Field hockey Tigers

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t was an up and down weekend for Dal in AUAA field hockey. On Saturday night, the Tigers were savoring a 2-1 road trip win over University of New Brunswick. Meanwhile, back in Halifax, St. Mary's Huskies were toasting an 11-0 triumph over Université de Moncton. On Sunday (Sept. 30) the Tigers were upset 1-0 by the University of Moncton.

The difference for Dal in the Tigers' two weekend games was the ability to capitalize on scoring chances. They did it in the first game: they didn't in the second.

The Tigers held the edge in play in the first half of the UNB game, and took advantage of their opportunities to score two goals. Forward Janice Cossar once again opened the scoring for Dal after a goal-mouth scramble. The second goal came when backup goalie Denise Pelrine, who played a solid game at forward, steered a deflected ball past the UNB netminder. In the second half, the tide of

In the second hall, the tide of play turned in UNB's favour, but the home team only managed to notch one goal, enabling the Tigers to hang on for a win.

Dal had plenty of scoring chances against Moncton, but this time they failed to convert them. Moncton, in turn, came out flying and forced netminder Claudette Levy and sweeper Heather MacLean to come up with some good defensive plays to keep them off the scoreboard until late in the second half. Levy stopped one Moncton penalty stroke, but the ball eventually got past her on a U de M penalty corner for the only score of the game.

The Tigers' season story seems to be big games against the big teams, but failure to generate a powerful offense against weaker opponents. The Tigers are hoping that the "big game" theory will continue on Friday when they tangle with the Huskies. However, the Tigers will try to change the trend against Mt. Allison when the Mt. A. team visits Studley Field on Sunday afternoon.

While the Huskies hold a home "turf" advantage for Friday's game, a number of Dal players are familiar with the artificial surface, having played and practised there in the summer as provincial squad or club players.

For anyone contemplating watching at least one varsity field hockey encounter this season, the Dal-SMU matchup could be the one to see. Game time is 5 p.m. at Huskie Stadium.

