

Mason triumphant

Dalhousie's Susan Mason, the top Canadian female inter-collegiate swimmer and recipient of the University's female Athlete of the Year Award in 1979, capped an outstanding season in the pool with a bronze medal as a member of Canada's 400 metre freestyle relay team at the tenth World University Games which concluded last week in Mexico City.

Mason, whose performances at Mexico City's 7300 feet altitude led those of the 22 person Canadian swim team, earned selection following her 800 metre freestyle medal performance at the Canadian National Championships in Edmonton in August.

In Mexico City, the nineteen year old physiotherapy student and Tiger swimmer, placed sixth in the 200 metre butterfly and fourth in the 200, 400, and 800 metre freestyle before helping capture Canada's only swimming medal in the relay event.

Coached by Dalhousie swim mentor Nigel Kemp, the Canadian Women's team medal production was matched only by the women's basketball team and mixed doubles tennis players. More than 110 countries and over 5000 athletes, including representatives from China, competed in the Games which are second only to the Olympics in both prestige and size. The eleventh FISU Games will be hosted by Brazil in 1981.



Dalhousie's defending AUAU champion cross country men's and women's team begin their season Saturday at the Dalhousie Invitational.

The meet will be held at Point Pleasant Park with women's competition beginning at 11 a.m. and the men starting at 11:30 a.m. The women will follow a 3.4 mile course while the men will travel a 4.6 mile course.

The Dal men Tigers have lost just about all of last year's team with only Robert Englehutt and Leonard Currie returning. Englehutt, a third year Arts student, finished second at last year's AUAU championship. Currie, a sophomore Physical Educa-

tion student, placed well in several AUAU invitational meets last fall.

Coach Al Yarr has welcomed more than 20 potential runners at practices during the past eight days and feels he'll have a difficult time cutting the men's squad to the permitted seven runners per event and the women's squad to six. Of the seven men, the first five placings count toward the team score, while the first four count in the women's competition.

At least five teams have entered the Dal Invitational, including University of New Brunswick, Acadia, University of Moncton and St. Francis Xavier. There is also a possibility that local track clubs will enter.

Tigers improve

The Dalhousie Soccer Tigers opened their exhibition season last weekend at an invitational tournament in Sudbury, Ontario. The Tigers, playing together for the first time this year, came out of the tournament with a 1-1 record.

In the opening game the Tigers came up against a strong team from Laurentian. The Dalhousie squad gave up four goals, two in the first five minutes, while scoring none themselves. Coach Tony Richards elaborated: "The team had never played together and so made early mistakes. Once they settled down they played the Voyageurs even."



The next day the Tigers, now with one game under their belts, played together and defeated the University of Toronto by a 3-0 margin. Dave Riddell scored twice for the Tigers and John Evans added another. Ronnie Cox recorded the shutout.

It was a much better match for the Dal eleven and Coach Richards feels that it is a sign of things to come.

"We only have one import on the team this year as opposed to three or four in other years. The team is predominantly Canadian and mostly Nova Scotian. On paper we're not as strong as last year, but the team is playing stronger. It's a young

team with only seven players returning from last year, but of that number only four made the starting lineup that year.

The Tigers' next game is Saturday at Mt. Allison, followed by a game Sunday at UPEI. The season's home opener is next Wednesday against Acadia.

Coach Richards is optimistic about the future of the Dalhousie squad. "UNB is strong, with a few ex-Dal players, SMU is again exceptionally strong, but I feel that when the Nationals roll around in November we will be there to represent the AUAU."

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