

Winter Sports Scene Ending

by Joel Fournier

As this story is being written two Dalhousie varsity teams are competing for top national honours. In Acadia Ken Bellemare's exciting girls volleyball team will be facing the best in the nation, while at Montreal Ken's better half, Anthea, has her well drilled basketball squad attempting to win the coveted national title in that sport. Both of these teams are repeat winners of the A.W.I.A.A. titles and are fast becoming highly respected in national circles.

In the first game of the basketball play-offs Dal goes against Bishop's, a team they have beaten previously this year. Should they win this one, they then advance to play U.B.C., a team that sports six members on the Canadian National Women's Squad.

Meanwhile, the star-studded Dal Alpine Ski Team will be endeavouring to continue their winning ways at Cape Smokey, where they will be competing in the A.I.A.A. Championships. Bill Honeywell and company will no doubt give a great account of themselves in this competition. Recently at Wentworth and Kappoc the Dal team, with Ralph Petley-Jones in the spotlight, has been winning more than a fair share of the honours.

At Wentworth, the cross country ski team will also be in action. Late word from Harry Collins, one of Dal's top skiers, is that the team has an excellent chance in this one. Cross country skiing is undergoing a tremendous growth in Canada, and all over the world for that matter, so it's really great to see the Studley boys doing so well.

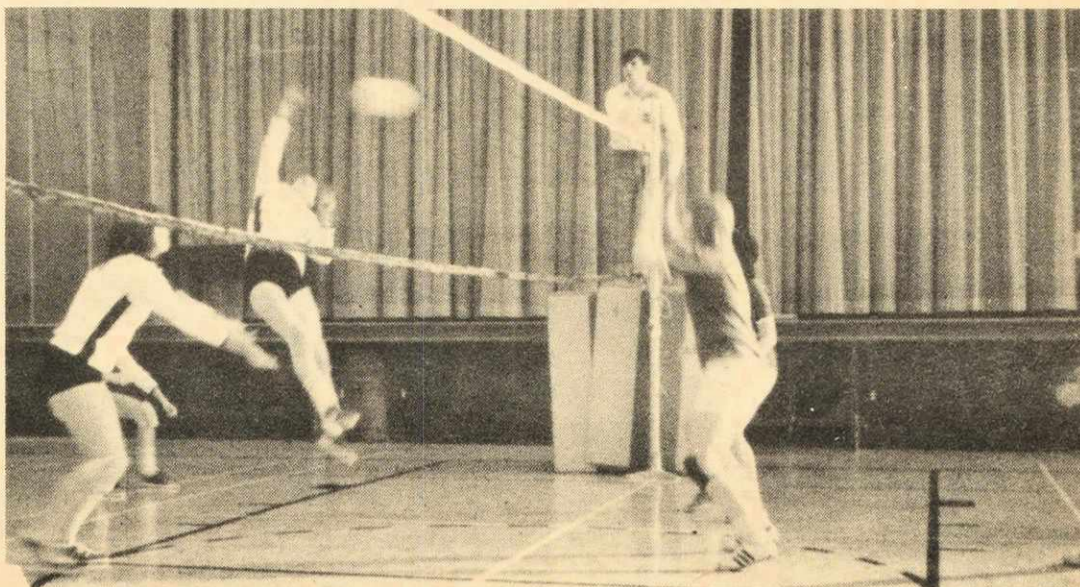
The men's basketball team finished their year by winning

the consolation prize in the playoff tournament held recently at Acadia. The week before, they had defeated St. Mary's to end the season with a .500 record. Probably the highlight of the year for the coach and the team was Albert Slaunwhite's selection to the all-star five. No surprise, of course, to those that have seen Albert in action.

Men's volleyball was given a jolt when that squad lost the Atlantic Championship in the final set, after going through the round-robins undefeated. Quite a blow to the coach, the team and their faithful supporters, who expected the outcome to be much different. A tough time to lose one, especially when you haven't lost all year. The material is definitely there though, so look for great things in the future.

The hockey team ended the season on a successful note by defeating St. F.X., but this wasn't enough to make the season a winning one. Coach Page had a tremendous rebuilding job to do, and many feel that he is heading in the right direction. Greg McCullough and Randy Sears had great seasons along with Sean Boyd and Eric Cameron, but this wasn't enough to overcome the lack of experience and depth that the team suffered from.

Last, but certainly by no means least, the Dal swimming and diving teams have had a most successful season, winning five of seven invitational meets and finishing second in the championships. Many local and national marks were shattered by these talented performers throughout the year. Seven members of the team, along with the coach, were selected to compete for the



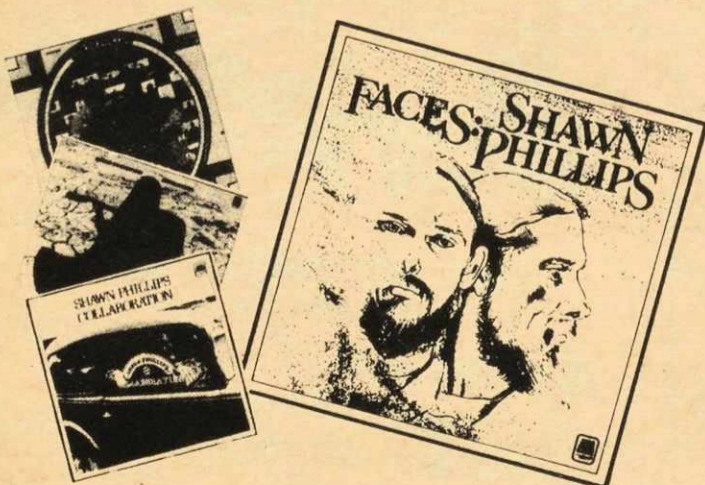
Dal Women's Volleyball team in action.

Atlantic region in the C.I.A.U. and C.W.I.A.U. finals being held at Calgary during the week. All in all the winter sports

scene can be viewed in a bright light with most teams finishing at or near the top in their respective divisions. Congratu-

lations go out to all the coaches and players who work so hard to make these successes possible.

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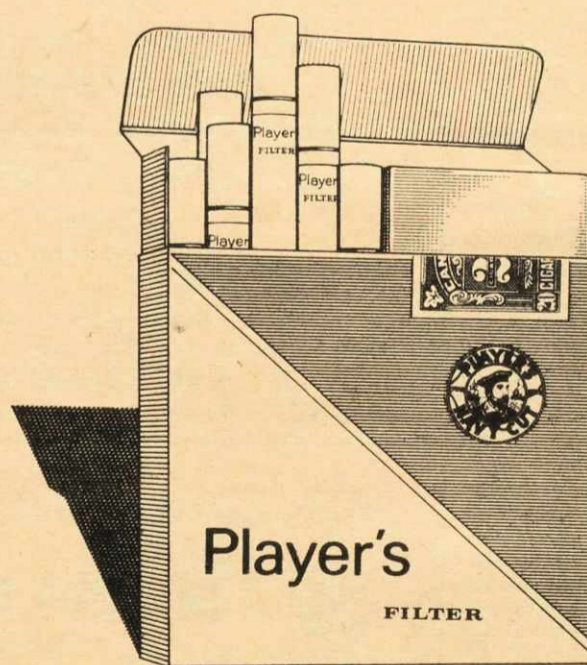
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