Volleyball Tigers—tough teams to top

by Andrew Sinclair

The Dalhousie women's volleyball team opened their AUAA season with a bang over the weekend as they swept the UNB Reds in two matches. The teams were on the court for less than an hour Saturday night, as Dal won three straight, 15-1, 15-8, and 15-5. The UNB team made things a bit more interesting Sunday morning, holding the lead several times in an exciting first game. The Tigers eventually prevailed, however, winning the game 15-11 and going on to take the next two 15-2 and 15-7.

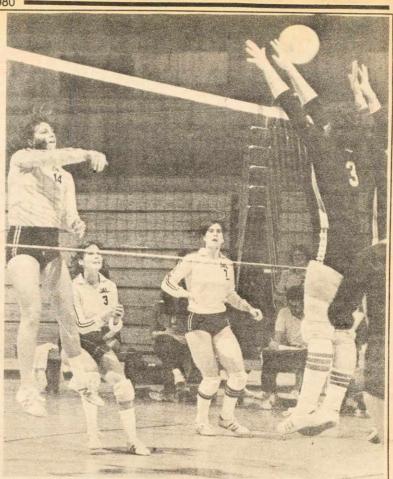
Co-captains Karen Fraser and Karin Maessen led the team in hitting, with Fraser collecting 20 kills in 45 attempts, while Maessen was good on 13 of 24. On defense it was Veronika Schmidt and Kathy Andrea that kept the Tigers together. Rookie Brenda Turner led the team in serving with three aces and ten serving points.

Coach Lois MacGregor was very pleased with her team's first home performance, and said that this year's squad is potentially better than last year's AUAA champions. She added, however, that archrival Memorial has also improved and predicted a tough fight for first place. The Tigers travel to Memorial this weekend.

The men's team was equally successful this past weekend, as they upped their record to four wins without a loss by winning a pair of matches from the universitie de Moncton in Moncton. Saturday the Tigers won the match three games to one, by scores of 3-15, 15-6, 15-10, and 15-11. Sunday's match was a clean sweep for the Tigers as they won 15-6, 15-10, and 15-8.

Phil Perrin proved once again to be Dal's top player as he had 29 kills and seven blocking points. He also had a plus (+) 35 rating for the weekend. Jan Prsala also had twenty-nine kills and he had two blocks. His rating was + 24 for the two matches. Jamie Fraser, a Halifax native and member of the Junior National team this past summer, also had a fine showing in Moncton with 20 kills and 5 blocking points. Fraser's rating was + 23 over the two matches.

The Tigers play their only home match of 1980 this weekend with two appearances against UNB. Coach Al Scott of the Tigers feels UNB is the toughest opposition for the Tigers in the AUAA as they have two allstars back from last year. Game time Friday is 8 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m.



Kathy Andrea of the women's volleyball Tigers sends a spike over the net to UNB in last weekend's play at Dalplex. Veronika Schmidt (No. 3) and Karen Fraser (No. 7) were both key players in the Tigers two match sweep of the visitors.

Football over, but not forgotten

Editor's note: The following commentary is written by Lloyd Gaskell, President of Smith House, on behalf of the House, in response to a story appearing last week in the Gazette describing the Smith House flag football victory over Phi Delta Theta. Last week's story was written by a brother of Phi Delta, Gaskell flet it one sided.

Bronson House recently won the residence intramural flagfootball title by narrowly defeating Smith House. Although Smith had more offensive yardage, one big play by Bronson ended Smith's season in a 7-0 score.

This final game in no way compared with the Nov. 13 marathon between Smith and Phi Delta Theta. The game started at 10:30 with both teams organized and eager to play.

The Smith players started the game flat as a result of working all day. This problem lead to a 14-0 score at three quarter time. Then John Miller at the helm of the awesome tide, streaked to the end zone for his first major of the game. This inspired him to a repeat performance the next set of downs tying the score after regulation time.

In the overtime the Smith offense exploded and crucified the defensive line. Large holes were punched through the front four by guards Charlie McPherson and Joe Blondeau along with center Lloyd Gaskell. This allowed the fleet footed running back Bryce Keays to charge up field led by the ferocious blocking of captain running back Harvey McPhee.

Unfortunately, Smith's

third touchdown was equalized by a fortunate play which led the game to sudden death overtime. In the sudden death the iron curtain of Smith showed its brilliance lead by the line of Ken McGregor, Kevin Walsh and Doug Peel. Ken MacGregor, although small, hit with such power that few if any Phi Delta players were able to stay on their feet. Kevin Walsh, the suicidal linesmen, scoffed at all risk and crushed offensive players haphazardly under his feet. Doug Peel was awesome as he eluded his offensive counterparts and laughed in the face of the quarterback as he sacked him.

The corners, Harvey Mc-Phee and Bryce Keays, covered the short receivers like a blanket while the secondary consisting of John Miller, Brian McPhee and Andrew Parsons did the same to the long receivers. This eliminated all threat of a passing game by the opposition. The outside linebackers Peter Johnston and Mike Solway with their overwhelming maneuverability shut down all chances of a gain through sweeps. The middle linebackers Lloyd Gaskell and Andy Lane handed out so much punishment that the backs were afraid to run against them. In the last minutes Lloyd Gaskell blocked a punt attempt to turn over the ball deep in Phi Delta's end. This lead to a pitch out by Bryce Keays to John Miller for the game winning Major.

Thus, after three and one half hours, the Crimson Tide defeated Phi Delta 28-21. Thanks for Smith's excellent record should go to Jim Burrill.

