

Women Soccer

By MARK ALBERSTAT

For the past four years Dalhousie has had a championship team that has for all intents and purposes gone unnoticed. The sport is women's soccer.

The team is officially a club but they are called the Tigers, play and practice out of Dalhousie, Dal supplies the uniforms and the league fees and sometimes lets them travel with the men's soccer team when both teams play against the same university.

The one that really hurts is obviously the practice time. While this team can only practice on Studley Field on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, the other teams can practice on the field every day throughout the week.

The league itself is only four years old, with Dal's main competition coming from St. Francis Xav-

ier who, along with Dal, are the perennial powers. The team also often plays exhibition games against the smaller colleges such as the University College of Cape Breton and the Teachers College.

Women's soccer does not, as yet, have any authorized standing in the AUSA, though they play for an AUSA Championship and play against other Atlantic university teams. On the team's being granted status in the AUSA, one of last year's returning players said, "They (the AUSA) have been talking about it for the past few years, so no one will be surprised one way or the other."

About the only difference between this team and other varsity teams is the amount of funding and the amount of practice time.

The women that play for Dal have all had previous playing experience through the summer on such teams as the Nova Scotia Selects, Halifax Christophers and the Lunenburg Lasers.

The schedule for this year is on an ad hoc basis, but if and when the sport gets AUSA status, it will have a regular schedule. The first game of the new season was played on Wednesday the 19th and the season winds up on the 20th and 21st of October with the championship tournament. □

Oilers

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Nova Scotia's professional Hockey team, the Nova Scotia Oilers, will be opening their training camp at Dalhousie's Memorial Arena on Sunday, September 30th at 3:30 p.m.

The doors will be open to the public for any hockey fans who are interested in seeing the team before they hit the ice at the Metro Centre.

The reason given for training at Dal is that there is no ice in the Metro Centre right now and there won't be until after an upcoming concert. Judy Pal, Director of Media relations for the Oilers, said, "It (the Dal rink) is a nice facility and it's about the same ice surface size as the Metro Centre, so it should work out all right."

The Oilers are not expecting the arena to be packed each session, but are hoping that some of the older die-hard hockey fans from the area will drop by and some students will come by between classes.

There will be a few players trying out for the team. Players who are not good enough for the Oilers will be sent to the Oilers' affiliate in the IHL.

For any of those who want to catch some of the training camp, the hours are as follows: **Sun. Sept. 30**, 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.; **Mon. Oct. 1**, 9 a.m.—10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.*; **Tue. Oct. 2**, 9 a.m.—10 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.—2:45 p.m.; **Wed. Oct. 3**, 9 a.m.—10 a.m.; **Thu. Oct. 4**, 9 a.m.—10:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.—2:45 p.m.*; **Sun. Oct. 7**, 10 a.m.—12 p.m. (Note: * denotes tentative times. □

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