

## McGill women's hockey

# 'no more showers'

MONTREAL (CUP)-

The women's ice hockey team at McGill ran up a 0 to 12 record this year, but that was the least of their problems.

The 25 women who showed up for land training in October dwindled to nine by February. In fact, the Martlets actually played their last three games with a mere nine players. The problem?

"The coach," said ex-Martlet Mado Racicot, when she was asked why she quit the team. Other ex-Martlets gave the same answer.

The Martlets', past and present, grievances with coach Brian Merry, in his first year at the team's helm, ranged from the fact that he sat in their dressing room while they dressed for games, to his conduct at games and practices and his coaching abilities.

"It wasn't until after Christmas that the team realized he had a perfect view of the showers from where they were sitting. There were no more showers taken," said Sandy Meredith, former team manager.

"They don't change in front of me. They don't have all their clothes off if that's what you mean. They always have a T-shirt or warm-ups on.

"I sit right there in the far corner so I don't see anything," Merry said.

Another problem the team had was the departure of team manager Meredith, in the middle of her term.

Meredith was fired because of a personality conflict with Merry.

Meredith said Merry thought she was causing the slump in team morale and the general downfall of the team.

"He told me that it was because I was coaching behind his back," said Meredith.

Meredith was let go after a tournament in Toronto where there had been problems.

Meredith had asked Cory Logan, a former Martlet, to rejoin the squad for an exhibition tournament. Logan agreed, but asked that she not be given a lot of ice time so the other players could get a

chance to play.

After two tournament games and a lot of ice time Logan told Merry again that she believed the other players ought to get more ice time. Despite Logan's request, Merry continued to play her.

Watching from the bench Meredith saw Logan bing. Having worked with Logan for a few years, Meredith was aware of the leg problems Logan had and fearing the worst asked Merry to take her off the ice.

"I can play her the way I want. And if she drops while she's out there; she drops. I'm the coach," Merry said, according to Meredith.

Ex-Martlet Laura Drover, cited Merry's attitude was a problem. She said Merry had a great deal of experience with men's and boy's teams but little with women's teams. They often compare the Martlet's to the boys, Merry referred to goalie Isabel Marchand as a "super little girl."

Merry was asked to evaluate his performance as coach.

"Terrible. If I had hockey players I would have done a lot better. I just didn't have the talent," he said.

"I thought it was going to be a super season. There was a lot of talent," said Meredith.

Merry said he enjoyed his season with the Martlets.

"I got a lot of pleasure out of seeing the progress of individual players."

Merry was chosen as coach by assistant director of athletics, Gladys Bean in August when she discovered both women she had lined up to coach were not available.

Bean was unable to say whether Merry would be one of the candidates for the job next year.

Merry did not think the team would want him back. However, he added, "I'd like to improve myself."

Team captain Dawn Fowler was optimistic about next year. She said the nine women who survived this season would be returning to try out next year.

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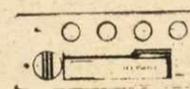
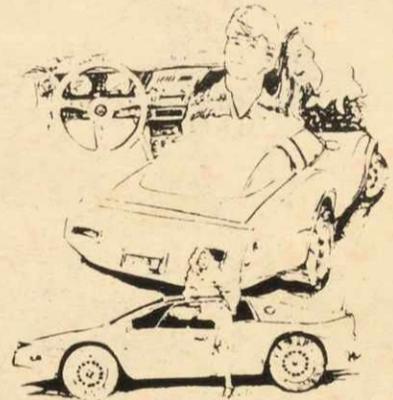
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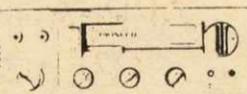
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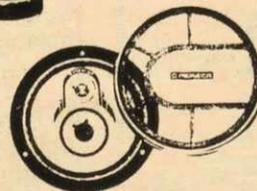
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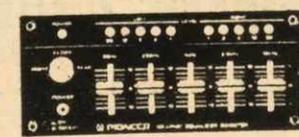


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### tracksters triumphant

**TRACK AND FIELD**—Dal won two bronze medals at this year's CIAU championships held out west somewhere. Gordon Tynes leaped 6.91 metres to claim his bronze medal in the long jump, while Marjorie Beausfield, Pam Currie, Karin Maessen and Wendy Tousaint teamed up to win the 4 x 200 metre relay third place honours.

### wrestlers winsome

**WRESTLING**—The Dalhousie Wrestling Club, not the varsity Tigers, were in Charlottetown this past weekend competing for top Atlantic honours. Grant Cowx, 180½ lbs., won the gold medal in the junior category of his weight class, and fellow junior Mark Baccardax, 149½ lbs., took the silver medal in his division. Senior Greg Wilson again proved to be tops in the Atlantic region taking the gold medal and earning a shot at the senior national team tryouts to be held this May in St. John's, Newfoundland.