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A few of the Dalhousie cheerleaders show one of their routines. At top from left are: Miranda Page, Vicki Sampang and Lisa Sicard. Bottom from left are: Colin Myers, Francis Bailey, Carmen Tam, Ron Samson and Kevin Burgher.

New cheerleading team for Dal

by Frank MacEachern

The next time you go to a Dalhousie Tigers game, you won't have to worry about being the first to start the cheering. That's because there is a cheerleading club at the university.

It began last year when team member and co-ordinator Carmen Tam started talking with a friend about the need for a cheerleading squad.

"It first started out when my friend Lisa Sicard and I were talking about the idea of a cheerleading team at Dal last February. Since then we recruited at various high schools to generate interest and called ex-teammates."

The most recent event the team participated in was the women's basketball game last Friday during the Subway Invitational tournament.

The team's coach is Michelle McClair who, along with Melanie Steele, coached Prince Andrew high school in Dartmouth to provincial titles in 1990-91 and 1991-92. Steele is now the coach of the Saint Mary's cheerleading team.

McClair didn't coach last year but liked the challenge of working with a co-ed university team. She believed the university needed it.

"It's a very powerful sport and I think more universities need it."

The team has seven men and ten women on the team. The female co-captain is Teena Paynter. The male co-captain says he didn't know there were co-ed cheerleading teams.

"I didn't know it existed until six months ago," says Colin Myers.

What Myers also didn't realize was the tremendous athleticism that's required. Since he's started he's gone from 150 pounds to 175 pounds. The muscle he put on came from two workouts a week that total five hours. This strength is needed since the routines are very demanding as Myers points out.

"We're throwing a female in the air 30 feet and two guys are responsible for catching her."

Tam mentions that one varsity coach in particular was very enthusiastic about the team.

"If it wasn't for Bev's (men's basketball coach Bev Greenlaw) enthusiasm and support of the idea I don't think I would have been as optimistic. Not only did he give me contacts but will always inquire about how we are doing."

Tam says university cheerleading differs from the brand that she did when she was in high school in that there is more emphasis on stunts, gymnastics, dance and pyramids.

She says they want to act as ambassadors for Dalhousie and create a closer-knit university community.

"We hope to create a link between the student body and Dal athletics. We want to raise school spirit and to get people involved."

Next year the team plans to attend the National Cheerleading Championships at Skydome in Toronto.

The team has a good mix of experienced high school cheerleaders and eager rookies.

One of those newcomers is now hooked.

"Now I'm addicted to it," Myers says. "I breathe it, I eat it."

So close!

Women's soccer team just miss getting national gold medal

by Frank MacEachern

It couldn't get any closer for the Dalhousie Tigers women's soccer team.

They had to settle for silver at the CIAU championships as they lost in a shootout to the University of British Columbia.

It was a strange shootout. After tying at one during regulation time, the two teams played a pair of 15-minute overtime periods. In the shootout Dal and UBC each scored six out of their 10 times.

It was then down to the goalkeepers

who had to shoot on one another.

Kathy Sutton for UBC stopped Leahanne Turner's shot and then scored on Turner. It was a crushing loss but when reached Tuesday, Dal's coach Neil Turnbull put the loss in perspective.

"In the scope of the season you'd have to say we had a great run to the national title."

What a run it was!

Outside of the shootout the team allowed only two goals all season —

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Tigers move to third

by Sam McCaig

For the Tigers, it was a case of two games in less than twenty-four hours. The Saturday night bout featured the top-ranked St. Francis Xavier X-men with their 6-0 record, while Sunday's matinee saw the Cape Breton Capers visit our favorite hockey barn.

St. FX, the surprising pre-season pick to replace Acadia as CIAU champions, faced a determined Tiger team who saw this early season game as an opportunity to send a message to the rest of the league. In all probability, a tie was not the message they were hoping to send, but as the 5-5 saw-off came courtesy of a last-minute goal by Anthony MacAuley, a tie was going to have to do for now.

With goaltender Greg Dreveny on the bench and the clock mercilessly ticking away, MacAuley found himself alone at the crease and he delighted the 2,000 fans present by depositing his second goal of the match.

The play began with a heroic effort by Kevin Meisner to keep the puck inside. He fought off one X-man and knocked ahead the clearing attempt to George Wilcox, who then centered to the awaiting MacAuley.

