

## Tiger sports first half review

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THE FIRST HALF OF THE 1984-85 varsity season proved to be busy as usual for Dalhousie Tiger fans, with all teams seeing action.

The first team to hit the field this year was the men's soccer squad, under the guidance of first-year coach Eric McIntyre. Dalhousie is McIntyre's first university coaching position, although he has been instrumental in the coaching and organization of soccer in Nova Scotia for many years.

The soccer Tigers' inexperience manifested itself on the field as they finished the season out of the playoffs with two wins, five losses and four ties. Coach McIntyre's son, Roger,

was the leading scorer for the team, with four goals.

In a post-season interview, coach McIntyre acknowledged that 1984 was a rebuilding year for the Tigers and he predicted an improved performance next season.

McIntyre also hinted that the team may have had an attitude problem this year (five or six players won't be back) but hopes this won't be a factor in 1985.

The women's field hockey team fared well, recording eight wins, three losses and one tie. They were ranked as high as sixth in the country in mid-October. The Tigers' strength was a stingy defense which allowed just six goals in 12 AUAA season games.

The leading scorers on the team were Sharon Andrews with

eight points and Janice Cossar with five.

In the semi-finals, the Tigers faced the defending AUAA champion University of New Brunswick, a team they had defeated 2-1 in regular season play. Dal was not able to repeat that performance, however, and wound up dropping a 2-1 overtime decision.

Dalhousie's cross country runners enjoyed a successful season with both the men's team, led by Norman Tinkham, and the women's team, paced by Annick de Gooyer, placing second in the AUAA through two invitationals and the conference championships.

Both Tinkham and de Gooyer participated in the CIAU



championships in Guelph, Ontario, where they placed eighth and 26th respectively.

The Tiger swim team, coached by Nigel Kemp, finished off the first half of the season with a big win over Acadia Axemen in Wolfville. The men's team completed the pre-Christmas portion of the schedule with a 3-1 record in dual meet competition, while the women were 7-3 and are ranked seventh in the country. The women's squad had an impressive streak broken early in November when its record of 42 consecutive dual meet wins in AUAA competition, stretching over five years, was ended by UNB.

In an exhibition meet, the women Tigers lost to the defending CIAU champion University of Toronto, but only on the last relay.

The always-strong volleyball Tigers saw lots of exhibition and AUAA action during the 1984 portion of the schedule.

The women's record in the first half was 6-0, good for top spot in the conference, and is even more impressive when one considers they haven't lost one game within a match to AUAA competition.

Dal's ladies boast an overall record of 12-4, including a

tournament title at the University of Moncton.

The men's team, coached by Al Scott, finished off the break with a 9-0 record in AUAA competition including just four game losses in the nine matches. Dal also won the UNB Atlantic Invitational in October and placed seventh at the Manitoba Bison Invitational in November.

The Tiger hockey team, under the direction of first-year coach Kent Ruhnke, have shown much promise and are currently in a three-way tie for third place in the AUAA with four wins, three losses, and two ties.

Dal's overall record including exhibition games is 8-4-2. Mid-season all-stars were Paul Herron, Darren Cossar, Lyle Kjernisted, Neal Megannety and Kevin Quartermain.

Dal's basketball teams saw little action during the first half but court action will definitely be in the limelight during the next two months.

The rookie-laden men's squad is 0-2 in AUAA play and 2-4 overall at this time. The women posted a 72-49 win over Acadia in conference play and are 4-2 overall.

## Double victories in pool

MARIE MOORE, CANADIAN Olympian and member of the Dartmouth Crusaders Swim team, and Jill Greenlaw of the Dalhousie Tigers women Dalhousie Tigers women's swim team pulled off double victories at the fourth annual Dalhousie Swim Classic held today at the Dalplex pool.

Moore captured top honours in the 100M breast stroke and 50M

freestyle with times of 1:19.11 and 28.18 respectively.

Greenlaw placed first in the 400M individual medley (5:25.16) and the 100M butterfly (1:09.43).

Susan Duncan of Dalhousie qualified for the CIAU finals with her performance in the 50M freestyle with a time of 28.93. The Tigers will be at home this Friday when they entertain Acadia at 7 pm at the Dalplex pool.

## The strike and Dalplex

Dal Tigers fans and intramural athletes would undoubtedly be interested in knowing how a D.F.A. strike, should it occur, would influence activities at the Dalplex.

According to intramural coordinator Tom McKay, the intramural schedule will go on regardless of strike action by the D.F.A.

"Individuals will have the option of participating if they wish," he said, "but we're not trying to force anyone to come out."

"Teams which do not show up for games for some strike-related reason will not be penalized," he added. "But it would be impossible to reschedule games

in case of a strike—we're on a tight enough schedule as is."

"In case of a prolonged strike," McKay added, "we'd have to see whether we were still getting a turnout in terms of participants and then make a decision as to whether it was still worthwhile to continue offering programs while a strike is on."

Because the Dalplex has community, as well as student, users, the facility will probably continue to operate as usual in the event of a strike. Dalhousie's varsity programs will also continue, although assistant coaches may be at the helm in cases where head coaches are members and supporters of the D.F.A.

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