

SPORTS

Tiger season opens with a bang

BY KATHLEEN MATTHEWS

Soccer season has finally arrived and the 1997 Tiger roster has been set, so get ready for some serious action.

Ian Kent returns for his seventh season as the men's coach. With a lifetime record of 47-8-15, his winning ways are certain to be reflected in this year's roster.

A wealth of experience returns to this year's line-up, including '95/'96 Atlantic Universities Soccer Conference (AUSC) All-Star, '95 CIAU MVP and one of last year's top goal scorers, co-captain Paul English (forward). Other veterans include '95/'96 AUSC All-Star and this year's co-captain Marc Rainford (back), '95/'96 All-Star Dave McFarlane (midfield), goalkeeper Mike Hudson, and midfielders Chad Denny, Danny Burns and Mike Ayyash. Also returning are Graeme Allardice (back), Kirk Cluett (midfield), Sam Ramsden (back), and Jeff Hyles (back) who returns after a year's absence.

There are many new faces on the squad this year, and key players include defender Stuart Cochran of Blackpool, England who, coach Kent says, "will set an example for others to follow with his maturity and will to win". Joey Fraelic, a forward from Liverpool, N.S. and former Mt. Allison player, is expected to score big up front.

"He's quick and athletic, and hungry to score", says Kent.

Tim Maloney, a Dal basketball player for the past three years, is also new to the soccer team this year.

"He has a high work rate, and holds the ball up front well," Kent says. "He will fit in well."

Richie Tobin, a former All-Canadian and two-time scoring champion at St. FX, is also expected to add offensive power to this year's squad. Also new to the Tigers is Tomas Ernst, a rookie from Victoria, B.C. who, according to Kent, is "always ready to do battle in the midfield". Rookie goalkeeper Grant Spence is from North York, Ontario and "has a knack for getting to the ball, and getting the job done".

Other newcomers include Dave Finlayson (goalkeeper), Paul MacInnis (back), Chris Coxon (midfield), Patrick Mather (midfield), and Emmanuel Gaopotlake (midfield).

Judging by last week's exhibition play, the loss of some key offensive players hasn't diminished Dal's ability to score. Newcomers Cochran and Fraelic each scored to lift Dal past Mt. Allison 2-1 on September 6. Dal beat Université de Moncton 2-0 the following day with another goal by Fraelic and one by Maloney.

When asked about the competition, Kent replied, "It's a new season [and] we must treat every team exactly the same. Having respect for the opposition gets results. When you lose respect for the opposition, you lose the game."

The 1997 AUSA soccer conference will be composed of two divisions. The Eastern division will

include Dal, Acadia, St. FX, SMU, and Memorial. The Western division will include UNB, Moncton, Mt. Allison, UCCB and UPEI.

Each team plays 13 games earning 3 points for a win and 1 for a tie. The East and West division leaders, as well as the next two point-leading teams, will advance to the AUSA playoffs to be hosted by the top East division team, November 1-2. The CIAU championship will be held at Dalhousie, November 6-9.

Dalhousie men's soccer opened season action with a bang in Newfoundland, sweeping the

Memorial Seahawks in two games. On Saturday, Denny scored two goals and Fraelic another to beat Memorial 3-2. On Sunday, Denny struck again, earning Player of the Game honors as Dal beat the host team 1-0. Spence succeeded in filling in for injured keeper Hudson.

"There is a lot of pressure filling someone else's shoes," Kent says. "MUN is a big team with six foot five strikers... Spence played well to get the shutout."

Dal's home opener is this Saturday against St. FX, while on Sunday Dal battles defending AUSA champions, the Acadia Axemen.

Even start for '97 Tigers

BY RACHEL JONES

The team is picked, the uniforms assigned, the boots are polished and the women's Tigers are already two games into the '97 soccer season. They have had their first loss and their first win to come out even from a pair of games this past weekend at Memorial University in Newfoundland.

The Tigers lost their season opener 1-0 on Saturday, but rallied to defeat the Seahawks 2-1 in Sunday's repeat match-up. Both goals were netted by rookie midfielder Mary-Beth Bowie who is a promising addition to the Tigers line-up. Bowie is one of several Dal players who spent this past summer representing their province at the Canada Games.

Also new to the team are strikers Stefanie Finateri, Patricia Norman and Linda Strong; midfielders Andrea Hollett, Melissa Michalko and Julie Pigozzo; defenders Petra deWaard, Katherine Fast and Claire Martin, and goalkeeper Katie Hindmarch-Watson. Along with the new players is a new coaching staff — head coach Dara Moore is backed up this year by long-time Dalhousie soccer veteran Jamie Sawler, who replaces Neil

Sedgwick, also a veteran Tiger, as assistant coach.

