

## Tigers host tourney; coaches optimistic

by Andrew Sinclair

The second annual Dalhousie Volleyball Classic being held this weekend at Dalplex is bigger, and hopefully, even better than last year's tournament, and as Friday's opening games draw nigh, Dalhousie coaches Al Scott and Lois MacGregor are optimistic about their teams' chances in the sixteen team competition. Both the men's and women's divisions will feature preliminary round robin competition within pools of four, with the top teams from each pool meeting in the finals, and, according to the coaches, there is a good chance that there will be Dalhousie teams in both division finals.

In women's competition, the Tigers will face three teams they have recently beaten: the University of Sherbrooke, the Scarborough Titans, and the University of Guadalajara all took part in the University of Waterloo Invitational this past weekend, which the Tigers won, and MacGregor feels that her team can triumph again. "If the team plays as consistently as

they did in the tournament last week," she said, "we should make it to the finals." MacGregor noted however, that things should be tougher this time round, despite the Tiger's home court advantage. The Titans, for instance, one of Canada's top junior teams and the only team to take a game from the Tigers last weekend, will be supplemented this weekend by three players who have been attending college in the States, an addition that MacGregor feels will make them much stronger. As well, the University of Guadalajara, Mexico's fourth ranked university team, has been playing exhibition matches all week, and should be very sharp come this weekend.

In the other pool of the women's division are Rive Sud, Memorial University, College de Sherbrooke, and UNB. Rive Sud took the women's title at last year's tournament, and MacGregor feels that, although not as strong as last year, they will still be a major contender. Also in the thick of things will

be Memorial, runners-up to Dal last year in the AUA's, who will look to National team members Sue Rendall, Kathy Noseworthy and Monica Hitchcock for leadership. College de Sherbrooke, led by Junior National Team member Rachele Beveau, is another of Canada's top junior teams, and should provide tough competition, as should the UNB Reds.

In the men's division, the Tigers will face Quebec YMCA, University of Sherbrooke, and UNB, while the other pool will be comprised of Laval University, the University of Winnipeg, Sunbury Volleyball Club and York University. The main question here will be whether or not the Dal Squad is well enough to play at full capacity; five of ten Tigers have been sick this past week, and it was only on Monday that the entire team was able to practice once again. Scott feels that his team is well on the road to total recovery, however. "I really believe we can be challenging with the top teams; that is, make it to the finals", he said. Scott also felt that his team would benefit from playing before the home town crowd. "The home court advantage should prove to be interesting. Playing in front of your family and friends really is an advantage."

The teams to beat, according to Scott, will be Quebec YMCA and York, both of whom have beaten Dal in tough matches. Quebec YMCA defeated the Tigers in the Canadian Championships at Dalplex last year en route to winning a silver medal, while the fifth ranked Yeomen turned back Dal this year at the York Excalibur Classic.

The women's team will begin play at 7:00 p.m. Friday against the University of Guadalajara, while the men will first see action at 8:45 against the University of Sherbrooke.

## score bored

by Sandy Smith

In an exclusive to the *Dalhousie Gazette*, we were able to receive an advance underground copy of the play by play commentary that is to accompany NBC's telecast of this year's Super Bowl. Here now, for the first time anywhere in print, an exciting excerpt of the final moments of this Sunday's game.

*Dick Enberg:* Well Merlin, it's come down to the wire here at the magnificent Superdome.

*Merlin Olson:* It sure has Dick. You know, *there really can't be a loser in a game like this.*

*Dick:* That's for sure, Merlin. Despite the efforts of explosive Kenny King and the late game heroics of this year's comeback player of the year, Jim Plunkett, it seems that the Dick Vermiel guided Eagles will win on a Tony Franklin field goal.

*Merlin:* Well, the play that set up this field goal try is symbolic of the eagles team, wouldn't you say, Dick?

*Dick:* I sure would, Merlin. The *slashback* running of Wilbert Montgomery who *bulled his way for the crucial first down on a fine second effort* is indeed symbolic.

