

Now that you've been back at Dal for a month, we realize how much we missed you over the summer. The line-up at the salad bar was very lonely and things around campus were definitely dull!

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Dal forward Mary McGlone (right) is pursued by a Memorial defender in weekend women's Field Hockey action. Dal split their weekend doubleheader with Memorial, winning 2-1 Saturday and losing 1-0 on Sunday.

Tigers play Memorial

by Lisa Timpf

It was only predictable that the Dalhousie-Memorial University women's field hockey matches this weekend would provide some close, exciting action.

After all, last season the two teams finished in a first-place tie in the East Division of the AUSA. Only a wider point-spread in goals between the two teams in head-on competition gave Dal first place on the season.

So when Saturday's game ended in a 2-1 victory for Dal, and Sunday's matchup had to go into overtime before Memorial emerged the victors 1-0, the closeness of the games was hardly unexpected.

Saturday's game started with a lot of midfield action as the two teams tested each other out. Early Memorial threats were thwarted by Julie Gunn, Heather Maclean and Maureen Levy, while at the other end of the pitch, Dalhousie failed to capitalize on a number of offensive attempts.

Perhaps the best opportunity arose when the Tigers were awarded a penalty stroke when a Memorial defender stopped the ball illegally on the goal-line.

However, Sharon Andrews' shot to the lower right corner was stopped by Memorial netminder Ramona Crane.

The first half ended scoreless. In the second half, Memorial turned the tide of play and scored the first goal.

Awarded three successive penalty corner attempts, the visitors converted the third, as Kit Seavers' shot eluded Dal netminder Claudette Levy.

Memorial followed up with another corner attempt, but finally Dalhousie had a chance on a down-field rush by right wing Gail Broderick. The shot was stopped, but the next time Dal carried the ball downfield, Broderick's pass made it through to Jeannette Peacock in front of the Memorial net. Peacock fired Dal's first goal to tie the game.

End to end action ensued, with Memorial threatening a number

of times. Netminder Levy and the other Dal defenders, however, held them off, and victory was Dal's with the long-awaited final whistle.

"It was a close game" affirmed Dal coach Nancy Tokaryk following the match. "The team played well overall.

Tokaryk's words proved prophetic in Sunday's return match, as Dal was haunted by an inability to turn chances into goals.

Dal applied sustained offensive pressure for periods in the first half of Sunday's game, but Memorial goalie Crane proved equal to the challenge.

With the game still scoreless in the second half, it seemed inevitable that the ball would have to go into the net sooner or later. However, repeated Dal efforts came to nothing as the ball missed the net narrowly on a number of occasions.

With regulation time elapsing on a scoreless game, the two teams were given a five-minute break to prepare themselves for two seven-minute overtime periods.

It was not until the opening minutes of the second overtime that the first and only goal of the game was scored. Rose Foley fired a shot from the top of the circle on a Memorial penalty corner attempt. The ball bounced past Dal goaltender Levy low to the right side for a score, and the Tigers were unable to even up the count before the expiry of the overtime.

"We played well, and deserved to win," said coach Tokaryk after the game. "But, and I've said this before—we have to learn to put the ball in the net."

With seven games remaining, Dal now has a four wins, one loss record. St. Mary's University is currently 4-0, while Memorial, after the weekend's action, rests at 3-1.

The Tigers will host St. Francis Xavier at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday and will square off against St. Mary's next Thursday at 4:00 p.m. Both games will be at Studley Field.



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