

Overtime The real playoff picture

BY LEX GIGEROFF

THREE WEEKS AGO IN THESE pages, Craig Munroe offered his assessment of the upcoming World Series. A Boston-New York matchup is inevitable, Craig figures, and he dismisses the league playoffs as nothing more than an unavoidable delay. But before you rush out and buy your Series tickets with what's left of your student loan, you should be aware of why the Angels and Astros are perfectly suited to exploit the weaknesses of their seemingly invincible counterparts.

BOSTON VS. CALIFORNIA — Winner: CALIFORNIA In 7 Games

All sorts of fuss has been made this season over Roger Clemens, but on the whole the Angels' pitching has been stronger. They lead the league in team E.R.A.,

have an excellent starting staff and a better bullpen. Defensively, the Angels are second in the American league, while the Sox are near the bottom. Neither team possesses outstanding speed, but the Angels have a few guys who can fly, while the Sox are leadfooted. The Angels have a deep, varied bench and could enjoy a platoon advantage if manager Gene Mauch continues to play percentages (sitting lefties down, for instance, against southpaw Bruce Hurst).

The difference in this series could well turn out to be Fenway Park. The Red Sox have home-field advantage, and with Boggs, Rice and Co. banging those line drives off the wall, they could easily sweep the series. But if the series goes longer than five games, then much of Boston's offence will have been neutralized



St. F.X. hands Dal a 2-1 loss Sunday on Studley field. The loss was Dal's second loss in their seven year history. Photo by Bill Jenson.

Surprise loss for Dal

By HEATHER KAULBACH

THE DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S soccer team had lost only one league game in their seven year history going into a pair of weekend matches. With a perfect 3-0 record, the Tigers looked like a definite threat to keep that unbeatable record intact. However, it was not to be.

The team went to Acadia to meet the number one team in the

AUAA, the Axettes. The first half ended in a scoreless draw and the Tigers knew that they would have to pick up the pace if they were going to return to Dalhousie with a win. The Tigers did respond to the challenge and co-captain Sally Thomas hit the scoreboard early in the half to give Dalhousie a 1-0 win.

On Sunday, the Tigers took to their home turf to face a very strong St. F.X. team. The Dalhousie Tigers did not look sharp

from the beginning which led to a 1-0 led for St. F.X. at halftime. St. F.X. kept the pressure on. They recorded their second goal at the midway mark of the second half. But with ten minutes to go, down 2-0, the Tigers put on their best offensive surge of the game. Sarah Napier finally hit the scoreboard for the Tigers late in the second half. Even though the Tigers kept the pressure on the final whistle, they just couldn't find the equalizer.

Field hockey Tigers prepare for Memorial

By JOANN SHERWOOD

THE TIGERS FIELD HOCKEY squad lost a tough game to St. F.X. by a score of 2-1 on Saturday evening at St. Mary's field. Coach Merritt expressed the team's frustra-

tion when she remarked, "We had the upper hand and controlled almost all of the play but we just couldn't pop it in the net." Dalhousie's only goal was netted by Gail Broderick.

The close match was an impor-

tant one for both teams but Merritt maintains the optimism that spurs on the young team members by commenting on how much better their play is as compared to what it was at the beginning of the season. Improvement is a very important element in a team's success.

The Dalhousie team travels to Newfoundland this weekend for two games against Memorial University in St. John's, whom Merritt expects to be very competitive on their own turf. Defeating St. F.X. would have been a tremendous boost for the team but they displayed a positive attitude by their hard work in Monday's practice. Merritt and the team hope this will carry over into the weekend contests.

Tigers battle for playoff spot

THE TIGER MEN FOUGHT to a 1-1 tie with the league leading St. F.X. X-Men in a game played Saturday at Studley Field. The Dalhousie team battled back from a 1-0 deficit at the half with a goal by Joey Perrault. Kenny Burton was in goal for the Tigers, while Dvid Payne handled the netminding duties for the X-Men.

The Dalhousie men's soccer team had reached a 3-1-3 record by the end of weekend play. Their seven points was good enough for third spot in the East Division,

and tied with Memorial though the Newfoundland team has played one more game than the Tigers. Acadia, one point behind Dalhousie and Memorial after seven games, is also trying to obtain second place in the division, which is the final playoff spot. St. F.X. is on top with 14 points followed by St. Mary's with 10 points after nine games. The remaining five games are crucial for the Tigers in order to stay alive in the race for post-season play.



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