

Tigers off to a roaring start



by Brian Lennox

Last season the Dalhousie Tigers men's soccer team barely missed the playoffs in the last weekend of the season. This year coach Ray McNeil would like his team to end the playoff drought. On Sunday the Tigers took the first step with a 6-0 win over the University College of Cape

Breton.

Cape Breton simply did not belong on the same field with the Tigers. The previous night Cape Breton had been soundly beaten 8-0 by Saint Mary's.

The Tigers enter the 1989 season with many new players following the graduation of Miles Page and the Souchereux brothers. For the first time in McNeil's

tenure as coach the Tigers started three rookies. Some of these rookies came through with big contributions. Oscar de la Fuente scored three goals and Chris Davis scored twice. De la Fuente is from Ottawa and Davis is a graduate of Sir John A. MacDonald high school.

This year's team is very young and coach McNeil is unsure as to

who will emerge as the team leader. Fourth year player, Keith McAlary will be one of the players McNeil will be counting on to supply leadership. Actually McNeil is hopeful the leadership role will come from more than just one player.

The Tigers play most of their away games in September. Their only home game the rest of this month is on September 20 when they host the St. Francis Xavier X-Men. The Tigers will be looking for more fan support this year.

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The seamy side of sport

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In the last two decades it has become quite apparent that NCA division one basketball and football are out of control. These two sports are now big business, they often support the whole athletic budget. What has developed with the corruption of college sports is the corruption of collegiate athletics in America.

Personal Fouls, Peter Golenbock's stunning book on North Carolina State's basketball program, reveals a program rife with corruption and deceit. N.C. State's basketball coach, Jim Valvano is the chief villain in Golenbock's book. The list of violations is nearly endless from unqualified students entering university, certain star players using drugs, and the players receiving gifts from a known drug dealer.

The worst offense, though, is how Valvano uses these athletes. As he recruited high school players, Valvano repeatedly told them they would get plenty of playing time, even in their first year. However, Valvano would make

this same promise to other recruits. Many of the players who came would end up spending most of their careers on the bench. There was absolutely no team unity; players would play for themselves. The team did not run their offense as players. They simply freelanced and attempted to score by themselves.

The main source for Golenbock's book was John Simonds, who was the student manager of the team. Simonds had hoped to play for N.C. State the following year. He had been an honour student in high school, but at N.C. State his grades really fell because he was spending too much time with the basketball team. Valvano simply told Simonds he would take care of his grades. Valvano also promised Simonds that he would get a scholarship. The scholarship never came and Simonds could not afford to pay for his room and board.

The book has been so damaging that the university attempted to stop publication of the book. Carrol and Graff publishing

company eventually published it, and since then the NCAA has been actively investigating the N.C. State athletic department. Valvano and N.C. State appear to be in serious trouble.

Golenbock's book is fascinating and is a must for fans and will be interesting to those who are not basketball fans.

Personal Fouls: the broken promises and shattered dreams of big money basketball at Jim Valvano's North Carolina State University. Published by Carrol and Graff publishers, 311 pages.

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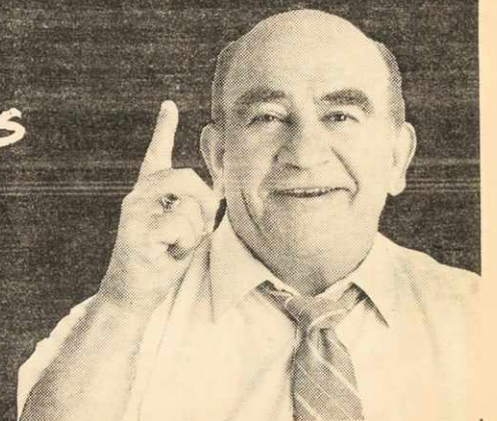
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