

The past year in review

by Alex Hargrave

The Women's Soccer Tigers saw their six-year reign as AUAA champions end after a season of highs and lows. In the semi-finals, they went down to defeat to the St. Francis Xavier X-ettes by a score of 2-1.

During league play the Tigers finished with a respectable 5-3-2 record. The most aggressive Tigers were Connie Craig, Sally Pitie, Sarah Napier, Donna Lamb and Lenore MacDonald, who tallied 12 goals collectively in league play.

In field hockey, the Tigers have always been a dominant force in the AUAA, consistently placing first or second over the last 12 years and winning five AUAA crowns.

The 1986 season was a rebuilding year for the Tigers. The team consisted mainly of first- and second-year players and as a result the squad failed to make the playoffs with a 2-5-1 record. With each game, however, the Tigers improved. Next season may be the field hockey team's year.

Tigers are well known for their speed and endurance. The Cross Country teams showed they have these qualities, winning three out of four races during the season.

The Tigers women's cross country team picked up the gold at the AUAA Cross Country Championships October 25. Leading the way for the Tigers was freshman Lucy Smith, who set a course record for the 5k run with a time of 17:37. Right behind Smith was Dal's Annick de Gooyer.

In the men's division, the Black and Gold runners just missed in their bid to claim the championship, falling short by four points. UNB took the title with 58 points, with Dal coming in second with 42. Still, Dal had the top runner in Craig Parsons, who covered the 10k course in 31:48.

Although ranked eighth nationally heading into the CIAU Cross Country Championships at the University of Western Ontario, the women's cross country team pulled an upset by

finishing fifth in Canada when the meet was over.

The Tigers were led again by fleet-footed Lucy Smith, who finished fourth, and veteran Annick de Gooyer, who was seventh. Both Smith and de Gooyer were named All-Canadians. It was the first time that the AUAA has had two cross-country women make the national All-Star squad. Veteran coach Al Yarr was justifiably proud of his club.

The Swim Tigers' 16-year mentor, Nigel Kemp, had his swim teams in top form. After four meets, the men extended their AUAA dual meet league record to 4-0. The Dalhousie women succumbed to only their second AUAA dual meet loss of the decade to Mount Allison on November 22, but still own an impressive 3-1 record in AUAA dual meet action.

Tigers' women's swim team captain Mary Mowbray became the first swimmer in the conference to qualify for the CIAUs, to be held in March in the Dalplex, with a time of 1:08.99 in the 100m butterfly on November 2. One week later at the Dalplex

pool, teammate Sue Hall became the Tigers' second CIAU qualifier, swimming the 100m breaststroke in 1:20.10.

The 1986-87 version of the men's swimming Tiger burgeons with enough talent to have observers recognize that the Tigers' chances of recapturing the AUAA championships they last won in 1982 are strong. The Black and Gold lineup will be led by four-time All-Canadian Andrew Cole.

The Women's Volleyball Tigers will be a strong unit once again and will attempt to take their fourth straight AUAA title. Although seven members from last year's squad have retired, six steady players remain and will be joined by five talented young women.

Guided by last season's women's Athlete of the Year, Karen Fraser, the Tigers pushed their consecutive match winning streak to 48 in league play. But on November 16, the Tigers finally lost. The University of Moncton beat the young cubs 3-0 in games. Expect another long streak to begin this season.



GAZETTE FILE PHOTO

The womens soccer team should be kicking again this year. watch for the action.

Coming events

Dal superstars tournament slated for Sept. 27

The ninth annual Dalhousie Volleyball Superstars tournament will be held Sunday, September 27 at the Dalplex.

Since its inception, the tournament has marked the start of the volleyball season in the Halifax area. With modified rules and a unique co-ed format, an exciting competition has developed.

The 1987 tourney will see eight coaches conducting a player draft on September 23 for players of the varsity, senior, and provincial team calibre.

Each team will have four male and four female players, with no rotations required. Unlimited substitutions will be allowed.

Soccer Tigers to launch season

The Dalhousie women's and men's soccer Tigers will kick off the 1987-88 season with a pair of home games this week at Studley Field.

The women Tigers, who posted a 5-3-2 record last season before being eliminated in playoff action by St. Francis Xavier, will face the Acadia Axettes at 4 p.m. Wednesday, September 16.

The men Tigers host the Axemen at 4 p.m. on Thursday, September 17. The Tigers, who were third in the AUAA East last year with a 4-4-4 record, have a good nucleus of returning players this year.

Tiger schedule

Men's Soccer

Sept. 17	ACA @ DAL	4 p.m.
Sept. 19	DAL @ MUN	4 p.m.
Sept. 20	DAL @ MUN	4 p.m.
Sept. 26	UCCB @ DAL	4 p.m.
Sept. 29	SFX @ DAL	3 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Sept. 19	MUN @ DAL	1 p.m.
Sept. 20	MUN @ DAL	1 p.m.
Sept. 26	SFX @ DAL	1 p.m.
Sept. 27	DAL @ MTA	1 p.m.
Sept. 30	DAL @ SMU	4 p.m.

Cross Country

Sept. 19	AUAA @ UDM
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