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Tiger's team has all-star flush

by Derek Neary

The Dalhousie Tigers came up short in their quest for an AUAA Women's Soccer championship. The Saint Mary's Huskies eliminated the Tigers 2-0 in the Atlantic finals on Sunday November 8th.

Melissa Bradshaw and Kelly Hiltz scored for the Huskies and Shelly Whitman posted the shut out. Saint Mary's advanced to the finals by disposing of the UPEI Panthers 4-0. Dal needed penalty shots to knock off the Acadia Axettes 2-1 in their semi-final match-up on Friday.

The pre-game atmosphere was intense and optimistic on Sunday. The Tigers were fired up for the contest but their opponents were equally inspired. SMU set the pace in the early stages of game. In the fourth minute of play, a pair of Huskies broke in on a two-on-one and Bradshaw scored what would prove

to be the game winning goal.

Saint Mary's struck again in the 18th minute when Hiltz picked the left corner of the net, off a pass from Suzanne Muir.

"They came out on fire," said Dal coach Darrell Cormier. "They move very well, they worked very hard, and they knocked some very good ball."

The Huskies were usually just a step ahead of the Tigers. When Dal did manage to take control of the ball, things still didn't go their way. Their passes were often just out of reach and their shots were frequently high or wide of the mark. SMU keeper Shelly Whitman and the crossbar took care of the rest.

As the first half drew to a close the score remained 2-0.

Dal regrouped and pressed hard in the second half. But it became apparent that they were not destined to be victorious. Tiger shots again re-

bounded off the crossbar and Whitman continued to turn aside everything else. The ball would not bounce their way. As time was winding down, the screams of support from the sidelines became louder and were tinged with desperation. The players on the bench were as frustrated as their team-mates on the field. When all was said and done, the Saint Mary's Huskies emerged triumphant on this day.

Following the game, five members of the Dalhousie Tigers were recognized as AUAA all stars. Full backs Lynne Robertson and Stephanie Johnson, midfielders Carla Perry and Dana Holmes, and striker Kate Gillespie were all named to the all star team.

On Friday night the Dal squad took on the Acadia Axettes under the lights of Huskies stadium. In the 22nd minute, Lynne Robertson sent a free kick soaring towards the Acadia net. Axette keeper Kim Mill mistimed her leap and the ball fell in the narrow gap between the crossbar and Mill's reaching hands. The Tigers led 1-0.

Dal was unable to score again in the half despite dominating the majority of the action. They retained the one goal lead at half-time.

The Tigers came out flying in the second half but as time wore on the momentum gradually shifted in Acadia's favour. Although the



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Axettes weren't getting many shots, they only needed one to knot things up. The 77th minute provided that opportunity when Pauline Rae headed a Cindy Montgomerie corner kick into the Dal net.

Overtime would be necessary to determine a winner in this closely contested match-up. But the first 15 minutes didn't settle anything — nor did the second 15.

It was up to five shooters from each team to decide who would advance to the finals as the game moved to the penalty shot format. After

eight shots the score was deadlocked at 3-3. Lynne Robertson was Dal's final sniper. She nailed the left corner past a diving Kim Mill. All eyes were now on Acadia's Cindy Montgomerie and Dal keeper Angie McLeod. Montgomerie booted the ball hard but it came right at McLeod who clutched it to preserve the victory. The field was soon swarming with elated team members.

The Dalhousie Tiger team that takes the field next year will be without five year veterans Angie McLeod and Rachel Jones.

The best yet to come

by Dan Hennigar

Dalhousie's Anne Marie Farnell, in one of the best races of her career, finished tenth in the five-kilometre run at the national cross-country championships last weekend. Olympian Lisa Harvey from Calgary won the race, while two-time defending champion Anna Gunasekers failed to qualify for the meet after finishing third in her conference.

The course, touted to be the toughest the women had ever faced, resulted in times more than a minute slower than normal. Farnell's effort earned her Second Team All-Canadian honours for the second time in her three years in Canadian Inter-university Athletics Union (CIAU) competition.

Dalhousie's second runner, Rayleen Hill, also ran very well, placing eighteenth. Hill was the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association champion.

In team competition, Calgary ran away with first place while University of British Columbia and University of Toronto placed second and third, respectively. The Dalhousie women finished seventh.

The women's team had hoped to do better, but are excited by their potential for next year. With all the team members returning, and four of the seven just finishing their rookie year, the women look forward to doing well at next year's CIAU championships. These will be held on Dalhousie's home course at Point Pleasant Park.

Lounge lizards don't swim

by John Yip

The Dalhousie Swimming Tigers travelled to Fredericton, N.B., last weekend for the annual AUAA Invitational. The meet proved to be a successful one, giving all swimmers a chance to compete early in the season.

"This weekend was a total team effort. It was a good beginning for the season for all athletes," says coach Dave Fry, "It gave us an opportunity to see where we stand in comparison to the rest of the conference. As underdogs in the AUAA, we'll see if both men's and women's teams can rise to the occasion in the latter part of the season."

Some highlights of this weekend were outstanding performances by captain Sean Andrews, who placed second in the 100m Fly, 0.5 seconds behind last year's CIAU champion from Laval. Third-year Commerce student Jason Shannon also posted an impressive performance in the 200m Back, good enough for third place. D'Arcy Byrne also placed third in the 400m Free, while Matt Fraser rounded up the top four finishes for the men with a fourth-place finish in the 400m IM.

On the women's side, first-year swimmer Katherine Dunn captured the 800m Free event, posting a lifetime best time as well as qualifying for this year's CIAU Championships.

"I'm pleased with this weekend's 47th minute enabled Audain to put

performance. It was so unexpected since we've been training really hard lately. I hope that with Dave Fry's strong technical skills I will be able to improve even more before the conference championships," said Dunn. Each swimmer on the women's team swam fast and showed that they were a force to be reckoned with.

"The purpose of this meet was to get out there and try to perform as best you could under the circumstances and come back with a positive outlook," quips second-year var-

sity swim team member Louis Beaubien.

For Dave LeBlanc, also a part-time lounge singer, this weekend helped fire some motivation:

"We're not gonna take it (being underdogs). No we're not gonna take it. We're going to fight to the end: we now have some inspiration (Happy Halloween (again)! Yeah!)."

After a successful meet at UNB, the next swim meet takes the men's and women's Tigers to Acadia and Dartmouth for the Atlantic Cup.

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a marvellous finish on a free ball for Dal to go up 2-0, in what essentially amounted to be the winning goal. SMU responded with a marvellous goal of its own by Kyreakakos in the 62nd minute to bring SMU within one. What followed was thirty minutes of hair-raising soccer that was periodically frightening for both benches, as the attacks went back and forth evenly in a game that grew increasingly rough and emotional. But SMU was unsuccessful in its bid to come up with the equalizer, and Dal went on to claim one of the biggest victories of the year.

Coach Ian Kent was of course happy for his second AUAA title in only two years as coach of the Dal team. As is the custom, Kent was to the point when reflecting on the weekend and the win: "Coming into

the game the whole team knew we could do it and knew that we would have to work to do it and knew that it would be a tough game. It was a tough game, they worked, and we did it."

Dal now heads to Guelph Ontario, where it will battle for the national championship on November 12-15. The four other Canadian conference winners (University of British Columbia of Canada West, MacMaster of Ontario West, Laurentian of Ontario East, Concordia of Quebec) as well as the host team, will provide for some very tough competition in the 1992 quest for national glory. Now that Dal is the AUAA representative second time round, a more experienced and more focused squad will vie for an even greater Holy Grail.

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