

Volleyball reviews 96/97 season

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The Dal women's volleyball team wrapped up their season a few weeks ago with a second place finish at the AUAs. They were defeated in three straight sets in the championship match by the juggernaut Saint Mary's Huskies who finished undefeated on the season.

The Tigers were last year's AUA champs, but with the graduation of two top players, Christine Frail and Kim Hilchey, it was widely suspected that they wouldn't repeat or even medal at this year's championship. Head coach Leslie Irie says this had little or no effect on the team, who knew what their capabilities were from the very beginning.

"We had to face a wall of adversity in the process, and not only did we survive," she says, "we earned the right to become champions." Unfortunately in the finals we fell to a determined group from SMU."

The Tigers were riddled with injuries this season, from back problems to sprained thumbs. Three weeks before the championships, two starting players were missing from the court, but the

team barely missed a beat.

"I don't think it threw us off our game," says leftside hitter Alicia MacFarlane. "There were people who could come off the bench and deliver."

And deliver they did. Leftside hitter Angela Barrett and defensive specialist Karen Martin had plenty of opportunities to help the team out. Rookies Robin Comeau and Colleen Lowing showed that the future is bright for the Tigers.

"I look forward to seeing a good team next year," says all-star Jenn Parkes.

Parkes is the only Tiger who is graduating this year, but the team will also be losing leftside hitter Kia Johanssen when she returns to Sweden at the end of the year.

"We had an up and down year," says Parkes, "but everybody still worked hard. I think in the end we all have to be happy with what we gave."



Women's Volleyball AUAA All-Stars

- First Team

- Ginette Gagnon (UDM)
- Krista Hynes (SFX)
- Lynne LeBlanc (UDM)
- Cara MacKenzie (DAL)
- Chantal Martin (UNB)
- Jennifer Parkes (DAL)

- Second Team

- Shelley Constantin (SFX)
- Carla George (SFX)
- Nicole Melanson (UDM)
- Nadine Sinclair (SMU)
- Cindy Walsh (MUN)
- Amanda Williams (ACA)

Rookie of the Year

Carla George (SFX)

Coach of the Year

Lori Welsh-Hawley (SMU)

Most Valuable Player

Dana Olsen (SMU)



Cara MacKenzie



Jennifer Parkes

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