It's farewell to memorable players

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This coming Friday, Alumni Association Night will see the women's volleyball Tigers take on the University of New Brunswick team at 7:00 p.m. Following the game the alumni will be hosting a reception for the team. Saturday, the teams tangle again at 1 p.m. Although the Tigers will likely be able to wrap up first place, winning will not be everything since this game marks the last regular home appearance of five of our most gifted volleyball players -Karin Maessen, Veronika Schmidt, Kathy Andrea, Lorraine Cunningham and Karen Fraser. A good portion of the Tiger dynasty will be sorely missed.

"Bird" (Veronika Schmidt, ô3) will have her major in sociology, and leaves the Tigers after giving three years of her gifted skills. Schmidt, coached by Howie Jackson at Graham Creighton High, leaves her position of power hitter. While excellent on defence, she displayed a great float serve as one of her offensive skills. Memorable moments at recently her selection as co-Veronika. In high school she was tennis to volleyball. In 1976 she was a member of the Nova Scotia team, coached by Lois MacGregor, that won in England.

MacGregor, when asked to Dal, described Schmidt as a practice". MacGregor also indicated that Schmidt would be invaluable in the quest for the CIAU title in March.

Lorraine "L.C." Cunningham, another 3rd year member on the team, was coached by Beth Renouf in high school. Lorraine brought her volleyball talent to Dalhousie where she aided the Tigers in winning the AUAA championships in 1979-80. L.C. leaves with a degree in Physical Education. The setter-power hitter was an essential ingredient in the Tigers success during the last

three years. MacGregor described her as the "spark-plug" of the team and added that "whenever she plays she can't help but shift the momentum of the game in Dal's favour." Lorraine is not only a tough competitor, but assumes the role of a leader. Hopefully she will use this to capture the CIAU championships this year. It should also be mentioned that our graduate student is a rated referee with Volleyball Nova Scotia.

Kathy "Blotto" Andrea - or "Miss Piggy", if you prefer - is a Dalhousie include being the key fourth year commerce student. sub for the 1980 AUAA playoffs She came from Prince Andrew where she sparked the team to High where she was coached by victory over MUN. Her individual Gary "Blaize" MacKenzie. Kathy achievements here include most fitted right into the team as she improved player for 1979-80, the captured the rookie of the year Super Sub award in 1980-82, and award in 1977-78. The middle blocker-place setter was desplayer of the game at the Dal cribed by MacGregor as out-Classic. Success is not new to standing and an effective hitter against any type of defense. Her MVP of everything from table individual achievements include being all-star in the Atlantic Senior championships in 1981. Her Name? In Calgary, "Miss Piggy" was recorded to have single-handedly eaten a restaureflect on Veronika's career at rant out of a salad bar. Four plates of greens were followed by "wonderful player with great team four pieces of apple pie, three spirit and one who never misses a bowls of Jello fruit salad with



Veronica Schmidt

Lorraine Cunningham

Karen Fraser

Kathy Andrea

mounds of whipped cream, then all was washed down by four cartoons of milk.

Karen Fraser, one of the "Special K's", played as team cocaptain this year. As a member of the Canadian Olympic team for the last three years and on the national junior team the two years before, one would not be surprised to learn that Karen was the MVP at Halifax High School for volleyball. At Dal she played her nosition as a middle blocker-

Coach MacGregor expressed a great deal of pleasure in being able to work with all five of these talented individuals and felt honoured that she had had a chance to help the athletes along in their careers. It is MacGregor's hope that all will be able to finish the university circuit with a grand finale by winning the CIAU championships.

power hitter. Previous achievements in volleyball were as captain of the N.S. Winter Games team in 1979 and leader of the team sent to England in 1977.

Karin Maessen, the other half of the "Special K's", will play her last game for Dal this weekend. Maessen was Athlete of the Year both in Nova Scotia and at Dalhousie for 1981. The Tigers were lucky to get her "services" back for yet another year since she had not been expected to suit up this season for Dal.





