

# Tigers impress in Volleyball Tournament

A third place finish was the verdict for the men's Tiger Volleyball Team's trip to the Universite de Sherbrooke's Invitational Tournament.

In their opening match the Tigers were matched against the Sherbrooke team. The Dalhousie team encountered some problems with service reception (probably because of trying to acclimatize to the vastness of the Sherbrooke fieldhouse) and succumbed to the hosts 15-7, 15-10, 15-9. Sherbrooke placed fourth in last year's CIAU final and are fielding another strong team. The Tigers may get a chance to revenge the loss at the Dal Classic.

Montreal International, last year's bronze medallist at the National Senior Championships, provided the next test for the Tigers. Fielding three players with national team experience, this Montreal team boasts an impressive lineup. Montreal

International were tested thoroughly before escaping with an indecisive win: 15-11, 17-15, 15-13. Jamie Fraser had an outstanding match with 23 kills.

The final match of the round robin was against Laval University. The tournament committee decided to also make this the bronze medal match, as these two teams would have had to play an identical match following the round robin. In this match the Tigers turned "being close" into victory with a 15-11, 15-10, 10-15, 15-11 victory.

**Farley MacLeod**, a 22 year old team rookie, finally broke into the starting lineup and had an impressive tournament with 12 kills and 11 stuff blocks. **Phil Perrin** and **Jamie Fraser** were the usual statistical leaders. Perrin had 38 kills, 12 stuffs, 63% on service reception and a team high of 10 digs. Fraser had 51 kills, 11 blocks, and an improved service reception sta-

tistic of 56%. **Bernie Derible** had 26 kills, 6 blocks and 6 digs. **Leander Turner** was the team leader on service reception with 78%. **Rod Walsh**, a 6'4" sopho-

more, ran a one setter system and contributed 12 blocks.

Montreal International won the final (3 games to 1) over the Universite de Sherbrooke.

This Friday and Saturday the Tigers complete their pre-Christmas schedule when they engage the Blue Eagles from Universite de Moncton.

## Goalie disagrees with being cut

by Cathy McDonald

The hockey season is well underway, and Dal is having its ups and downs. But one hockey player is not enjoying the season. In fact, he thinks he has wrongfully been left behind.

Ken Book, a goalie on last year's team whose 'stellar performances' were felt by some to have "led the Tigers back from an abysmal first half to the exciting final series in Moncton", discovered he would not be playing for Dal after the fall training camp.

Book felt the move by Coach Esdale was "unjustified". To his record, Book had the second lowest goals-against average in the AUAA league last year, with 3.48 goals against per game and the Tigers achieving 14 wins and 5 losses with Book between the pipes.

Esdale, however, said that although the decision was a hard one to make, the bottom line was that Book wasn't good enough. Rather than have three goaltenders, as was the case last year, Esdale felt it was only fair to have two goalies to give each other enough playing time, and the coaching staff chose Ken Bickerton and rookie Glen Ernst. Bickerton played four years for Dal and was Athlete of the Year two years ago, the year the Tigers went to the nationals. He was not at Dal last year. Bickerton's leadership and Ernst's potential of five years on the team was the best combination, according to Esdale.

Esdale said the goal tending was a "weak area" last year.

Book was not satisfied with the reasons Esdale gave him for cutting him from the team. It was three weeks into the training camp when Book was told he would have to play "35 per cent better".

"I thought I was playing well," said Book. "The coach's attitude in the camp was negative from the outset, I think the decision was made before camp even started."

"I felt I was playing well enough to be number one. Certainly not number three," said Book. "I feel cheated."

## Dal cruises past Acadia

by Llewellyn Butterfield II

Last week Tuesday at the Dalplex the men's basketball team won their second game of the season by defeating the Acadia Axemen 92-84. The old saying, "you play according to the level of the opposition", held true in this game. The first half was a woefully inept display of basketball by both sides. For the second straight game Dal got into early foul trouble. This was ironic in view of the fact that Dal had a much bigger team than Acadia. Nevertheless, the Tigers took a 40-25 lead. The Axemen did not lie down and let the Tigers have the game however, they rallied to within 11 points by the halftime buzzer.

The second half started with some good end-to-end basketball. Art Scream and Andy Erickson shot well from the perimeter, while Stan 'the man' Whetstone and Tim Crowell dominated the inside. After five minutes Acadia lost their centre Phil Coldwell, and with him went any hopes they had of controlling the boards. Dal built up a twenty-one point lead, but were unable to hold it. With five minutes left the game was in the bag and Coach Ryan sent in the reserves. This game marked the first time the Tigers have beaten the Axemen in 12 years. Stan Whetstone was high man for the Tigers with 23 points.

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