

Montreal wins in mens Classic final

by John Killeen

The men's finals of the fourteenth Annual Lawton's Volleyball Classic featured two of the most highly talented teams in the nation. The Manitoba Bisons ranked third in the nation and the #9 l'Université de Montréal played exciting volleyball.

In game one of the finals, Montreal darted out to a 7-0 lead and went on to win 15-3. This appeared to catch the Bisons off guard due to consistent and effective passing and serving.

Not to go down without a fight the Bisons rebounded by winning the next two games with relative ease 15-6 and 15-11. In the fourth game it appeared as though Manitoba had finally figured out Montreal who had conquered the Bisons in round robin play earlier in the weekend. Spiking their way to a commanding 14-10 lead, they were one point away from the championship title. However, Montreal courageously fought back and amazingly won the game 17-16.

The stage was set for a thrilling fifth and deciding game which featured the exciting and quick rally-point scoring system. Herein a point may be scored by either team on every ball that is served regardless of

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who is serving. Normally only when the serving team wins the rally is a point recorded and when they lose it is called side-out resulting in a change of serve. Montreal played virtually error-free volleyball in the final game continually siding out the Bisons en

route to a 15-10 victory, and the championship crown.

The final showcased some great talent on both sides of the court. Montreal's Simon Berleur and Gervais Perrau were named to the tournament's all star team joining Manitoba's Scott Koskie and tournament MVP Ken Krahn. Other all-stars includes Eric and Paul Villeneuve from Dalhousie, and Shawn Smith from Waterloo.

In the men's bronze medal game the #10 ranked Dalhousie Tigers defeated the always tough Waterloo Warriors by scores of 16-14, 15-13, and 15-10. Finishing out the tournament round up the Queens Golden Gaels defeated the Nova Scotia All-Stars 15-8, 15-7, 7-15, and 16-14 for fifth spot. The N. S. All-Stars featured such former Dal stars as Scott Bagnell, Brian Rourke, and Travis Murphy, while being complimented by present members of the N.S. Canada Games team. In the battle for seventh spot the York Yeomen defeated the UNB Rebels 15-6, 15-5, and 15-6.



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The men's Tigers spiked their way to a bronze medal

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Dal women finish fifth

by Graham F. Shaw

The top ranked Winnipeg Wesman strengthened their stranglehold on the top spot in the nation by defeating the Manitoba Bisons in the women's final of the Lawton's Volleyball Classic held over the weekend at Dalplex. The two teams showed that they are in a league of their own by putting on a display of talent which dazzled the many who turned out to watch. The grueling final went the distance with Winnipeg coming out on top 15-11, 12-15, 16-17, 15-8, 15-5.

The tenth ranked Dalhousie Tigers lost their first match to the eighth ranked Sherbrooke Vert et Or 9-15, 15-17, 10-15. Tara MacIntyre, who most likely will be leaving after this year to join the national team, had 24 kills and 2 blocks in the losing effort, while Christine Frail had five blocks and one service ace.

In the Dal women's second match

they lost to the eventual tournament champions, Winnipeg 10-15, 6-15, 11-15.

The Tigers earned their first win in a decisive victory over the Ottawa Gee Gees, taking the match in three straight games. The win earned Dal the right to play on Sunday for the

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fifth spot in the tournament against the ninth ranked Laval Rouge et Or.

On Sunday Dal defeated Laval, the defending classic champions, three games to one to take fifth place.

Other court action on Sunday saw The York Yeowomen defeat the Université de Sherbrooke for third place, while Ottawa downed the Moncton Blue Angels for seventh overall.

Ex national team member Diane Scott from Winnipeg captured the tournament MVP with crushing kills and amazing digs all weekend long. Other all-stars included Janise Kelly and Lisa Kachkowsky from Winnipeg, and Michelle and Lorriann Sawatsky also from Winnipeg.

Winnipeg's win over Manitoba evened their season long rivalry at four games a piece. They will meet again this Thursday in a rematch of the tournament final. Manitoba has won the CIAU championship the past three years in a row.

The Tigers play their next matches on the road this coming weekend against UPEI, before their homecoming in Feb. 3 when they will host Acadia in the Dalplex at 7 pm.



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