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Dal Tigers face Acadia Axettes in semis

by Derek Neary

It's the first week of November and the temperature hovers near the freezing point - a sure sign that university soccer playoffs have rolled around.

Despite the cold, the Dalhousie Tigers of the Women's Soccer League have eagerly awaited the arrival of

the post season. It will provide them with the opportunity to redeem themselves one year after teetering on the brink of an AUAA soccer championship. Last year the Acadia Axettes outlasted the Tigers 1-0 in the Atlantic finals. This year the Dal squad will meet the defending champion Axettes in the semi-finals.

The Tigers faced Acadia twice in

the regular season and won both times. The second victory came by way of a 2-0 shutout on Saturday October 31st. In that match, Dal recorded the game-winning goal at the 37 minute mark when second year striker Kate Gillespie pounced on a Lynne Robertson pass, turned, and sent a high shot whistling over the opposing keeper's head.

"I trapped it and was lucky enough to get on the end of it," Gillespie said. "Fortunately, these days it's going the right way and it went into the back of the net."

Dal keeper Angie McLeod made a few key saves but she was not tested often, due to the steady play of defensive stalwarts Allison Sears, Suzanne Jones, Stephanie Johnson, and Kim Mills.

Gillespie put the finishing touches on the game, the scoring race, and the regular season when she notched an insurance marker in the 82nd minute.

Dalhousie amassed a 7-1-3 record over the course of the season, good for second place and a playoff spot.

"I'm certainly happy," said coach Darrell Cormier. "We made the playoffs and that was the first goal we had to obtain."

As Cormier points out the Tigers have only taken the first step. The



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Kate Gillespie was too much to handle for Acadia.

next test comes this weekend. Although Dal has had their way against the Axettes this season, the Tigers cannot afford to look past their semi-final opponents who will be focused on pulling off an upset. Coach Cormier believes that a strong challenge in the first round will benefit his team, "I think it is good for us to play them (Acadia) right off the bat. We'll have a tough game from the beginning. This way we're going to

go into it with our heads up and ready to do battle."

That battle will take place at Huskies stadium on Saturday November 7th at 6 pm. The other semi-final will see the first place Saint Mary's team take on the the UPEI Panthers at 10:30 am. The two winners will meet on Sunday November 8th at 3pm for the rights to the AUAA Women's Soccer title.

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geared up like never before this season."

Despite a conservative, 1-0 score, Dal's win over St. FX on Sunday November 1, was a match that exhibited one of the more quiet, but essential assets of the men's soccer program - keeper Trevor Chisolm. Marking the last regular season game of his rookie year with his sixth shutout, Chisolm was awarded player-of-the-game honours after a superb showing in his home town of Antigonish. He pushed one shot over the cross bar and took care of a couple of scrambles in front of the net that where very dangerous chances for St. FX.

"He came up big as he always does," said coach Kent. "We have so few shots on goal during a game that we need someone who can always stay sharp, and very alert all the time.

Trevor is very good at doing that."

Consistently alert, Chisolm's performances have given him the best goals-against average in the league, but is quick to credit other team members for part of his success: "The guys really help me out a lot. There's no real gap between the rookies and the veterans, and they're a good bunch of guys."

Dal dominated the first half but lacked that killer punch, which may have been due to the unimportance of the game. When St. FX surged with a flurry of attacks, Dal was spurred into action. After Chisolm's keeping kept the team in the game with some fabulous saves, Neil Sedgwick's goal in the 68th minute secured the victory.

Having set an impressive standard throughout the regular season, Dal now remains to fulfil it's ultimate goal - to defend the championship. *Well boys, let's do it.*

Men's Soccer Season Results

Dalhousie	4	St. Mary's	0
Dalhousie	1	Acadia	0
Dalhousie	2	St. Francis Xavier	0
Dalhousie	5	Université de Moncton	0
Dalhousie	8	University of PEI	1
Dalhousie	4	Acadia	0
Dalhousie	2	Memorial	1
Dalhousie	1	St. Mary's	2
Dalhousie	2	University of New Brunswick	1
Dalhousie	1	Mount Allison	0
Dalhousie	1	St. Francis Xavier	0