

SPORTS

Dal soccer leaves UNB seeing red Men & Women defeat Moncton to complete sweep

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The Dal soccer Tigers continued their successful season as the men defeated the New Brunswick Varsity Reds 2-0 on Saturday and won 3-2 over the Moncton Blue Eagles on Sunday and the women cruised to easy 5-0 and 6-0 victories over female teams from the same two schools.

Women's Soccer

Dal 5 UNB 0 — Dal dominated this game from start to finish and cruised to the easy victory in their first game at Wickwire Field after four games on the road.

Only two minutes into the contest, Dal was in front as Mary-Beth Bowie sent Kelly Larkin in alone and her shot beat UNB goalkeeper Catherine Gillis. It became apparent that UNB's hapless defensive record (the worst in the AUA) was not a fluke as the Tigers proceeded to run them off the field.

The Tigers made it 2-0 in the 23rd minute as Larkin scored her fourth goal of the season. Dal's defense was so strong that keeper Roxanne Murphy didn't face a direct shot the entire game — UNB's only real chance was a drive sent over the net in the first half.

UNB's misery was completed with six minutes left, when Dal was awarded a penalty kick as Natalie Lindthaler was tripped in the box. Bowie converted the shot to end the scoring.

For Tigers coach Dara Moore, capitalizing on open opportunities was the key to the game.

"We're pleased we were able

to put away opportunities," said Moore. "We were quite solid today and we worked a fair bit on our defensive shape in the midfield and the back."

Dal 6 UDM 0 — Dalhousie rolled to victory over winless Moncton (0-4-1) with goals from Lindthaler and Bowie in the first half. Defender Amy Harding scored her first goal at 47 minutes, Larkin



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got her fifth goal at 61 minutes, Norman scored on 73 minutes and Bowie completed the scoring with her second of the game with six minutes left.

With tough games in Antigonish, Sydney and at St. Mary's this weekend, coach Moore is taking nothing for granted.

"Every game is important because the season's very short and we recognize that the trip will not be easy."

Men's Soccer

Dal 2 UNB 0 — The Tigers were pushed by UNB throughout the game, but solid goalkeeping and a little bit of luck helped claim the victory.

However, the Reds had the opportunity to open the scoring as Dal was penalized for a handball infraction in the 13th minute. It was 31-year-old Terry Elles who took the kick, but his shot came off the left post and the Tigers were off the hook.

"I was trying to be too precise on the penalty [kick] and it cost us," said Elles.

Goalkeeping was solid by both teams as UNB's Shawn Connell and Dal's Andrew Sears took centre-stage on various occasions. But a piece of artistry from Dal forward Joey Fraelic opened the scoring

at the 25th minute. Fraelic turned past a defender and beat Connell with a brilliant drive to the left hand corner for his first goal of the season.

The insurance goal came 65 minutes into the game as Carl Ensminger went past the defender and chipped Connell from about 20 yards to seal the match.

"Today was our best effort this season," said Ensminger. "We used the big surface to our advantage and we definitely hustled more."

Dal 3 UDM 2 — The Tigers saved their blushes with a last minute goal from Tomas Ernst after blowing a two-goal lead to the lowly Blue Eagles.

Dal dominated the game and were up 2-0 early in the second half on goals by Jeff Hibberts and Nador Awanen. The Eagles scored goals in the 85th and 87th minutes to level the score, but Ernst's goal gave the Tigers the victory.

Both the men and women are 4-1-1 heading into three games on the road next weekend. On Friday, the Tigers play St. F. X., Saturday it's the

Cape Breton Capers and Sunday witnesses the cross-town rivalry with St. Mary's.



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Men's hockey

Friday, Oct. 2 — DAL vs SMU (exhibition) TBA @ Memorial Arena

Cross Country

Saturday, Oct. 3 — DAL Invitational

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