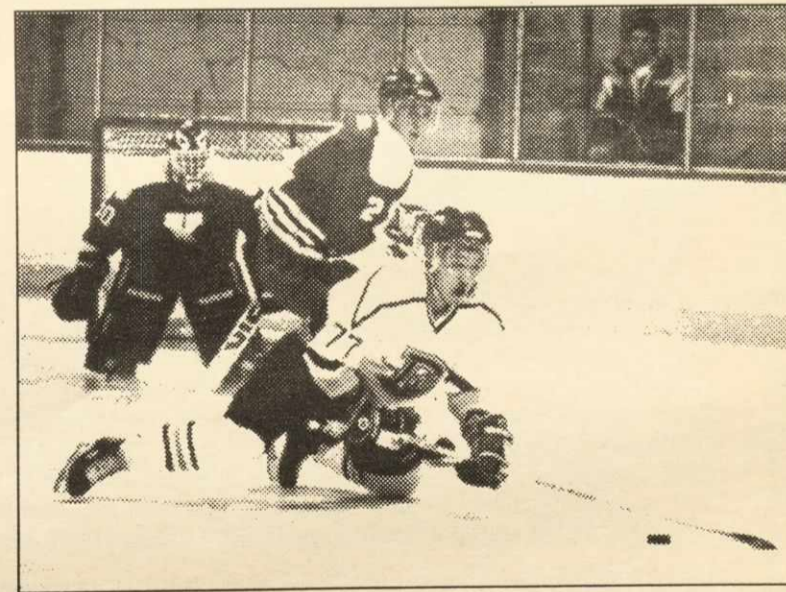
tion, in which case they would carry the puck into the offensive zone and look to set up an open shot, they basically relied on the tried-and-true dump and chase. On the other hand, St. FX depended upon its swift forwards to create scoring opportunities.

St. FX tied the game in the second and took a 4-3 lead midway through the third.

Meisner moved in from the point and slapped one home at 13:24 to even things up, but X-man LeBlanc notched his second of the game just forty seconds later to set the stage for MacAuley's timely goal at 19:38.

On Sunday, the Tigers decided not to wait for the dying seconds. Perhaps a little disappointed that their game the night before did not result in victory, Dalhousie rebounded by smothering the Cape Breton 'attack' while mounting a fine fall offensive of their own.

Leading the way was Joe Suk, who popped his first two of the season and added three assists. Suk's linemate Ken MacDermid also had two goals, as did first-year winger Marc Robillard. Chipping in with singles were Scott Milroy, who deftly deked the Capers goaltender to open up the game's scoring, and Tyler Naugler, who banged home his



Joe Suk is down but not out. Suk scored his first two goals of the season against UCCB Sunday. Here he's shown during the 5-5 tie against St. FX on Saturday.

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The final goal was indicative of the play for the night. The Tigers generally out-muscled, out-shot and out-played the X-men, but their superior team effort was nullified by exemplary individual efforts on the part of a handful of St. FX players.

After one period, the Tigers held a 3-2 edge on goals from Corey MacIntyre, Marc Robillard and MacAuley. Dan LeBlanc and Dale McTavish replied for the X-men.

The distinct playing styles of the two teams became quite apparent after just twenty minutes. Unless the Tigers were attacking in an outmanned situa-

tion, they would carry the puck into the offensive zone and look to set up an open shot, they basically relied on the tried-and-true dump and chase.

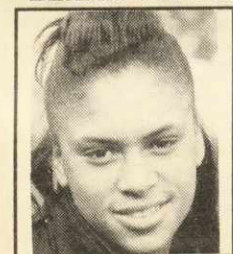
Scott MacDonald got the start for Dalhousie, and he turned aside twenty of the twenty-one shots he faced. His shutout bid was lost at 8:33 of the third when Gary Hickey scored a power-play marker.

The final result was an 8-1 victory for the Tigers and the conclusion of a relatively successful weekend.

The St. Mary's Huskies are the next team that will venture into Studley Arena, that game taking place on Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 pm.

Dalhousie Athletes of the Week

* LEAHANNE TURNER *



CIAU Tournament All-Star
* allowed only two goals all year

CIAU Women's Soccer-Silver Medallist

* KEVIN MEISNER *



2 wins: 1 tie for Tigers Hockey
* scored 2 goals and had 7 assists

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