*Merlin:* You're quite right, Dick, but don't forget, *this game was won down there in the trenches.*

*Dick:* Right you are, Merlin. And it was that fine Eagles front line that allowed Jaworski to complete the *all important third down pass to towering Harold Carmichael* to bring the Eagles within field goal range.

*Merlin:* Yes, the Raiders *certainly have their backs to the wall here.*

*Dick:* Yes, Merlin, but these Raiders are a *tough bunch of cookies, even though they have no tomorrow.* They certainly seems to have missed their *money-back*, Mark vanEagen, who left the game because of an *unfortunate injury.*

*Merlin:* They sure have, Dick. Yet Tom Flores, coach of these *cinderella Raiders* must be *happy just to have made it this far.*

*Dick:* How true, Merlin. Why I remember when your yourself said at the start of the season that the Raiders were a *nothing team going no where.*

*Merlin:* Ha; ha. . .yeah, Dick, I remember that almost as well as I do the time when you misplaced your notes in the Patriots-Oiler game and called Tony Frisch 'powerful yet graceful' and Russ Francis 'diminutive'.

*Dick:* Ahh, yeah. . .

*Merlin:* Well said, Dick. Well folks, the officials have called time out down on the field so that we can put off the actual field goal as long as possible to keep you glued to your set while we boost our ratings and advertising rates. And now another lite beer ad from another has-been football player who wasn't as lucky as me to get a colour commentary job.

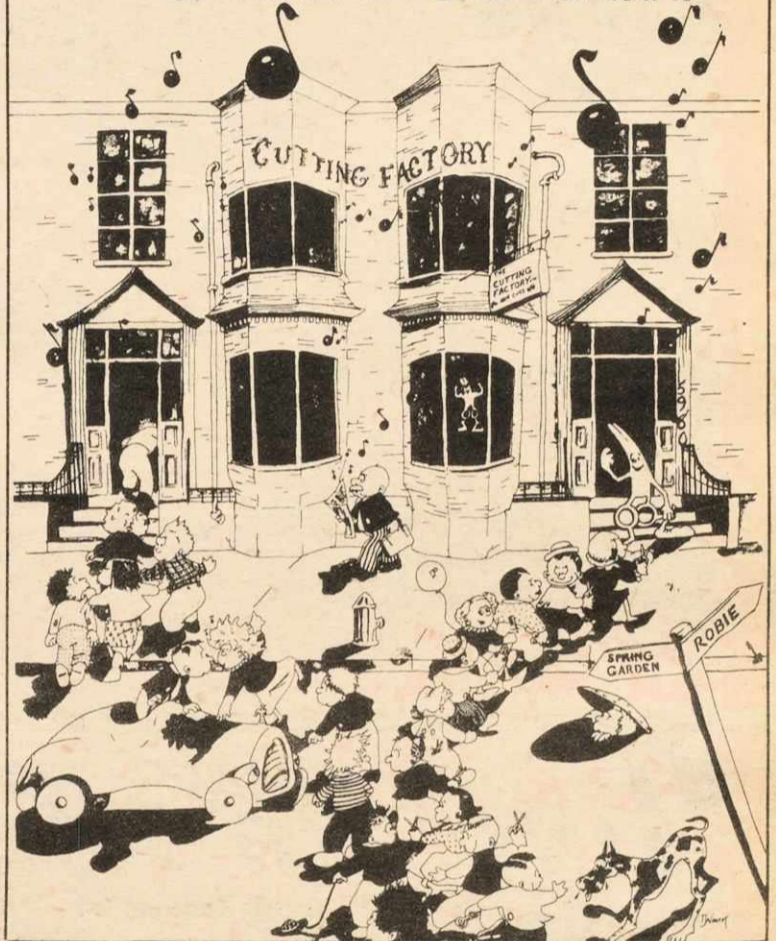
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