

Dal hockey team shaping up

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

The hockey **Tigers** came out of the weekend with two points, losing 6-1 to the UNB Varsity Reds on Friday and beating the Mount Allison Mounties 4-2 on Saturday. However, head coach Darrell Young was pleased with his team's effort.

"From the coaching staff's point of view, we had a really good weekend," he commented. "We saw a lot of progress [in the team]...overall, it was a very promising weekend."

In Fredericton, the Tigers came out strong but it was UNB who scored three times in the first frame to gain the lead. Dax MacLean scored twice and Peter MacKellar added a third for the home team.

The Tigers outshot and outchanced last year's conference champions during the second period but were unable to put the puck in the net often enough to catch up to the Reds. Scott Cherrey added another one for UNB before Ted Naylor scored on the power play for the Tigers with the assists going to rookie Derrick Pyke and Martin LaPointe. Bill Lang scored less than a minute later to up the score to 5-1. The Tigers tested UNB goalie Ken Carroll 12 times while the Reds only managed five shots on goal during the period.

Dal continued to dominate play and UNB were further outshot 6-14 during the final frame. The period was riddled with penalties for both teams and it was well over the halfway mark before MacLean managed the hat trick on the power play.

Young was not terribly concerned by the score, saying there was very little Tiger goaltender Neil Savary could do about it.

"Two of them went in off someone else's skate and two were one-time shots that not too many goalies in the league can stop.

"We believe that we outplayed UNB on Friday night in every aspect of the game," he further said,

"from the physical part of it to the aggressive part of it...but they just finished the chances that they had."

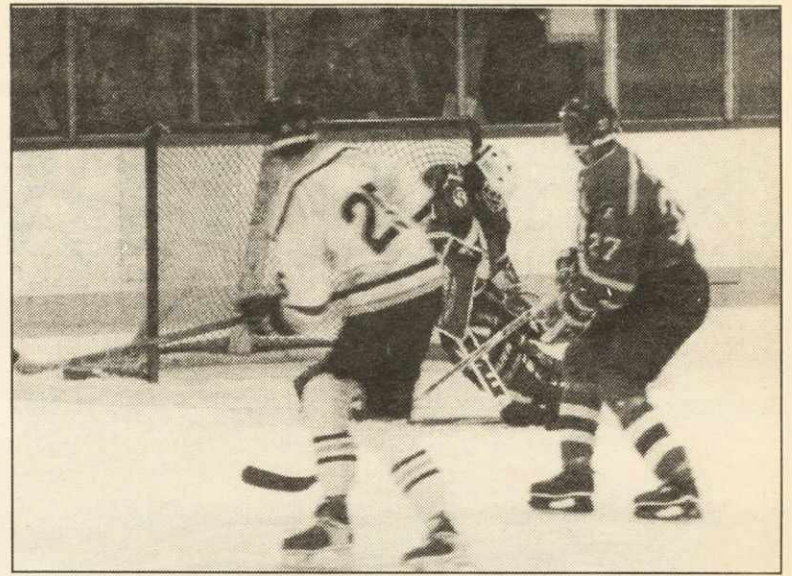
"We had a lot of chances, we just didn't put the puck in," echoed fourth-year blueliner Richard Ujvary. "The difference was on the board but not in real play — we basically outplayed them."

Saturday was no different in that Dal dominated play but this time the Tigers were able to come away with the win. All four of their goals were scored on the power play, indicating that something is going very right in the

Tigers' camp early in the season. Dal's power play gave both coaching staff and players considerable grief last season.

Scoring for Dal were Naylor, team captain Dave Haynes, LaPointe and Chad Kalmakoff, respectively.

"Our power play was working so much better and we finally capitalized on that," noted Ujvary. "Overall, everyone was contributing the way they're supposed to be and it was a nice team effort. Hopefully, they're going to repeat it over and over again...we should be just fine."



Dal hockey in action at Memorial Arena on October 15th. Photo by Ryan Lash

Dal Women's Cross Country CIAU-bound

BY MATT RICHARDSON

At 10:59 am, the slightly over-anxious gun resonated across the St.FX field, sending the crowd of thirty-four similarly-minded women rushing out of the starting boxes. The sunny but cold and windy conditions were typical for the season-ending race of the AUSA conference. However, Dal knew that there was another bigger, more important race after this one — the CIAU championships. Only one woman running for the team this year had been to that race before, but they all went out with the idea of changing that.

Within two minutes, nobody could mistake the diminutive figure of Dalhousie's star rookie Kristen Lewis taking the lead on the far side of the course. Only one other girl, St.FX's Lavinia Gough, had the motivation to take up the punishing pace. For the whole season, and even years before in high school, these girls had fought it out on various venues around the province. This day would be no different.

Twenty metres later, the group forming at the front of the main pack was unmistakably dressed in black, showing the gold-coloured Tigers on their race singlets to all those behind them. From this gathering emerged Jessica Fraser, the women's team captain, and rookie Kelly McKean, former Dal

soccer player and third-ranked woman on the team so far this year. They strode ahead, followed closely by the rest of their teammates, which included another Dal rookie, Amy Higgins. A lone Memorial runner, Gillian Royle, took up the challenge.

