

sports

Tigers take double cross-country championship

by Frank MacEachern

It's a sweep. Dalhousie grabbed both the men's and women's titles at the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association cross-country last Saturday. The meet occurred at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish.

Rayleen Hill won the women's 5K race in a time of 18:15, which was 25

seconds ahead of teammate Anne Marie Farnell who grabbed second in the race. Lisa Dunne of St. FX was third with a time of 19:11.

Hill said the muddy course helped her.

"I just found it really fun. It's almost like an opportunity to act like a child and run through the mud."

The double victory is a morale booster for the team which is hosting the CIAU national championships at Point Pleasant Park this Saturday. The women's 5K starts at 1 pm while the men's 10K starts at 1:45 pm.

Out of a perfect score of 15, the women finished with 18 points, well ahead of second place St. FX which wound up with 62. The University of New Brunswick were third with 74 points while L'université de Moncton finished with 85 points.

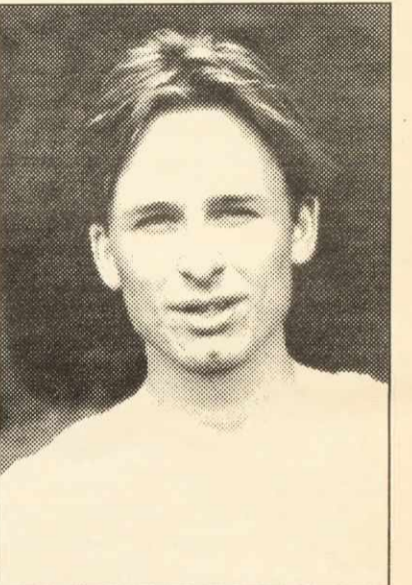
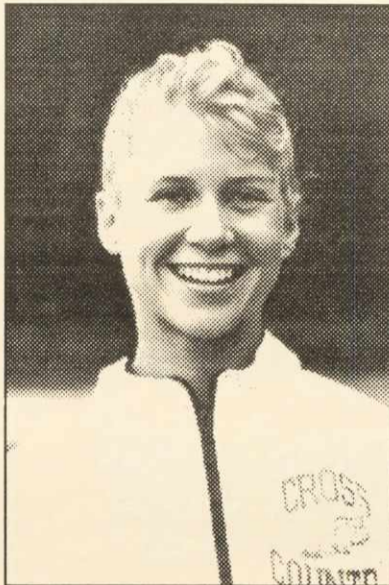
After Dunne, it was the Tigers in spots four through seven: Heather Ostic (19:21), Melina Murray (19:31), Benita Sabean (19:36) and Jessica Fraser (19:43). The Tigers were missing Shari Boyle who sprained her ankle training for the AUAA's.

For the men, it was teamwork that brought home the championship.

Although Paul Smith placed the highest individually with a time of 33:50, good for fourth place, he was followed by four teammates who grabbed the next spots in order.

Paul Riley (34:06), Jason Bocarro (34:17), Gary Newell (34:27) and Chris Halfyard (time unavailable) garnered 30 points for the Tigers. They finished 17 points ahead of archrival UNB.

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Wed., Nov. 17th
3:30 pm. #316
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Dalhousie Athletes of the Week

*** RAYLEEN HILL ***
3rd year runner Rayleen Hill ran a magnificent race to lead the Dal Women's Cross Country Team to an AUAA Championship. Rayleen battled it out with teammate Anne Marie Farnell to finish first overall. Rayleen was also chosen as an AUAA All-Star.

*** PAUL SMITH ***
5th year runner Paul Smith led the Dalhousie Men's Cross Country Team to an AUAA Championship this past weekend. Paul was also named as an AUAA All-Star.

AUAA Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships

Follow the Tigers

Men's soccer playoff preview

by Angel Figueroa

The Dalhousie men's soccer team was at Saint Francis Xavier for its annual season-ending game on Sunday, October 31. The two fooled around on a frigid, muddy pitch for a joyless, goalless draw that has traditionally been the most meaningless game of the year.

It was a bit different this time, however. Still mostly meaningless, but not

because Dal was invariably in the playoffs while StFX was invariably excluded, as it has successively been in the last three years. Rather, the two teams were already predetermined as qualifiers for the Final Four. While the writer set a precedent by surviving the morning after Mardi Gras for the first time in four years (and thus made it in time for the bus departing Dalplex at the ungodly time of 8 am), there were other record-setting points to this match as well: Xavier's Cinderella performance this season had given it not only the unusual playoff berth, but also the right to host the championships as owners of the best record in the league. The usually grim, season-ending game was about to be a super-bout between the AUAA defending champions, Dal, and the team who claimed themselves as pretenders to the Holy Grail.

Yet the anticlimactic draw might not have been wholly unexpected if you consider that Dal and Xavier have the two best defensive squads in the league. Both are the only teams to have single digits under their goals-against

column, while the reputation of their respective sweepers (Adrian Ibbetson for Dal, Trevor Reddick for StFX) precede them wherever they go. It meant little that the last match-up a month ago had ended in a 1-0 win for Xavier. What was more important was that the two might well play each other none too soon - in the championship match if things go as they should in semi-finals - turning the game into a valuable piece of future information.

However, what belies any sort of conclusion is the fact that Dal was not in full form. Four players were absent from its starting eleven. Geoff Axell, Morten Mooers, Craig Janc, and Trevor Chisolm all sat out due to sickness or injury. While the rookies who usually ride the pine found their chance to get some playing time, the absence of four top players meant that a draw, despite the sound of it, was actually positive.

Head coach Ian Kent explains. "It was a good game. We created a number of scoring opportunities. Their keeper came up big on a couple. [Mathew] Padfield [who replaced Chisolm as the Dal keeper] came up big

as well. Considering that we were without four of our starting eleven, it was a good result."

Elsewhere in the league, the other final games decided the last two playoff berths. Saint Mary's and Acadia drew at 1-1 on October 29, a grim result which would later haunt SMU, as it failed to advance by the thinnest of margins. L'université de Moncton secured its berth with a 3-1 victory over Memorial University of Newfoundland on October 30, giving it four points to finish ahead of Dal and in second place on the table. The loss left SMU and Memorial tied for fourth, with identical records, but the tie breaker went in favour of Memorial because of its better record against StFX. (Memorial had three points against StFX, while SMU had only two. Ouch.)

Out of the muddle leaves StFX and Memorial in the first semi-final game on Saturday, November 6, at 11 am, and Dal versus Moncton at 2 pm. The winners play for the Atlantic crown on Sunday at 1 pm.

"I must say I feel bad for X," said Kent, when asked to reflect on the match-ups, "because they won the hosting rights but at the same time they're up against the only team in the league that has taken three points [a win and a draw] off them. I'm sure they're not sleeping well this weekend."

Indeed. Memorial's strongest card is its thuggery. With a number of soft players on the Xavier side, it might just spell doom in what would then be a crushing upset. Either way, it will be

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Memorial	5	4	3	20	18	18
St. Mary's	5	4	3	20	18	18
Acadia	3	6	3	9	20	12
Mt. Allison	3	7	1	10	22	12
UNB	2	6	3	16	26	9
UPEI	2	7	2	8	19	8