upon her teams performance in the tourney. "Mt. A and Ottawa are both better teams than they showed but we played very well Saturday and Sunday. Our blocking was unbelievable in the final."

The Tigers were plagued by inconsistency on the opening day and although they had a 2-0 record, Moore was concerned. Specifically, Moncton (the Tigers first match opponent) had just signed a former national team member and this caught the Tigers off guard a bit. Dal won the first game but fell far behind in the second. It was here that the needed championship confidence began. "After falling behind to Moncton by so much and coming back was great for our confidence and a great boost for the team" said Moore.

They went on to defeat Moncton 3-0 but almost fell victim to a hungry McMaster team in the second match. Dal won 3-2, their closest match of the tournament but



Going up for a block

it was far from what was desired. "By being so inconsistent we almost lost the game. As it was we only won by the narrowest of margins".

However, a good nights sleep seemed to be the remedy the team needed. After a rather easy 3-0 in the last round robin game against Western they team prepared to play the AUAA's top team Mt. A. Although the Tigers won 3-0 it was far from easy.

"The first game was so important against Mt.A. It was close and could have gone either way. We made some good plays at the end to get the win," stated Moore. The second and third games were just as tough but again Dal pulled away in the last few points to win the match.

In the final, the Tigers had to wait over an hour before the mens match was completed before they could start. When asked if this affected her team any Moore said that it did but in a positive way. "I think

the mens win got the girls psyched up even more."

Dal's blocking of Ottawa at the net caused the Gee Gees to try to go to a 'tip' game. With the back line of the Tigers supporting this, there was no way for the Gee Gees to mount any offence. The reason for the Dominvance at the net was Tournament MVP Tara MacIntyre. The first year player led the Classic in ace serves, kills and, most importantly, stuff blocks. MacIntyre's play has been good all year and she played her best matches of the year at the Classic.

Dal also received excellent team play from all their players. Christine Frail and Christain McCreary did so well that they were named to the tournament all-star team. Joining them were Lynn Heaney of Mt.A, Jacqueline Rasenbery and Marie-Josée Caron of Ottawa and Brigitte Soucy of Moncton.

Buffalo aims to slay Giants

By H. Kissinger

The Buffalo Bills and the New York Giants are going to the Superbowl in Tampa this weekend.

For those of you who haven't been near any form of media presentation this week, here's the scoop: the Bills completely destroyed a bunch of misfits from Los Angeles (51-3) and the Giants just squeaked by San Francisco (15-13).

Thurman Thomas was an offensive machine for Buffalo, racking-up 138 yards rushing and catching five passes for another 61 yards.

The incredible precision and power of the Bills was due, largely, to their quick no-huddle offense and dominance on both the offensive and defensive lines. Quarterback Jim Kelly was given enough time and space to complete 17 of 23 passes for over 300 yards.

The Raiders, who had claimed their willingness to take on the problem athletes of the NFL as their key to success, were completely decimated on both offense and defense. Never before has a team been so ruined by the end of the first half... the much touted Raiders deserve only to drag their mangy tails back to California to drown themselves eyeball-deep in the worst vices known to humanity (its the only thing I can think of that might relieve the deep humiliation they must be experiencing as you read).

While I don't really like the Giants, I'm pretty glad they beat out Montana and his San Francisco compadres. First, because, lets face it, nobody likes a guy who wins all the time, and second, because I would have lost fifty bucks if they had won the Superbowl.

Strangely enough, the Giants giant-slayer turned out to be Mat Bahr, a field goal kicker who's position on the New York squad was iffy at best near the beginning of the season. With seconds left on the clock, Lawrence Taylor - a veritable monster among linebackers and hero to millions - forced a ball loose to allow for Bahr's 42-yard field goal that won the game for the Giants.

Jeff Hostetler - a seven year bench warmer for the Giants, proved his worth as quarterback on Sunday night. Not only was he 15 of 27 for 176 yards, but now he's also 4-0 as the Giants' starting Superbowl quarterback after wunderkind Phil Simms' injury of five weeks ago.

So its down to Florida this weekend to watch the mother of all battles (whoops- has that already been used?) A lucky Bahr's foot versus a football dynasty in the making - hmm, I wonder... You better take your suntan lotion and you better take the Bills, 'cause the bookies are giving Buffalo five points (and they don't take American Express).

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