

Lady Tigers shut out NB opponents

Women's Soccer team impresses with six point weekend

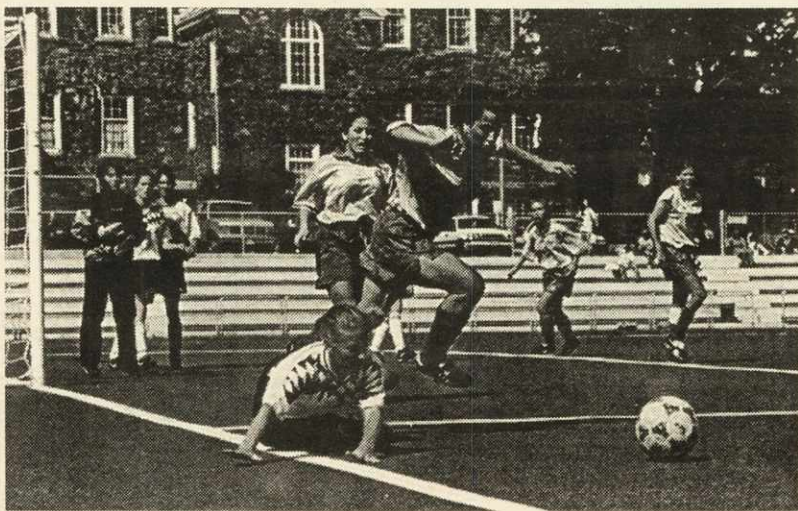
BY DAVID FINLAYSON

"We now have a foundation to build on."

These were the words of Coach Neil Turnbull last weekend after the Lady Tigers tied the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds (UNB) 0-0 on Saturday and defeated Moncton 3-0 the next day.

Although the first shot of the season came thirty minutes into the first half on Saturday, the Tigers played solid defensively and won many midfield battles.

The ejection of keeper Leanne Turner in the second half, for an intentional handball outside the box, looked like it could be the turning point of the match. However, Canada Games Keeper Roxanne Murphy, in her first game for Dalhousie, made two great saves to keep the shut-



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out alive.

The first test was a quick dive to Murphy's left to stop a low drive. The second save was more impressive as she parried a ball with her face on a UNB breakaway. Apart from those chances, the keepers

at both ends were not really tested.

"Roxanne came in and made some key saves for us," Turnbull said. He added that those shots could have won the game for UNB.



Andrea Gillespie, also a member of the Canada Games team, played well at the back and Turnbull commented that, "Andrea will improve as she gets more used to the sweeper position."

Against Moncton the Tigers came out strong, with converted midfielder/keeper Carolyn Campbell netting a pair up front. Karen Hood potted the third on a cross from Sue Hunter.

"They at least tried to play out of the backfield," Turnbull said of the Moncton team. "But the way to break that down is by pressuring the back four."

This tactic worked for the Tigers as they took six out of a possible eight points over the weekend.

CIAU Champs stumble out of the blocks

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With a starting lineup that included four rookies, the Dal Men's Soccer Team did well to grab a 0-0 tie with last years AUA finalists, the UNB Varsity Reds. On Sunday, with almost the same lineup, the Tigers lost 2-1 to the Moncton Blue Eagles.

The beginning of Saturday's game was promising. Forward Jeff Hibberts made a nifty move in the corner and tried to sneak a shot to the near post which UNB keeper Mike Green covered easily. At the six minute mark a long through ball found Hibberts in space. His deft chip went over the sprawling keeper and struck the crossbar.

Dal's Dave McFarlane was named game MVP, showing more aggressiveness than he has in previous years. He dominated midfield in the air and distributed the ball well. McFarlane seemed rusty, however, on his free kicks which were so precise in last year's playoffs.

"We were really tired after the

weekend,"

commented Dal keeper Trevor Chisholm.

"Some of the guys played three games in four days, and at this level that is really tough mentally and especially physically."

In reference to the players who successfully appealed their CIAU status this past week but were unable to play, Chisholm had this to say:

"With [Mark] Ellis, [Danny] Burnsy, Geraint [Morris] and [Steve] Cormier we are a totally different team. [Former Tiger Striker] Colin March is also going to play for us."

Mike Hudson started in nets for Dal on Saturday and stopped one very tough shot on a difficult bounce. In the 27th minute



Hudson outwitted a UNB player on a penalty shot.

"You have to have confidence," Hudson repeated twice as the player was about to shoot. He displayed his pleasure after the missed shot by waving his fist at the shooter. Fans declared that Hudson, "...chatted the player into submission."

Mike Ayyash played well at left mid, with Paul English asserting himself in the middle half posi-

tion. Marc Rainford played very well at the back, holding the young defensive corps together. He was continuously encouraging the rookies to keep pushing.

First year players Sam Ramsden and Kelvin Macpherson played solidly in their first AUA action. Both got stuck in defensively, drawing raves from the crowd of over 200 fans.

On Sunday, the Moncton squad displayed skills that the Tigers showed last season. Dalhousie lost the game 2-1 with Rookie Matt Budreski netting a goal in the second half.

"We had a short training camp and have not really had time to train as team," explained Chisholm. But I think after this week we will be ready for X and UCCB."

The heat also played a factor during the weekend homestand, accentuating the lack of fitness on the part of some players.

The Men's and Women's teams play this weekend at St. Francis Xavier University and the University College of Cape Breton.

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