Sports Tigers take Silver Katalan leads Montreal sweep

by Sandy Smith

Greying Jean Katalan, a former member of the Morrocan and Canadian National /olleyball teams, playercoach of the Hochelaga Men's Volleyball Club and coach of the Rive Sud Women's Club, MVP of the Dalhousie Invitational Volleyball Classic, and generally volleyball's answer to Gordie Howe, led his forces to a sweep of the Gold Medals at the first annual Dalhousie Volleyball Classic this past weekend at Dalplex.

Both Dalhousie Varsity teams finished in second place, behind the visitors from Montreal, in the eleven team tournament. The women's Tigers finished the round robin action with a perfect 6-0 record, earning a spot in the first against second place Rive Sud who lost only to Dal.

Rive Sud won the gold medal by virtue of their 15-13, 15-8, 15-12 victory over the Dal squad. Coach Lois MacGregor said, although she is "tired of winning silver medals" and thought that the women "could have been much tougher in the final", she was pleased with the play of the team in the round robin competition. Coach Katalan of Rive Sud was impressed by the Tigers' play in the round robin but noted he was surprised that "Dalhousie was not as daring with their plays in the final.

In the Men's Division the experience and poise of Katalan and his Hochelaga teammates helped them greatly in their 15-10, 15-10, 15-10 win over the Tigers in the final. Al Scott, coach of the Tigers, said, with the game put in its proper perspective (a far more experienced team ranked second in Canada against a young University team), he was "not at all disappointed" in the team's showing. He went on to say, "The guys showed good improvement in the areas worked on over the past week, and if the improvement continues, then we'll be tough in the playoffs."

Coach Dave Fraser of the Dal Ceilidh Club cited solid defence as being instrumental in helping the team put together its best match of the year, taking the bronze medal in a 15-12, 15-7 win over the Sunbury Club of Oromocto, N.B. The Dal Women's Club did not, however, fare as well. They failed to win a match and will be remembered to those fans present as the team that was ahead 14-1 . . . and lost!



Fraser smashing in final

In the women's bronze medal game, all-star Sue Rogers led the Scarborough Solars to a 15-7, 15-11 win over the University of Waterloo. Other players named to the all-star team were Ginette Delorme and Lucie Belanger of Rive Sud, Monica Hitchcock of the Saint John Tri-dents, and Karen Fraser and Karen Maessen of the Tigers. Meryse Lachapelle was the women's MVP. Roy vanDrecht of Sunbury, Wayne Brothers of Ceilidh, Claude Halle and Andre Charron of Hochelaga, and Dalhousie's Phil Perrin and Jan Prsala were named men's all-stars.

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Part of the objective of the tourney was to expose volleyball to the public as a spectator sport. Tournament Director Al Scott said that "a good base was established this year, and with word spreading . . . next year should be better. It takes a while to make a name for yourself and we hope to next year improve the competition. Perhaps bring in teams from the States, maybe Europe."

Al Scott certainly won't do anything to hurt volleyball in this area should he be able to improve on the fine display of volleyball put on over this past weekend.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (January 20-27)

PHIL PERRIN (Volleyball)

Team Captain Phil Perrin led the Tigers to the Silver Medal in last weekend's Dalhousie Invitational Volleyball Classic, which featured the most exciting volleyball matches ever seen in this area. A 1st year Arts student from Truro, N.S., Phil was a member of the N.S. 1979 Winter Games Team. This past weekend he recorded 82 kills and 23 blocking points and was rewarded for his outstanding play by being named to the Tournament All Star Team.

CAROL ROSENTHALL (Basketball)

Veteran forward Carol Rosenthall was a key to the Tigers maintaining their unbeaten record in league play (9-0) as they won games over St. F.X. and S.M.U. In the S.M.U. game, in addition to scoring 10 points, she assisted on many scoring plays, while at St. F.X. she scored 21 points and led the shorthanded Tigers on defense. Carol is a 4th year Phys. Ed. major who played her high school basketball at Dartmouth High School.

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