Strike is over, the conflict continues

by Andrew Abraham

he National Football League's replacement season has come and gone. Household names such as Guido Murphy, Eric Lovelady, and Kevin Sweeney will no longer grace our television sets on Sunday afternoons. The Zendehas brothers will no longer be missing field goals for half of the teams in the league. The muchanticipated Superbowl between

the Dallas "Rhinestone" Cowboys and the Houston "Spoilers" will never come to be - Thank God!

Yes, the NFL players' strike is finally over and so we can finally get back to watching regular football for the rest of the season. The strike, however, is far from forgotten. The NFL is now a league of conflict. The players are in conflict with and among themselves, as well as with their

owners. Most teams had a handful of players who crossed the picket lines during the strike. The returning players who lost a good part of their salary while the strike endured will be in constant conflict with these 'scab' players. The immediate future of the league will see a number of fights between players of the team. You might even see these disputes carried over to game day. An offensive lineman who

stayed out on strike may choose not to block for his quarterback who crossed the picket line. Hopefully the players will be mature enough and not stoop to such a level. If they do, things could start getting ugly.

The owners of the NFL teams seem to have won this year's strike dispute quite convincingly. The players, however, feel that it is not yet over. The players' union has filed an anti-trust suit against the owners. This means that the future of the NFL could possibly be decided in a courtroom. Whatever comes out of this is irrelevant when deciding how successful the strike was. The players made a big mistake by going on strike and most of them now realize this. Union solidarity did not really exist. The main strike issue free agency - was not something the owners would ever have given in to. Many players simply did not care about this issue anyway. It is too bad that it took so long for union chief Gene Upshaw to see this.

Will anything good come out of this? This year's NFL strike will hopefully make players in the future think twice about walking out. This applies to all of professional sports. The owners now have an option to go on with games during a strike and by calling in replacement players. In sports such as baseball and hockey, this could be done much more easily than it was in football because these sports have minor league players that could be called in. Replacement football was certainly not a success as far as the fans are concerned; however, for the owners it was a booming victory.

Swim tigers look good!

by R.P. Scoop

982 was the first and only time in Dal swimming history that both teams won AUAAs. 1988 may well be the second time.

In recent years, the men have been unable to win, while the women totalled six consecutive titles. In 1987, however, the roles were reversed. The men's team finally won for the first time in five years, and at the same time, the women finished second. This year, both teams are strong and have made additions that are cause for excitement. In a discussion with this season's captains they explained why the prospects are so good.

First, this year the teams are fast and will compete with full rosters. In 1987 the women swam shorthanded at the championship. As well, in addition to the powerful and experienced

returning athletes there are a lot of talented rookies that have come into the program. Men's team captain Michael Naylor says the Tigers have a lot of potential and depth. He also points out that there are no 'superstars" who stand out above the rest, as there have been in years past.

There have also been a couple of valuable additions to the coaching staff. Nigel Kemp, head coach for sixteen years, and Jerry Blank, longtime assistant, are joined this year by Rich Cameron and David Fry, both on a part-time basis. The extra coaches make it possible for the number of practices per week to increase from eight to ten. They also offer more one-on-one attention to swimmers, which is essential for stroke technique improvement.

Furthermore, the program

itself has been modified and improved. Not only will the teams spend more time in the pool, but they are also logging hours in the weight room, on Nautilus and other land training that is specific to swimming.

These changes and additions combined with the all-around positive attitude can only help the swim teams reach their goals. The men want to successfully defend their championships and the women, as captain Sarah Kennedy puts it, want "to get the women's team trophy

The Tigers' first step toward their goal is Friday, October 23, when they host UNB and Memorial. Memorial will be the stronger visiting team for the women. For the men, UNB will be the main competition, quite possibly right through until the AUAAs in Fredericton in March.

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Swimming U.N.B. & Memorial at Dal Oct. 23 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24

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