Dalhousie Tigers sports roundup

by Mark Alberstat

The men's volleyball Tigers look like they're coming out for another strong year.

The team is nearly complete with about eight rookies and six veterans. One rookie was named MVP at the Dalhousie Invitational last year and another was asked to try out for the Junior National team. Out of the veterans we have three All-Stars. One, Phil Perrin, is not only a four-time AUAA All-Star but is also 1981-82 All-Canadian and Dalhousie Athlete of the Year.

The team has won the last four AUAA championships and doesn't look to be stopping. Coach Al Scott says this year's group "has an exciting nucleus" but there is also a more competitive league this year. "With strong teams like Memorial and UNB being significantly stronger this year it should prove to be an interesting season," he says.

The men's and women's swimming Tigers have returned for another strong and competitive year. The team will consist of about 34-40 swimmers, 30 of whom will travel to meets a other universities.

Last year the women Tigers were third in the CIAU and have won three AUAA championships. On the women's team there are about 7-8 first year and an equal amount of returning swimmers. The men's team has very few rookies.

Last year 16 Dalhousie swimmers qualified for the CIAU championships ad we are looking for as many or more this year.

The men's and women's cross country Tigers are in fine form this year. Last year the men placed second in the AUAA and the women placed third. The men are "distinctly stronger and should be contenders this year" says Al Yar, cross country Coach, but the women's team needs a little more work he said.

Competition in the AUAA is very strong, with hefty opponents such as UNB amd Memorial. This weekend, on Oct. 1 there will be the Dalhousie Invitational meet at Point Pleasant Park near the War Memorial. Womens' start at 11 and mens' at 11:30. This should be one of the better meets we will be able to see in the area this season.

Mens' soccer Tigers seem to be better than ever this year with many returning players and a lot of experience behind the team. Team captain Charlie Fisher is an All-Star and Peter Moore has proved to be an excellent goalkeeper.

One of the early games this season was played against UPEI, "the toughest team in the AUAA" said coach Terry MacDonald. The game was lost by the Dal team but the Tigers were able to hold UPEI off till late in the second half. The team is much improved this year and hopes to win its division.

Soccer Tigers split games over weekend

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The Dalhousie Mens' Soccer Team played two games over the weekend, winning one and losing the other.

Saturday's game was played in Sackville, N.B., where Dominio Ashton, a first year rookie from England, scored 2 goals in the first half of play. This 2-0 lead held throughout the game to become the final score. The first goal, headed in by Ashton, came only 10 minutes into play. The second goal was the outcome of a fine pass from Manoj Vohra. Peter Moore, the Tigers netminder, recorded the shutout.

Although well played, the game was marred by three players being ejected for violent conduct. Two were from Dalhousie, Team Captain Charlie Fisher and Ray MacNeil, and both veterans. Coach Terry MacDonald said, "They should have known better," but then added, "The referee was not having his best day."

After the two ejections the Tigers played 15 minutes with 2 players short of the opposition.

Sunday's game at UPEI, one of the AUAA's strongest and star-studded teams, was the Tigers' first loss of the new season. The score of the game was 1-0 in favor on the Panthers, but they were held off until midway through the second half. Dalhousie played a defensive game and had three or four chances to score but were stopped in each attempt.

UPEI has 6 players from Canada's Olympic Team and the biggest field in the AUAA, and this, says coach MacDonald, "makes a difference."

The next home game is Wednesday, October 5 against SMU at 4:00. This should prove to be an exciting game.

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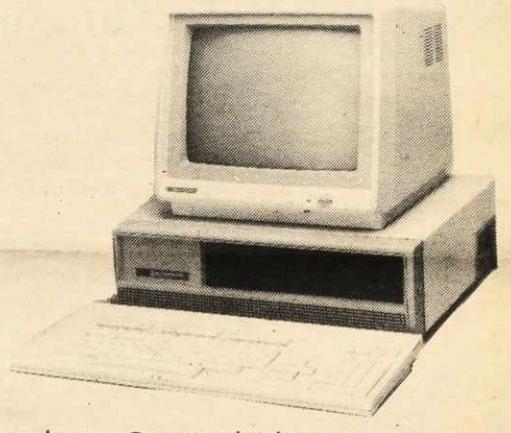

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