

SPORTS

Hockey Tigers escape weekend undefeated

BY STEVE MILLS

The Dal Hockey Tigers remain undefeated this season as they emerged from the weekend's contests with a win and a tie.

On Saturday, the Tigers battled the UCCB Capers to a 4-4 stand-off. Cape Breton attacked early, and possessed a 3-1 lead at the first intermission.

Midway through the second period, Dalhousie began to creep up on the Capers' lead when Stuart Birnie got a goal at 10:54. The score remained 3-2 after two.

In the third, the Tigers enjoyed a short-lived lead with goals by Joe Suk and Anthony MacAuley. Sixteen seconds after MacAuley's goal, however, Capers Robert French tied it up at 4 apiece on a screened shot that Tiger goalie Kevin Stairs never even saw.



Kevin Stairs focuses on the puck, hoping to prevent the rebound from finding its way into the net. His potent play has contributed greatly to the Tiger's undefeated status.

Although Dalhousie outshot the Capers 12-5 in the third and 3-0 in overtime, the Tigers were unable to gain the win and settled for a single point in the standings.

Sunday's game was a much more fulfilling endeavour for the Tigers, as they handed the St. Francis Xavier X-Men an 8-5 blowout.

The Tigers pounced on the X-Men in the first period, firing 19 shots on goal and sinking four of them. Joe Suk and Ken McDermid scored one each, and Greg Smyth got a pair during a five minute power-play.

Smyth and Suk each scored again in the second period, making it 6-0 for Dalhousie. The Tigers were caught off guard, though, when St. F. X. scored three goals in just over a minute and appeared to be on the comeback trail. The score stayed at 6-3 into the second intermission.

In the third period, Smyth scored his fourth of the game (and of the season) extending Dal's lead to 7-3. After the X-Men scored two more, George Wilcox scored on an empty St. FX net to seal the Tigers victory 8-5.

The Tigers will hit the road this weekend, facing Cape Breton on Saturday and St. FX on Sunday.

Swim challenge this weekend

BY IAN ROBERTSON

The swimming Tigers take to the pool in Fredericton this weekend for their first challenge since winning both the men's and women's AUAA team titles last year. The three day inaugural meet will also be attended by the universities of Sherbrooke, Maine (at Orono), Acadia, Mount Allison, Memorial and host New Brunswick.

The women Tigers will be led by returning 1990 conference MVP Lynne Patterson. Fifth year athlete Kellie Andrews, the defending AUAA 100 metre freestyle champion will not compete this weekend as she recovers from injuries sustained this summer. Last year's

Female Rookie of the Year, Lisa Beaton, is expected to add depth in the pool after a summer of extra training with the local club team.

The men will be led in the lanes by 1991 AUAA swimmer of the year, Jason Shannon, the only male CIAU qualifier in the Atlantic region. Strong performances are also expected from returning butterfly specialist, Sean Andrews and rookie breastroker/freestyler John Yip. The loss of last year's Rookie of the Year, Jason Cross, and

breastroke champion, Grant Wong, means the men must rely much more on team effort than stellar individual performances if they can hope to retain their AUAA title.

Head coach Nigel Kemp, in his twenty-first year at the helm of the Tigers, is confident this year's mixture and experience and talent will once again make the Tigers a force to be reckoned with.

Said Kemp, "We are especially looking forward to the meet this

weekend. The university of Maine, whom we haven't swum against in four or five years, will add a lot of competition. This meet also marks the return of the Mount Allison men's team." Mount Allison's men's team had been cut in 1987 due to budget constraints.

The Tigers leave for Fredericton Friday morning, and return Saturday night. They will forgo Sunday's competition, as most of the important events fall within the first two days.

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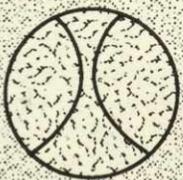
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