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Coach says Soccer team will win title this year

by Phil Hill

This weekend, Dal Soccer Tigers compete in the AUAA playoffs at St. Mary's, along with SMU, UNB, and Mount Allison. Judging from the regular season play we can look forward to the most competitive playoffs in years. Playing records of the four teams this season are:

Won	Lost	Tied	For	Against
SMU	10	1	57	13
Dal	8	3	23	15
Mount A.	8	2	0	34
UNB	6	2	0	No data

On paper, St. Mary's must be favourites. They have an outstanding scoring record, with the new demigod, Ross Webb being the danger man, and they have allround strength. SMU coach Roy Clements is not, however, over-confident. "I fear Dalhousie the most because they have a very strong squad," he said, "but it will be good for soccer in the area if we play them in the final."

He probably has few fears about SMU's initial opponents UNB, whose coach Gary Brown does not rate his own team's chances. Brown will have to lift his players from a

recent 7-1 hammering from Mount Allison.

Mount A., who play Dal in their first game, can also feel confident about their season's record. Coach Jack Drover is "excited" about his team's prospects and believes he also has allround strength, with ten of his players getting on the score-sheet this season. Mount A beat Dal 3-1 in the first game this year and Drover thinks they can do it again.

So, what are Dal's chances? Coach Richards is confident. "We have the players with the skill and the experience to take us to Montreal, and we proved on Sunday that we could beat St. Mary's by playing high-class soccer. We are going to win the AUAA title again this year."

Dave Houlston, the Tigers' captain, was pragmatic. "We are preparing to beat Mount A. SMU can worry about us." The team appears in a confident mood and there are no injury problems. Certainly, if they play like they did in the first-half of Sunday's game, they are capable of sweeping anyone aside.

However, UNB coach Brown summed it up the best, "It's only a short tournament," and any of the teams could come away as champions.

Dal team ties SMU

by Phil Hill

Dal Soccer Tigers allowed St. Mary's Huskies to bounce back from a 3-0 scoreline to gain a 3-3 tie in the final game of the regular AUAA season on Sunday.

Dal took control of the game early, dominating in midfield, and soon took the lead. A free-kick given on the right side of the SMU penalty area was quickly taken by Davidson; who scored as the goalkeeper was still organizing his defensive wall.

With five minutes left of the first half, Coleman moved past two men on the left wing and sent the ball to the near post. Smith was there to flick

the ball beautifully over the diving keeper's body and in for Dal's second goal. Smith, having a fine game, scored again, from a corner, early in the second half as Dal upped their lead to 3-0.

Then, it all started to go wrong for the Tigers. Silva slipped a goal in for St. Mary's from a goalmouth scramble and Dal began to lose their grip on the game. SMU had left high-scoring Ross Webb on the bench, presumably to protect him from possible injury before the playoffs next weekend. But by the second half the SMU coach decided it was time to put him on the field.

It seems that Webb's reputation goes before him as the Dal defence became noticeably edgy soon after he entered the game. Before one could blink, St. Mary's were back on level terms, with Webb scoring one of the goals. Although these SMU goals both required an advantageous roll of the ball, they were also the result of Dal defensive errors. SMU came out of the game with a tie and a considerable psychological boost for the upcoming playoffs. Dal coach Tony Richards, less than happy at the result, declined to make a printable comment after the game.

There are still some unclaimed prizes from the Soccer Lucky Programme draw. Winning programmes should be brought to Tony Richards (Phys. Ed.). They are Nos. 000076, 00033, 000692, 000148, 000507.

Hockey Tigers win tourney

by Chuck Piercey

The Dalhousie hockey Tigers continued their winning ways over the weekend by sweeping the Acadia Invitational tournament in Wolfville and humiliating two visiting

Quebec universities.

Dal opened the series Friday night against the Université de Trois Rivières and proceeded to swamp "les Québécois" 10-0. Dan Weir shone with a 3 goal performance with Ali McDonald, Louis Lavoie, Peter Aldrich, Mike Brennan, Paul MacLean, Adrian Facca and Linus Fraser all adding singles.

The championship was decided the following day when the Tigers met the host Acadia Axemen. The game was a squeaker, with the lead changing hands several times, but at the final siren Dal was ahead 6-5. Paul MacLean and Rick McCallum netted two each for the Tigers, with Ray Off and Louis Lavoie scoring single markers.

On Sunday back at the Halifax Forum, the Dalhousie squad bombed the Concordia Stingers 15-3. Dal's scoring came from Ray Off with a hat-trick, Bob Duggan, Jim Bottomley, Earl Theriault, and Paul MacLean each with two and Dan Cyr adding a singleton.

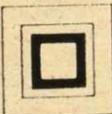
It would appear from the weekend's action that Dal's scoring drive has improved considerably. If the trend continues, the Tigers can look forward to the Nationals in the Spring.



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