

SPORTS

Men's soccer declawed by Huskies & Axemen

Women take wins from SMU and Acadia

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The Dalhousie Women's Soccer team still have a shot at hosting the AUAA championships later on this month.

The women upended SMU 2-0 and Acadia 2-1 to sit in second place behind St. FX in the Eastern Division. The winning team will host the tournament Oct. 30 - Nov. 1.

The men's team suffered back-to-back home defeats, falling 1-0 and 4-1 to the same teams, to sit fourth in the AUAA East division with a 6-3-2 record.

Women's Soccer

Dal 2 SMU 0 — The Tigers had to wait almost two weeks to avenge a 3-2 defeat at the hands of SMU on Oct. 4.

But Dalhousie did just that, scoring early and strolling to a comfortable victory over a Huskies

team still smarting from a mid-week defeat to Acadia.

The superiority of Dal was evident only seven minutes into the match, when defender Andrea Gillespie scored her third goal of the season from Amy Harding's

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corner kick. At the 31 minute mark, Patricia Norman netted her second goal after Claire Martin's free kick was mishandled by the SMU defence.

The 2-0 result pleased coach Dara Moore.

"We were quite happy with the way we came out and limited their chances," Moore explained.

"The two weeks off were really beneficial as we had some intensive training sessions. Hopefully we can end on a positive note."

While the Tigers have an uphill battle to catch St. FX for first place and home field advantage, Moore is not giving up just yet.

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Dal 2 Acadia 1 — Mary-Beth Bowie scored her fourth goal of the season in the 89th minute to lift the Tigers to victory against a gritty Acadia squad.

Gillespie and the Axettes' Michelle Derwin exchanged markers before Bowie's strike gave Dal the points.

Acadia coach Laura Sanders felt her side deserved a better fate.

"We were hoping for at least a draw out of this, so for Dal to score late is a crushing blow to our playoff chances."

With SMU and Cape Breton winning on Sunday, the Axettes (3-7-0) playoff hopes were dashed.

Men's Soccer

SMU 1 Dal 0 — Rookie Brad Kickham scored with seven minutes left to give SMU the



Natalie Lindthaler guards the ball against an oncoming opponent.

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Dal men's soccer lost both of their games this weekend.

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victory in a game that failed to live up to expectations. Mark Gardner recorded the shutout.

The victory improved SMU's record to 5-3-3, and a win against UPEI on Sunday would virtually lock up a playoff spot for the Huskies. This was the second time in ten games that the Tigers were shutout.

Acadia 4 Dal 1 — In the battle for first place in the Eastern division, the Axemen jumped out to a 2-0 halftime lead and never looked back, handing the Tigers their second consecutive defeat.

AUAA MVP candidate Nik Cooper led the way with a hat-trick while Cameron French netted the other goal for Acadia. Graeme Allardice scored his second goal of the season for Dalhousie.

It was Acadia's second game this week on artificial turf (they tied SMU 0-0 last Wednesday), which Cooper felt prepared the squad for Dal.

"We played on the turf at Saint Mary's earlier in the week and that helped us a great deal," Cooper said. "Hopefully the message was sent to everybody that we are for real."

The teams meet on Sunday in Wolfville to close out the season in a game that could mean first place in the East and a bye to the second round of the AUAA Championships later this month in Charlottetown.

Both the men's and women's soccer teams complete their regular seasons with games at home against St. FX on Friday and at Acadia on Sunday.