



Bet the Mets

From the Armchair

By CRAIG MUNROE

WHEN ASKED RECENTLY what my impressions were of the 1986 baseball season, my immediate reaction was that it was similar to many others in recent years. As an Expos fan, last spring brought renewed hope that, with a little luck, the Expos would be serious challengers for the National League East title. While the dream was alive at the all-star break, albeit slightly sick, the withdrawal of the Expos as contenders in late July placed the season on the same level with many previous seasons.

My immediate reaction, however, was and is wrong. The 1986 Major League Baseball campaign has not been similar to many of its predecessors. As of September 13, the day this story was written, not one of the four division leading teams held a lead that was less

than nine games. Normally, at this point in time, at least two of the four divisions are in the midst of heated battles for the right to move on to post-season play, hence, baseball fans find September as interesting as they find April exciting. This season, however, has gone against the norm and fans are being forced to wait until October to watch baseball's next meaningful contests.

With this in mind, let us venture forth into the land of the fortune teller for a preview of what is to come when baseball's finest finally do enter the second season. But alas, here again the true fan of the game will be disappointed as neither the National nor the American League playoff matches will provide much in the way of drama or excitement. The Red Sox of Boston and the Mets of

New York should easily dispose of their respective counterparts, California and Houston. What we will be left with is a World Series that was talked about and anticipated since July. So much for suspense and excitement in the grand old game.

What then will be the result of this long awaited World Series? Both Boston and New York have almost identical team batting averages and it would be safe to say that each team possesses an assortment of offensive weapons. For the sake of convenience, let us consider our two contenders equal offensively. What's left is the stuff championship teams are made of; pitching and defense.

Obviously, both teams are above average in these departments or they would not be in their respective positions, but to no one's surprise, it is in one of these categories that the Mets are head and shoulders above the rest of baseball. Can you say pitching? I knew you could.

After Clemens the Red Sox's staff is good; after Gooden, the Mets staff is great.

Enough said, if you are betting individual, take the Mets, if you can find any takers.



GAIL BRODERICK —
FIELD HOCKEY



TIMOTHY HALL —
SOCCER



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Over the weekend, Gail scored the only goal of the game in a 1-0 win over U.P.E.I. and created many scoring opportunities in a 0-0 tie with Mount Allison.

Broderick, a 5th year Physical Education student, provided the young Tigers with skill and experience on offense.

Timothy scored the only goal in a 1-0 win over Mount Allison this weekend.

This 20 year old Dartmouth native is a third year science student who played his first year for the Tigers in 1984.

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I M kickoff

By SHAUNA CUNNINGHAM

The 1986-87 Intramural season is off to a great start. The Mens' Pre-season Soccer Tournament saw some exciting action with two games going into overtime. Penalty shots broke the tie as Cameron beat Pharmacy and Bronson took the win over Law. Sherrif Hall clinched the Womens' Softball title on the weekend. Rob Weatherston won the singles event in Mens' Tennis, and Dan Seems and Carl Christie

won doubles.

If you wish to be a part of the many exhilarating events that the Intramural office offers contact your Sports Representative or the Campus Recreation office at 424-

2558. The newly-selected Intramural Supervisors are also in the process of hiring sports convenors and officials. There's no life like it, so get your application turned in.

Tigers win one

By BILL GLAWSON

GOALTENDING WAS THE name of the game on the weekend for the Dalhousie Tigers women's field hockey team. Only one goal was scored in the two games played.

On Saturday, the Tigers edged the U.P.E.I. Lady Panthers 1-0, on a goal scored by forward Gail Broderick. Sunday, the Tigers played to a 0-0 tie with the Mount Allison Mounties. It was the second shutout for goaltender

Elizabeth McMahon who played defence for the Tigers last year. McMahon didn't have many shots to stop on Saturday but had to be sharp Sunday against Mount Allison.

The Tigers came first in the east division last year, second in A.U.A.A. and sixth in C.I.A.U. standings. The Tigers this year have a much younger team with half a roster of rookies. Even so, this year they expect to do as well as last year, if not better.

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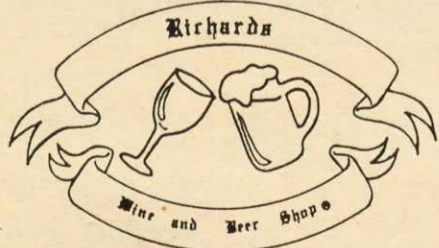
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