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Tigers kept their undefeated streak going with a big win over St. Mary's Huskies last Saturday. Photo: Peter Katsihtis, Dal Photo

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Profile Eric McIntyreSoccer coach

By MARK ALBERSTAT

he new head coach of the Dalhousie Men's soccer team is Eric McIntyre. McIntyre, who began his new job in May, has been involved in soccer as a player, coach and administrator. His bright and well-experienced outlook should put a new spark in this year's Tiger squad.

He is the present chair of the Nova Scotia Youth Soccer League, which he was instrumental in founding. In this capacity, McIntyre has to bring together such diverse groups from around the province in different stages of their soccer development as the Halifax Youth district soccer league and the Valley, Dartmouth and Yarmouth chapters. It is his unenviable task to put together the interests of these groups and come up with the direction and goals the league is looking for.

Coaching for Dal is McIntyre's first university post putting his coaching experience to a true test with the variety of players' talent that can be found on a varsity squad.

"The team has representations from both ends of the spectrum as to their interpretation of how the game is played," said McIntyre.

McIntyre also served on the Soccer Nova Scotia Player Development Committee that helped to develop soccer and to identify elite players in Nova Scotia. His accomplishments as a coach include taking his Dartmouth United Under 18 team to the provincial and Atlantic championships in 1982.

He also coaches an indoor senior league team which includes a number of Dal players which took the Metro Championship this year with a record of 21-2

At this point in the season McIntyre is cautiously optimistic at Dal's chances in the conference and feels they could win against any given team they had to face.

Field Hockey Tigers on top

By LISA TIMPF

t was a fine sunny Saturday on Studley Field, but the visiting St. Mary's Huskies women's field hockey team wasn't enjoying the weather.

The Huskies went to the halftime huddle trailing Dalhousie by three goals, and failed, in the second half, to make any inroads on the Tigers' eventual margin of victory.

On Dal's first goal, a number of Tiger forwards had a swipe at the ball in front of the St. Mary's net. It was converted soccer player Janice Cossar who eventually put the ball over the goal line to open the game's scoring.

On the Tigers' second tally, forward Gail Broderick picked the ball up at midfield, carried it down the right wing, and crossed it in front of the net to forward Shelley Butler. Butler arced the ball up over the Huskies' goalie to put Dal ahead 2-0.

The Tigers' third goal came on a penalty corner attempt. The ball came to Sharon Andrews, who demonstrated fine ball control, dodging the rushing Huskies' defenders one by one before placing a shot low into the right corner of the goal.

Although St. Mary's had several early penalty corner opportunities, the Dalhousie defenders were equal to the challenge. Dal netminder Claudette Levy was not entirely idle in earning the shutout. She foiled one St. Mary's attacker on a break by challenging her at the edge of the circle to deflect the ball wide of the goal.

"It was our most important game psychologically so far," said forward Broderick of the win. "We can 150 per cent, which is what we had to do."

- "Dal played well as a team that game," she added.

"We finished the play off and they didn't."

The Huskies, who earlier in the week had handed usually strong University of New Brunswick a 6-0 loss, may hve entered the game a trifle over-confident.

Field conditions were also a facto* in the game. The Huskies, more accustomed to their home field of astroturf, may have found the Studley bounce a little hard to play.

However, despite these considerations, the fact that the Tigers put together a strong solid offensive and defensive effort was the greatest factor in the win.

On Saturday, it was Dal's turn to be frustrated as they emerged from a game at Acadia with a 0-0 tie.

The Tigers had a number of close chances, but close wasn't good enough. Forward Broderick was tripped up in the circle on a breakaway, but Dal failed to convert on the penalty corner. A goal by Andrews was called back as a dangerous hit. An attempt by the Tigers in the last ten seconds went just wide. It was the story of the game

"I think we experienced a bit of a let-down from the St. Mary's game," noted Broderick.

"We held the edge in play," added Andrews. "We had lots of scoring opportunities. The ball just didn't go in."

Mo Levy, a defensive veteran with the Tigers, saw the action from the sidelines, as she has all season. Levy, who injured her knee during provincial squad play this summer, will undergo surgery this week, and will be lost to the Tigers for the season.

Meanwhile, her sister Claudette and the rest of the Tigers will take their show on the road this weekend. They face their second tough challenge of the young season against UNB on Saturday.

After playing on UNB's home turf, Dal will travel on to Université de Moncton for a Sunday matchup.

Although 0-2 so far, the Dal squad is beginning to gel as a team, improving over the weekend in team-play and running hard in practices. "There are a lot of new players this year and we're just getting used to each other on the field right now," said player-coach Brian Pascher on Sunday. "We need to work on the basics, especially tackling low and hard." He and Prof. Roland Smith have been carefully analyzing the team and feel basic rugby is the key to making the team a success.

The Tigers have two games this weekend against the Truro Saints on Saturday, and St. F.X.—always an exciting match—on Sunday. Both games are at Studley Field and times will be posted at various campus locations later this week. Come on out and support Dal in the oldest of college sports!

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By MARK ALBERSTAT

hit the road this coming weekend going to the Université de Moncton for the first of three AUAA meets this season.

The team, which will consist of seven men and seven women, in coach Al Yarr's eyes "is stronger than last year's with several top runners on the team."

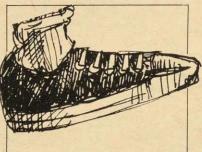
Two of the top returning runners on this year's men's squad are Norm Tinkham and David Layton. Tinkham ran both road and track through the summer and is said to be the second best in the conference.

Layton, on the other hand, just ran track over the summer and won several key races, including the Halifax Natal race.

Two previous years' runners who are returning this year are Mike Armitage and Brent Gill. Armitage was one of Dal's top runners three years ago and promises to have a good season.

One of Dal's most exciting rookies this year is freshman Mark Wood who was on the National Junior team and went to the World Championships in March.

On the women's side, Annick



DeGooyer at this time is our top runner and, barring any injuries, will be one of the driving forces on the team. Crista Reynolds, a returning runner, will more than likely be in the top three in the conference if she can recover completely enough and early enough from some tendonitis in the hip which she incurred from participating in a triathalon several weeks ago.

Looking around the AUAA, one quickly notes that Memorial University has Paul McCloy the best cross-country runner in Canada and that UNB is also out for a very strong year.

Tigers fans can rest assured. With the team in such well seasoned hands as Al Yarr's and assistant coach Pam Currie's, the top female distance runner in Nova Scotia, the team is well on its way to the AUAA Championships, if not the CIAU's.

Tigers Rugby

By IAN MacLEOD

he Dalhousie Rugby Football Club kicked off their season this past weekend with games against the Halifax Tars on Saturday and the Dartmouth Saracens on Sunday.

On Saturday at the Garrison Grounds, the Tars got the best of Dal with strong forward play and excellent passing among their backs, who constantly overlapped the Dal defence. The Tigers worked hard and played well but had difficulty holding ground against their opponents, Jeff Beck and John

Gale both racked up points for Dal; but in the end the Tigers were overpowered. Final score: 26-12 in favour of the Tars.

On Sunday, at Dartmouth's Belmont Field, Dal was hounded by penalties early in the first half but the Saracens' kicker failed to capitalize on several field goal attempts. The Saracens' pack, however, was stronger than expected and their backs constantly pressured Dal by chipping the ball often and pressing the attack. Ex-Acadia fullback, Jeff Beck posted Dal's only score on a 35 yard field goal. Final score: 21-3 for the Sacarens.