

## SPORTS

# Cross country team has depth and guts

BY SATISH PUNNA

Winning a cross country running race takes guts. The Dalhousie Tigers cross country team showed

an ample supply as they dominated other AUAA universities at a meet in Moncton this past weekend. Both the men's and women's teams were very convincing in their

victories, leaving a stunned UNB squad way behind in each case.

For the women, winning is beginning to become second nature, as they hope to add to their string

of five consecutive AUAA championships.

Led by rookie Shari Boyle, Dal runners came in first, second, and third, and as if that wasn't enough, capped off this weekend's victory by placing no less than 5 runners in the top ten.

Dal veteran Anne Marie Farnell, last year's AUAA champ and a second team All-Canadian, finished a close second to Boyle despite a lingering injury. Dorianne Mullin in third and rookie Rayleen Hill in fifth rounded out the top five. In overall aggregate point scores, the women received a low 17 for their efforts, with UNB a distant 46.

The men, who split last year's meets with UNB and finished the 90-91 season with a second place AUAA standing, came out with a vengeance this weekend. They placed six runners in the top 10, for an aggregate score of 20 - the lowest in AUAA history. The closest last year's AUAA champs UNB could come was 39. Tigers' vet-

eran Brent Workman came up with the men's strongest individual performance with what he called "... his best race ever for cross country..." , finishing second behind a national team member from Université de Moncton. David Ruggles in fourth, and Chris Halfyard in fifth rounded out the top five.

Head coach Al Yarr was impressed with the "good team performance" this weekend and thought it was an example of the depth of athletes that this year's men's and women's teams possess.

The wins this weekend, combined with success at the season's first meet in Fredericton, give the Tigers a two for two record in AUAA competition. The team is now training hard for the next meet in St. F. X., and is counting on the winning style displayed so far to carry the tradition of victory all the way to the AUAA's at the end of the month, and perhaps beyond to the CIAU championships in Victoria in November.



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## Dal Rugby loses three of four

BY JIM GORDON

The final week of the regular season produced mixed results for the Dalhousie Rugby Club. The first team split its weekend matches, while the second team suffered two defeats. The weekend started early Saturday morning with a trip to Mount Allison to face the Mounties.

As the convoy left Dalplex, expectations for a victory were high. Not wanting the trip to be without excitement, Ashley Redmond allowed his car to blowup just outside Brookfield. But in true team spirit the rest of the convoy came to his rescue and the trip continued. Arriving at Mount Allison slightly battered and bruised the "boys" were anxious to get to the field.

The first team game was a very tense affair. The winner of the game would finish first and maintain homefield advantage throughout the playoffs. Unfortunately for Dalhousie, they came out on the short end of a 12-11 score.

At the half, the score was tied 3-3. Shortly into the second half, Mount Allison took a 6-3 lead on a penalty kick. Both teams played at a torrid pace. The scrums for both sides continually made head-long charges at each other. Thunderous tackles by backs and forwards alike dominated the game. With much of the play in midfield, it was only a matter of time before one team would score big.

Dalhousie took advantage of a good play by Rich "Salami" Becher to take the lead at 7-6. To score, "Salami" literally ran over a Mount Allison player much to the dismay of the loyal hometown fans. Dalhousie built on its lead with a fine play by Rich "The Incredible Bulk"

Hepner. With a lineout right on the Mount Allison goal line, the "Incredible Bulk" snagged the ball and fell over the line to score. The ground may have shaken but Dalhousie was in the lead 11-6. To Mount Allison's credit they stormed right back and scored a converted try to take the lead 12-11. Although disappointed with the result, the first team vows to make amends in the playoffs.

The second team exhibition match also resulted in a win for Mount Allison. Despite some fine plays by John "no name" McCrimmon, Pat Casey and the "wee one" Doug Potwin, Dalhousie lost the match 18-6.

Sunday saw Dalhousie's first team take on the always surprising and well-coached St. F.X. X-Men at Studley Field. Despite Saturday's tough loss, Dalhousie played a very strong game. The final score was 42-10 for the hometown. The "Maddogs", Bill Stoner and Graham Cameron, continued their excellent play. They stuffed many X-Men into the ground with superb tackles and, at times, all eight members of the Dalhousie scrum stormed from the field as one unit, and rolled over the opposition.

Conrad "the Kiwi Clipper" Pilditch led the scrum scoring eight points, and on his second score Pilditch dove over the line in his best imitation of Greg Louganis. However, the sideline judges only awarded him a 2.0.

The Dalhousie backfield also had a very good day. The backs continually pressured the X-Men, preventing them from gaining any advantage. At the same time the backs made some great runs resulting in well deserved scores. The score would have been much higher had Steve "No Hands" Mansfield

not exchanged his hands for bricks before the game. A special mention goes out to Pat Casey who played for both the Dalhousie first and second teams on Sunday.

The second team continued their series of exhibition matches against a much older, more experienced Halifax Old Boys. Despite a fine performance by John McCrimmon, David Litz, Iain "Not So" Smart, Dalhousie was defeated 20-14.

The Dalhousie Rugby Club finished the regular season with a 5-1 record, good for second place. The Club now prepares for the playoffs on October 19 and 20. The semifinal match, to be played at Studley Field on the 19th, will pit Dalhousie against Acadia.

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## DALHOUSIE ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### WOMEN



### MEN

Belinda Campbell - Soccer  
Angie MacLeod - Soccer  
Shari Boyle  
- Cross Country  
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- Cross Country

Sept. 8 - 15  
Sept. 16 - 22  
Sept. 23 - 29

Sept. 30 - Oct. 6

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Tim Hall - Soccer  
Brent Workman  
- Cross Country  
Rob Sawler - Soccer

### Varsity Action this week...

HOCKEY - SMU @ DAL  
Friday, Oct. 11th 5:30pm (Exhib.)

MEN'S SOCCER - SFX @ DAL  
Wednesday, Oct. 16th 4:00pm

Full-Time Dal Students Admitted free with valid I.D.

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