

## The women are number one...

by Kent Rogers

Add another Dalhousie varsity team to the list. The Women's Volleyball Team has captured the AUAA championship downing defending champs Memorial Beothuks 3 games to 2 at Dalplex last weekend.

The semi-final matches of the AUAA Women's Volleyball Championship seemed an almost foregone conclusion as the teams took the floor at Dalplex last Friday night. The evening offered no surprises as the host Tigers steamrolled over UNB in straight games, 15-3, 15-5, 15-12, while Memorial, sputtering and stalling in game one, were able to put their machine in high gear and beat U de Moncton three games to one.

The mood was set for the final scheduled for Saturday evening. Previous meetings of the clubs had been classics, so the fans were in for a treat.

Memorial, seeking to defend their title, capitalized quickly on carry over momentum from their semi-final win to win game one, 15-10.

Realizing the necessity of a win in game two, the Tigers needed little encouragement from anyone as they rebounded to tie the match with a 15-6 win.

The third game proved to be a real cliffhanger as Memorial led late in the game 14-12. With match point a possibility and no time-outs left, Dal coach Lois MacGregor went to the bench and inserted Veronika Schmidt. With all of the eyes of Dalplex's largest crowd focused upon her, Schmidt set for Karin Maessen who hit a smash good



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**AUAA CHAMPS:** Front Row; Lorraine Cunningham, Cindy Moore, Pam Doig, Sandra Foley, Wendy Keeping, Veronika Schmidt, Back Row; Steve Laird, Lois MacGregor, Karin Maessen, Colleen Doyle, Karen Fraser, Kathy Andrea, Sue Cox, Beth Fraser, Kent Rogers, and Norma Hogg.

enough to return the serve to the Black and Gold of Dalhousie.

Susan Cox then served three straight points before MUN coach Bill Thistle called his final time-out. The time-out proved to be in vain as the Tigers won 16-14.

Kathy Noseworthy's strong serving ability was the driving force in a 15-8 Memorial win. She served for thirteen of the

team's points in the game that tied the match at two games.

Dal was able to take control early in game five and they maintained their lead throughout, winning both game and match by a 15-10 margin. After the match an ecstatic Lois MacGregor called the match "a tremendous team effort. The entire squad did what was expected of them. The bench was fabulous as

Cindy Moore, Veronika Schmidt, and Wendy Keeping really came through. What can I say, the team did it."

The All-Star team announced at the conclusion of the championship match included Susan Woods of UNB, Jo-anne Beudain-Defeur of U de M, Sue Rendell and Kathy Noseworthy of Memorial, along with Karin Maessen and Karen Fraser of the Tigers.

Maessen was also selected the MVP of the championship tournament. In addition, Dal mentor Lois MacGregor was selected Coach of the Year.

After a day's rest Sunday, the women were hard at work Monday preparing for the CIAU finals this weekend in Saskatoon.

The Tigers have, at last, shattered their bridesmaid image to become the class of the league.

## And the men are too!

by Sandy Smith

The Dalhousie Men's Volleyball team surprised everyone, with the possible exception of themselves, this past weekend by taking the AUAA Championship in Moncton. Sparking the unexpected success was the equally unforeseen play of Bernie Derible. In Saturday's win Coach Al Scott said that "Derible played his best match ever", scoring 17 kills and 7 blocking points. Scott noted that all of his blocking points came against UNB's top spiker, making the totals all the more impressive. Saturday's 12-15, 15-11, 15-9, 15-9, 15-12 win moved Dal into Sunday's final where the AUAA Coach of the Year and his squad pulled off what can only be called a major upset.

The Universite de Moncton had not lost a match all season, entering the playoffs with a 14-0 record. The Tigers, 11-3, had lost twice to the Blue Eagles, the last time at Dalplex, February 16. The win was a convincing one for Moncton and Coach Scott explained after the match that he could not seem to find six players to do the job in executing the game plan.

However, the superlatives were flowing after Sunday's 15-7, 16-14, 14-16, 10-15, 15-5 win as Scott said, "I didn't just stick with the same six players. I was able to substitute freely and never before has every player on the team played with such intensity. They all made strong contributions."

Scott elaborated saying the established game plan was designed to exploit the weaknesses in the Moncton blocking and spiking systems. He referred to "the phenomenal amount of blocking points" by the team as evidence that, on the weekend, the plan just clicked."

Along with Scott being named Coach of the Year, Jan Prsala and Phil Perrin were named League All-Stars and Prsala was named MVP of the championship tournament. Perrin's statistics on Sunday were most impressive as he accumulated 21 kills and 13 blocking points. Prsala had 14 kills and 5 blocking points, Jean Comeau had 12 kills and 10 blocking points, and again, Derible was impressive with 10 kills and 6 blocking points.

The team is off to Saskatoon



Coach of the Year Al Scott of Dalhousie

this weekend for the CIAU finals.

All but one of the Tigers will be getting their first taste of CIAU championship play; Jean Comeau has before when he was with the St. F.X.

X-men.

Coach Scott said "a third place finish would be very respectable." The Tigers are ranked fifth among the six teams vying for the national title.

### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK FEBRUARY 25 to MARCH 2

In keeping with tradition started with our first AUAA title of the year last fall, this week's athletes of the week are teams that have taken AUAA Championships. Both have left for the CIAU Championships in Saskatoon.

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM**—last weekend at Dalplex, coach Lois MacGregor and her charges completed a marvelous AUAA season with a thrilling five game win over Memorial in the AUAA championship final. Karen Fraser and Karin Maessen were selected to the AUAA All-Star team and Maessen was chosen MVP of the tournament. MacGregor received Coach of the Year honors.

**MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM**—in his first year as head coach of the Tigers, Al Scott led the Tigers to the AUAA championship after a second place finish in the regular schedule. Sunday's win over Moncton was doubly satisfying because two of the season's three losses were to the Blue Eagles. Jan Prsala Jr. and Phil Perrin were chosen league all-stars while Prsala took tournament MVP honors. Scott was selected Coach of the Year.