Halfway through the race, Gough was still hanging tough with Lewis, who looked smooth and in control. Lewis had not lost a single AUSA race this year, a feat rarely attained by any rookie in the history of the conference. Shortly after passing the crowd and heading into her second of two major loops, Lewis slowly started pulling away from Gough, a move she would later describe as "unintentional".

McKean began to take command about forty-five seconds back from the front two, "running within herself", and pulling ahead of captain Fraser. Following was another rookie, Juliet Thornton, who was clearly having her best race of the season. Battling it out to this point were also Higgins and Memorial's Royle, with the final two Dal runners, medical student Sandy Smith and triathlete Karen Martin on their heels. Showing experience beyond her years, Higgins made a gutsy move to drop the MUN runner and *intentionally* surged ahead.

"I knew I had to do it," she

commented later.

As race leader Lewis came into sight on the final stretch, the crowd could see a sizable gap had opened up, and she crossed the line in a phenomenal 18:23, claiming her first AUSA title with a composure that ensured it would not be her last. Gough finished ten seconds later, followed by McKean one second shy of a minute after that. Fraser was a further fifteen seconds after in 19:47, and a strong finish by Thornton in 19:53 left only one Dal runner left to cross the line in order to seal the victory. Exactly twenty minutes and one second after the gun fired, Higgins — the final scoring runner for the Dal team — crossed the line, a little out of breath but nonetheless exuberant with her sixth-place finish. The Dalhousie women's cross country team had just sealed their twelfth consecutive AUSA conference Championship. Smith (20:18) and Martin (20:21) claimed 8th and 9th places, respectively, allowing Dal to take seven out of the top ten spots. The scoring point total for Dalhousie was 19, to MUN's 58, St.FX's 67,

and UNB's 100.

After the race, newly-appointed women's Coach of the Year Al Yarr noted that "The quality of an athlete comes from mind and spirit. This group has great mind and spirit. On any given day, and any set of circumstances, they do what they can, and some people do more. You can't be disappointed with that."

The race was hardly over before the women had their sights set on the next task: the CIAU championships in London, Ontario on November 8th.

"It's going to be a very different experience," said Fraser, noting that their current eighth-place national ranking could easily be improved upon. Joel Dalrymple, a Dal men's track recruit this year, agreed with Fraser after watching the race, stating that the women's performance "was impressive, especially at a university level."

As for Kristen Lewis, AUSA champion, the only thing on her mind is if she can "run as fast as the leaders". You have a feeling that the top runners had better be listening. Even wary, perhaps.

Athletes of the Week

KRISTEN LEWIS
CROSS COUNTRY

Kristen won the AUSA Cross Country Championship held in Antigonish on Saturday, October 25. She ran a season best time of 18:23 to extend her unbeaten streak this year. She was named both Female Cross Country Athlete of the Year and Rookie of the Year for the AUSA. Kristen is a first-year Arts student from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

STEF FINATERI
SOCCER

Stef was the key player in leading the women's soccer team to three wins this week. Her constant pressure on opposing backs helped her score two goals and set up many others as the Tigers beat SMU 1-0, UPEI 7-0 and MTA 3-0. The three victories secured the Tigers' spot as the #1 seed entering this weekend's AUSA Championships at UNB. Stef is a first-year Arts student from Goulais, Ontario.

JAMIE BLANCHARD
CROSS COUNTRY

Jamie led the Tigers cross country team to a second-place finish at the AUSA Championships held in Antigonish on Saturday, October 25. His second-place finish in the race helped the Tigers trim eight points off the margin Memorial had won by earlier in the season. Jamie led the Tigers at every AUSA event this season. He is a second-year Architecture student from Truro, Nova Scotia.

DALE JACKSON
BASKETBALL

Dale led the Tigers men's basketball team at the UCCB Tip-off Tournament. Despite playing without two starters, Dal battled closely with St.FX and Laval, with Dale dominating. He went 24 of 34 from the field and 19 of 22 from the free throw line, scoring 29 and 38 points, respectively. He was also named to the tournament All-Star Team. Dale is a second-year Arts student from Montreal, Quebec.



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Fraelic continued to shoot on the net with several near-misses. The Mt.A keeper held Dal to one goal, making several excellent saves to round out the half.

The Tigers were happy to get the win after Saturday's loss.

"We needed to pick it up after yesterday's game, it was a little disappointing," says Allardice. "I feel we could have done a bit more today — we had a lot of scoring chances. The score wasn't

indicative of how we played [but] it was good to come out and do it after yesterday's result."

"I picked it up a little more [on Sunday]," says Ramsden. "It was time to play better, especially with the playoffs coming up."

Sundays victory should boost Dal for the playoffs.

"[Sunday] was very promising," says coach Ian Kent. "We played simpler [on Sunday], with more balls to feet. The guys have realized that and we will take that into the playoffs."

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE
(AUSA rankings in brackets)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31
(Quarter-finals)
Dal (3) vs. MUN (6)
ACA (4) vs. UNB (5)
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Semi-finals
SFX (1) vs. lowest-ranked winner from quarterfinals
UPEI (2) vs. highest-ranked winner from quarterfinals
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Finals