

Fall Sports rap up

By DEAN GOODMAN & JOANN SHERWOOD

Two Dalhousie Tiger teams close their seasons come to an early close on Sunday as both the men's soccer and women's field hockey teams failed to make the AUAU playoffs.

On Saturday, the men's team tied St. F.X. 2-2 on goals from Miles Page and Tim Hall. This meant that a win or a tie against St. Mary's on Sunday would have given the team a playoff berth. Unfortunately, a 2-0 loss to the Huskies took the Tigers out of the playoff picture.

The Dalhousie field hockey squad entered their final weekend of league play after a 3-2 victory over Memorial University in Newfoundland. Coach Merritt regarded it as "probably our best game all season. We only had a few scoring opportunities but we were able to capitalize on them."

Their game on Saturday at St. F.X. was played under cold and very wet conditions. This meant that they were constantly "bashing at the ball", which was always lodged in the mud or

water. Merritt said it would have been surprising if anyone had netted the ball. The result was a scoreless draw.

On Sunday, the Tigers faced St. Mary's at Studley Field. The Dalhousie women were really on top of the play in the second half but could not score. Coach Merritt voiced the team's frustration when she remarked, "We tried so hard and played so well. We could have won."

The Tigers field hockey season ended with a 2-5-3 record, good for third place in the Atlantic Conference. They trailed St. Mary's by only three points for second place and the final playoff spot. Merritt felt that the scoreless games on the weekend could have made a difference.

Though the season is over, by no means will the players become idle. Merritt hopes to enroll one or two teams in an indoor field hockey league over the winter.

Merritt feels that the team has improved vastly since the beginning of the season. This year's rookies will be a more experienced group next year and should field a much more competitive team.

Madden's Book Falls Short

By MARK ALBERSTAT

John Madden is arguably one of the finest football broadcasters any of the major networks have.

Madden is fun to listen to, extremely insightful, knowledgeable by a fault, and can work with any play-by-play man he has with him in the booth.

When Madden's first book came out, *Hey, Wait a Minute (I Wrote a Book)* I was happy and enthused about it. It read like Madden spoke: fast, direct and always to the point. The book also showed some sides of Madden and NFL that were not often seen before.

For these reasons when I got Madden's latest book, *One Knee Equals Two Feet* (Villard Books distributed by Random House in Canada, \$27.25) I was more than happy. I took the book home and started with great vigour to read and hoped not to put the book down for several hours.

This, however, did not happen. In fact I put the book down before the first chapter was finished. Since then I have ploughed through the book. It has a few highlights, but more bore than should ever be expected from Madden.

The two books are different, very different. The basic set up and content is different and for this point I give Madden a nod, but little else.

The main problem with *One Knee Equals Two Feet* is that it is all too often Madden's impressions of certain players and things he has heard about this or that player. Too much of the book is not his own personal experience, which is what the

charm was in his first book.

The new book attempts to teach the reader about football. In some respects it does do this, but not in enough respects.

The fourth chapter in the book is titled "Why Payton is the best." There is very little, or no, new information about Payton, his style, his career, or why he is the best. Football fans can get the same information, and often better written, in an article on Payton in *Sports Illustrated*. The first chapter in the book is more or less on Jim McMahon. Madden tells us that McMahon is one very strange person and retells the stale story about the headbands with endorsements on them. Gosh John, I never heard that story before. Why don't you tell

us that McMahon always wears sunglasses?

If a football fan wants true insight into football and what it is like at almost every position they should read *The New Thinking Man's Guide to Pro Football* by Paul Zimmerman, and not Madden's latest. For those who want to read what Madden has to say, Ballentine has released his first book in paperback and it is well worth the \$5.00 price tag.

On a scale of one to ten, I rate *One Knee Equals Two Feet* a mediocre five. The only reason it is that high is because the reading is Madden's style of speech and a couple of points should go to him for cashing in on his first book with this second.

Swim Tigers win again

The Dalhousie men's & women's swim teams repeated their performances of last season by capturing first place at the AUAU Relay Meet held at Mount Allison University on Saturday.

The Tiger men took all nine relays to capture 63 points. New Brunswick was second, followed by Mount Allison and Acadia. Six Tigers — Ralph Ackerstream, Andrew Cole, Darryl Dutton, Paul Nickerson, and Chris and David Petrie — were all members of four winning relay teams.

The Tiger women recovered

after losing the first four relays to sweep the remaining five for 54 points. Mount Allison was second, while UNB took third spot. Nicole Deveau recorded the fastest splits in three relays in her first performance as a competitive swimmer in five years. Rookie Jackie Norrie anchored the 400 km relay team and led the squad to a win.

The Tigers will host the season's first AUAU dual meet of the season November 1 at Dalplex. The visiting teams will be UNB and Memorial.

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