

# Soccer Tigers Purr-fect on weekend road trip

BY DAVID FINLAYSON

The good news is that the Dalhousie Tigers men's team rolled into Antigonish on Saturday, and rolled out of Cape Breton on Sunday with four points. Mark Ellis was the hero on Saturday as the Tigers defeated rivals St. Francis Xavier X-Men, 1-0. Less than twenty-four hours later, they steamrolled UCCB in a 5-0 romp.

The bad news for the Tigers is that Coach Ian Kent is undergoing surgery on Thursday for an ailing back. He will be forced to miss three weeks of matches and practices. Neil Turnbull, the Womens Team coach, will be taking over in Kent's absence.

Kent is very excited about having someone with as much experience as Neil coaching in his absence. "The team is very fortunate to have someone as qualified as Neil taking over the technical work in our practices. He will be assisted by Jamie [Sawler] and Darrell [Cormier], of course. Neil will also be acting as the

match day coach."

With respect to his team's performance this past weekend, Kent added, "Overall the team is starting to come together. The improvement will be rapid over the next few weeks."

Dal went into the game Saturday buoyed by the return of Mark Ellis, Steve Cormier, Geraint Morris and Danny Burns. The game, for the most part, was dominated by Dal. Trevor Chisholm in the Dal goal made only a couple of stops to preserve the shutout.

In the 85th minute, Mike Kwak was hauled down in the box, and Ellis stepped up to place the ball home. After a 0-1-1 start, the win was a confidence booster for the Tigers.

"The guys are really starting to play well as a team," said recent returnee Danny Burns. "We played much better as a team on Sunday against Cape Breton. We really dominated against X who had a young team. However, the Capers were even younger. They were comprised of mostly under

nineteen players from the summer."

On Sunday Dal defeated Cape Breton 5-0. Danny Burns scored a pair, while Dave McFarlane, Jeff Hibberts and Geraint Morris chipped in with singles. Mike Hudson recorded the shutout, although he wasn't really tested.

Dalhousie is still waiting for last year's CIAU tournament MVP, Paul English, to return from injury to the starting lineup. He has missed three games since the homeopener two weeks ago. With English back in the lineup, Dal would have more bite in the midfield.

Dalhousie advanced their record to 2-1-1 after the weekend games, good for six points and a tie for third place in the league. Next Friday, Dal plays Acadia in Wolfville, and on Sunday they face off against our Robie Street rivals for city bragging rights. That game is at 3 pm on the turf, so be there for great AUSA action.

# Dal X-country blows away opponents

BY CARMEN TAM

The Dalhousie men's and women's cross country team outran their opponents and Hurricane Hortense last Saturday at their AUSA opener at Point Pleasant Park. The chill of the wind and the driving rain failed to dampen the spirit of the Tiger teams. Instead, both squads set blistering paces to leave one of their AUSA competitors to admit, "They (DAL) demolished us."

Minutes before the race, Tiger coach Al Yarr talked to his team. "Courage," said the 1995 AUSA coach of the year, "You got to have courage."

The Tigers certainly had that as the women's team ignored the difficult weather conditions and prevailed to win the meet with 27 points. The University of New Brunswick came second with 40 points and St. Francis Xavier trailed at 63. (In cross country,

the lowest scores win.) With the victory, Dal's 10-year AUSA unbeaten streak remains intact.

The women captured the win over the four kilometre course with Cindy Foley in first place for Dalhousie in the time of 14 minutes and 57 seconds. Foley, who was ill most of last year, looked strong and comfortable ahead of Julie Dupuis of the Université de Moncton. Dal's 1995 AUSA Rookie of the Year Krista Wuerr was fourth but ran as an independent for this race.

The men's team outclassed their opponents over the 7.5 kilometre course with a 1-2-3 sweep of the top spots. Veteran Dan Hennigar was in first place in the time of 24:10, followed closely by Neil Manson five seconds later. Dal Tiger Brian Yorke clocked in at 24:31. Top ten finishes for the

Tigers also went to Tim Ellis in sixth and Chris Evers who placed a strong 7th. The team finished with 18 points, followed by the Université de Moncton at 55 points with UNB's Varsity Reds trailing at a distant 63 points.

Hennigar, who was Dalhousie's male athlete of the year in 1995, last year became the first Dal athlete since 1988 to win a AUSA championship race and went on to place ninth at nationals. Both Dalhousie teams had strong sixth place finishes at nationals last season and they hope to improve their ranking this year at McGill.

The cross country teams, both 1995 conference champs, look extremely competitive this season. If this weekend is any indication, the Tiger tradition of excellence will continue at their **next meet at UNB on the 28th of September.**

## intramural beat

### INTRAMURAL BEAT

BY GEOFF STEWART

As the shortened summer draws to a close, the new school year blows in with the winds of Eduardo and Hortense.

With the excitement of a hurricane, the Dalhousie Intramural Program is back and raring to go with another wild and wacky season of crazy hijinx and zany antics. Though the summer has seen some world class sporting events such as the Centennial Olympics in Atlanta and the World Cup of Hockey, nothing

can prepare you for the deep digging, hard-hitting, action-packed intramural events.

Since the new season is just beginning, I have no highlights to bring you other than team captains' meetings and sign ups. To summarize, people signed up for the Beach Volleyball tournaments, soccer, broomball, flag football, and newcomer ultimate frisbee leagues, and they get underway this week.

Anyone interested in playing can get in touch with Shawn Fraser at Campus Rez (494-2049).

So get out, get involved and have fun.

The following is a list of im-

portant start up dates for intramural sports:

#### Sept. 19

- Organizational Meeting for Co-ed
- Singles/ Doubles Tennis
- Men's Hockey
- Men's Res. Hockey
- Men's Singles/Doubles Tennis
- Women's Singles/Doubles Tennis

#### Sept. 25

- Registration for Co-ed All Night Broomball
- Men's Softball
- Women's Softball
- Organizational Meeting for Co-ed Softball

Due to unforeseen difficulties, the Gazette was unable to provide coverage of last weekend's women's Soccer action.



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