

Men's soccer one game from clinching

BY DAVID FINLAYSON

Last Saturday the Dalhousie Tigers shut out the Acadia Axemen 3-0 and with the win came one game closer to clinching first place in the AUA men's soccer standings. The victory boosted the teams' confidence

that they could beat any team in the league. It also moved them to the number two spot in the CIAU rankings, an important factor should the team move on to nationals.

For the first fifteen minutes of Saturday's game it seemed like the two teams were feeling each other



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Men

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Dalhousie	9	1	2	32	3	27
St. F.X.	8	3	1	24	7	25
Acadia	5	3	4	19	11	21
Saint Mary's	4	3	4	16	11	17
Moncton	4	4	4	16	21	17
New Brunswick	4	4	3	7	10	15
U.P.E.I.	3	3	5	8	10	14
Memorial	2	5	4	9	13	12
Mt. Allison	3	5	3	9	14	10
U.C.C.B.	0	11	0	2	48	0

Women

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Acadia	8	0	4	24	0	29
New Brunswick	7	1	3	29	4	24
St. F.X.	8	3	1	20	7	23
Dalhousie	4	2	6	11	5	20
St. Mary's	4	4	3	12	7	17
Memorial	6	3	2	21	9	17
U.P.E.I.	4	7	0	9	22	12
Mt. Allison	2	6	2	3	15	9
Moncton	1	9	2	3	31	5
U.C.C.B.	0	9	2	1	31	3

out, waiting for a mistake. Dal put on most of the pressure, and the Acadia keeper was forced to make some key stops. Jeff Hibberts and Mark Ellis showed some good form early, beating several defenders, while Tigers Paul English and Danny Burns had shots stopped well by the Axemen keeper.

Dal's big problem seemed to be their play in their opponent's red zone (thirty yards from goal.) Their buildups were good, but there was no directness to their attack. The Tigers were not taking advantage of their opportunities to shoot and cross the ball.

Dal continued to press in the second half. Dave McFarlane had a volley turned away by the keeper, and English missed a header over the bar. But Acadia's constant substitutions couldn't contain the Tigers forever.

The first goal came from a nice buildup as midfielder Steve Cormier slotted a ball to Ellis who walked around a defender and buried the ball in the net. Then, just two minutes later, Hibberts deflected an English shot past the keeper making it 2-0. A thirty yard run by Cormier rounded out the scoring.

The game turned pretty physi-

cal as Dal took the lead. One Acadia player was ejected and numerous players were cautioned. The referee let a lot go, much to the dismay of the fans.

Mike Hudson scored a fairly easy shutout for the Tigers.

On Sunday the Tigers defeated the Dal Alumni team 3-0, with Ellis recording a hat trick, including a chip that reminded people of last year's AUA championship winning goal.

The Tigers take on the St. Mary's Huskies tomorrow at 4 pm. A win will clinch first place overall, so come out and roar for the Tigers.



Women Battle Acadia to 0-0 Draw

BY AMIT BATRA

The Womens Soccer Team proved it can play with the #2 ranked team in the country this past weekend.

In front of boisterous fans the Tigers battled the visiting Acadia Axettes to a 0-0 draw for the second time this season. The tie was an important step in regaining confidence for the #7 ranked Dalhousie Tigers, last year's defending silver medallists. Head Coach Neil Turnbull said, "The win was a good result...things are turning around for us."

The game itself was a highly defensive struggle with the first real scoring chance not coming until the 28th minute when

Acadia's Tanya Colasurdo missed an opportunity off a set play. Minutes later both Tara MacNeil and Sara Rush for the Tigers were unable to finish chances in front of the Axette's goal.

Neither keeper was tested seriously during the ninety minute contest. The Tigers Leanne Turner did have to stop a volley from Jennifer Andrews in the first half and also scrambled to make a save on a cross to the far post in the 50th minute. Angela Morrison notched the shutout for Acadia.

Coach Turnbull was not overly concerned about his team's inability to score — especially against Acadia who have not let in a single tally this season. His philoso-

phy is that good defending is the start of a positive attack. Turnbull believes that the women are a good defensive side that moves the ball well until they reach the attacking third of the field.

The squad will be working on that problem as they prepare for the last game of the regular season against their rivals from the high school down the street. This game is important for the Tigers as they could very well end up meeting Saint Mary's in the first round of the playoffs. Kickoff is at 3 p.m. at Huskies stadium on Sunday.

The AUAs will be held on Dalhousie's Wickwire Field November 1-3 with Nationals the following weekend.

Dal rowers carve name for themselves in New England waters

BY TROY BROWN

The 45 members of the Dalhousie Rowing Club made the 18 hour drive to Middletown, Connecticut this Thanksgiving to race against some of the finest squads on the northeastern seaboard.

"We've got quite a powerful club this year, it will be interesting to see how they perform in the States. I think that Dalhousie stands a good chance of medalling with a couple of our crews and we will definitely post a few top 10 finishes too," said

club president Tim Church and coach Jennifer Skaling prior to the regatta.

When the smoke cleared, it was evident that the Dalhousie Rowing Club was a force to be reckoned with. Top 5 finishes for Dalhousie were: the open men's double sculls of Matt Montgomery and Tony Landry in 4th, the youth men's single of Chris Graham in 2nd, the open women's double sculls of Jennifer Skaling and her partner in 2nd, the novice women's 4 of Sally Irving, Hollis Bent, Marieke Wiersma, and Wendy Ruigrok in

2nd, and finally the gold medal performance of the women's lightweight 4 crew of Jennifer Skaling, Michelle Crane, Sarah Howard, Tamara Schaeffer coxed by Grace Yoon. The novice women's 8 placed 21st, the intermediate women's 8 placed 20th, the men's lightweight 4 placed 8th, the open women's 4 placed 7th, and the men's novice 8 came 7th.

By standing toe-to-toe with strong American teams, the Dalhousie Rowing Club is making a name for itself, and it's a name that will be tough to live up to in future regattas.

Fieldhockey loves Pink Ladies

BY STEPHANIE HAMMOND

The Dal fieldhockey team hosted its first ever home game this homecoming weekend, against the Halifax senior women's team, the Pink Ladies.

Despite the fact that the goals lacked their netting and the field was not lined for fieldhockey, it was a great game. Many of the Pink Ladies' players had played fieldhockey for Dal or Saint Mary's during their university years.

The experience the Dalhousie team gained this season really showed in their defensive play during the game. They fought much of the game inside the "D",

trying to clear the ball up the field, but allowed no goals to be scored.

The Tigers had some great offensive chances set up by the speedy Sam Adams, a former member of the Bermudan Junior team, but were unable to put the ball past the opposing netminder. The game ended in a scoreless tie.

The fieldhockey AUAs are being held this weekend at SMU. As Dalhousie is not yet in the AUA league, they will not be participating in the playoffs. Still, the team had a very successful second season. Much thanks go out to coaches Lori Ann Andrews, Janet Heppell and all the players.