A significant number of players are also returning to the Tigers this fall, providing the team with a strong core of veterans despite losses including Karen Hood, Andrea Foreman and CIAU All-Canadian keeper Leahanne Turner. Returning are strikers Natalie Lindthaler and Sara Rush; midfielders Carolyn Campbell, Amy Dunphy, Kelly Larkin and Tara MacNeil; defenders Andrea Gillespie, Amy Harding, Sue Hunter and Tami Joseph, and goalkeeper Roxanne Murphy. For those of you who can't add (any SMU students reading this?), that makes 12 veterans and 11 rookies. With 23 players to draw from, 12 of them hungry to break into the starting 11, and plenty of talent and experience to boot, there should be no shortage of wins for this team.

A win and a loss may not seem a very auspicious beginning for the season, but as coach Moore says, "There's no better way to develop than to step right on the field and play."

With eleven more games to play the Tigers have plenty of time and, odds are, they'll end up a winning team.

X-country off and running

BY KRISTEN LEWIS

They came, they ran, they nearly got eaten alive. But in the true style of cross country runners generally, and Dalhousie runners specifically, the strong did more than just survive.

The Dalhousie men's cross country team outran mosquitoes and competitors to finish ahead of all other AUSA schools on an insect-ridden, 8km course at L'Université de Moncton on Saturday. Only Bowdoin College, visiting from Maine, ran ever so slightly faster.

Jamie Blanchard, who is in his second year, led the Tigers, finishing fifth amongst college runners entered in the event. Rookie Scott Simpson finished strong for 7th place, followed by veteran team captains Tim Lindsay (8th) and Trevor Boudreau (10th). All four runners recently returned from the Canada Games in Manitoba where Blanchard, Boudreau, and Lindsay competed for Nova Scotia, and Simpson for New Brunswick.

Women's x-country team wins season opener

BY MATT RICHARDSON

"We're not going to run hard, we're going to run fast."

Prophecies abounded this past weekend at the Université de Moncton as women's cross-country coach Al Yarr summed up the season-opening race in a pep-talk to the athletes before the start. This year's team is a mix of veterans and new faces.

They all showed they were poised to win an 12th consecutive AUSA title as Dal's 'A' team won the opening race handily with 23 points, to Maine's Bowdoin College's 41 points (in cross-country, the lowest total points score wins). Dal's 'B' team finished third with 73 points, while the University of Maine and St. FX finished with 132 and 142 points respectively.

Starring in the effort was Kristen Lewis, a rookie in her first ever race for Dal, placing second overall in 18:55 for the 5 km distance.

"That was fun!" exclaimed Lewis shortly after crossing the finish line.

Third overall was Jessica Fraser who described her race as "smart

and conservative". Fraser is a veteran CIAU competitor for Dal and this year's newly-elected team captain. Her time of 19:31 was only eight seconds faster than rookie Kelly McKean, who in her first race for Dal showed she will be an integral part of the team. McKean also played on the varsity soccer team last year.

Strong finishes included an 8th overall for Sandy Smith (20:11) who was a participant at this year's World Orienteering Championships; 11th overall for Juliet Thornton (20:43), and 12th overall for former Olympic biathlete Gill Hamilton (20:49).

Other results as listed: Sarah McNeill, 14th (20:58); Karen Martin, 17th (21:09); Amy Higgins, 18th (21:26); Laurie Legere, 20th (21:40); Kate O'Connor, 22nd (21:50); Laurie Munro, 23rd (21:51); Becky Craig, 24th (22:13); Sally Carpenter, 25th (22:27); and Kim McGivov, 31st (23:59).

The women next compete at St. FX on September 27th. This will be a preview of the AUSA course and that competition will be held on October 25th.

Athletes of the Week



KRISTEN LEWIS, CROSS COUNTRY
Kristen dominated the competition in the 5 km

event held at the University of Moncton on September 13th. With her nearest competitor 36 seconds behind her, Kristen controlled the university section of the race, which included two teams from Maine. Kristen is a first year BSc student at Dalhousie and is a graduate of St. Pat's High School in Halifax.



CHAD DENNY, SOCCER
Chad was instrumental in leading the Tigers to two tough road wins at Memorial University on the

weekend. He was literally all over the field, spending time at three different positions. Chad still managed to score what proved to be the winning goal in Dalhousie's 3-2 victory on Saturday. On Sunday, Chad scored the only goal of the game in the 58th minute of play to secure the sweep for the Tigers. Chad is a fourth year BA student from Sackville, Nova Scotia.

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