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## Dal Tigers fight Panthers to a standstill

by Derek Neary

The Dalhousie Tigers of the Women's Soccer League racked up a win and a tie over the weekend of September 26 and 27. The Dalsquad had to settle for a nil-nil draw with UPEI on Sunday and posted a convincing 6-1 victory over Udm on Saturday.

The Tigers started off slowly on Sunday. The visiting Panthers nearly took advantage of an early Dal miscue when the ball took a few high bounces into the Tiger goal mouth area. Fortunately, Lynne Robertson managed to clear the ball before any damage was inflicted.

By the mid point of the first half the Tigers began to put together some solid passing but were unable to complete a scoring play. Kate Gillespie earned 'close call' honours when her 25 foot strike stung the opposing crossbar.

The second half saw the home team dictate the majority of the action but they were still left without a goal. The Panthers' scoring chances were few but at the 69 minute mark a UPEI player broke in all alone against Tiger keeper Leahanne Turner. Turner started after the ball but then hesitated, normally a costly mistake, but she succeeded in making a sprawling save to keep the game scoreless.

Dal really applied the heat in the last ten minutes of the match. The Panthers were reduced to a desperate defensive strategy of booting the ball out of bounds or as far downfield as possible to deny the Tigers of a legitimate chance to get on the board.

Robertson, positioned in front of the UPEI net, got away the game's final shot. It was a high blast — earmarked for the underside of the crossbar. But the Panthers' keeper leapt up and tipped the ball over the net with her outstretched arms. The game was over. The UPEI bench

cleared and the players huddled together, jumping and cheering.

The expressions of the Dal contingent were quite the opposite. Grimaces and bowed heads characterized the team in black and gold. The Tigers were clearly the favourites and a draw was ungratifying.

Dalhousie coach Darrell Cormier viewed the match as a learning experience: "As long as we gain something from it. If we don't gain anything from it then we've got a problem."

One thing that Cormier stressed was the importance of finishing their scoring opportunities.

"I think we had over 20 strikes at net. If we can't put one ball in with twenty good strikes at net then we've got to work at that."

The problem was a compound one: "Their keeper played very well and we tried to force as hard as we could in the net. You can't do that. We rushed too many of our shots and we shouldn't have."

Saturday's meeting with the Udm Blue Eagles started much like Sunday's match up. The Tigers slumbered through an uninspired first half. They did show signs of settling into their game in the latter stages of the opening period when Gillespie picked the corner of the Blue Eagle net to give Dal a 1-0 lead.

The flood gates opened in the second. Gillespie notched another single by beating the net minder, again to the far corner.

Udm quickly became aware of the presence of Carla Perry, playing her



Tiger, panther, and ball meet in a mid-air collision

DAL PHOTO: MIKE DAVENPORT

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## Bothers & SUNS: reunion for SMU?

by Ryan Stanley

Saint Mary's University students, long absent from negotiations between government and Nova Scotia's largest student lobby group, are set to retake their place at the table.

That is, if students approve the referendum proposal to rejoin the

Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) after a six-year hiatus.

SMU students will go to the polls October 6 and 7, to vote on whether they wish, as a student body, to reclaim full membership in SUNS. Saint Mary's has held prospective membership for the past year.

SUNS is leading an active campaign on the university campus in support of full membership for SMU. "Strength in numbers is important," says Lynne Isenor, Chair of SUNS, "especially considering some of the issues that are coming down in the next year or two." She cited changes to the Canada Student Loan Program and proposals to 'rationalize'

university programs as key areas in which students need strong representation to ensure their voice is heard.

A coalition of students, however, led by the Progressive Conservative Youth, is organizing a 'No' campaign. Kenneth MacPhee, a PC-Youth representative, said although some members of his group support the objectives of SUNS, they don't necessarily agree with their methods.

"If you take an adversarial approach to any politician, you're not going to get anywhere," he said. "It's a closed-union type mentality." He also questions the ability of SUNS to represent all students.

Isenor maintains that the government does listen. "Regardless of who's in power," she said, "we have the credibility of representing students."

Ten universities and colleges, representing about 25,000 students, are members of SUNS. As well, the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and the University College of Cape Breton are slated to hold referenda soon on SUNS membership.

Isenor said this bodes well for students' concerns. "With three joining the ranks, the government has sat up and taken notice."

And besides, she says, "If SMU doesn't like what SUNS does, one way to change it is to be at the table."