

While you were away . . .



Overtime

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THIS PAST SUMMER WAS not the most exciting summer in the annals of sport history. Nor was there too much happening for myself; however, if you are one of those students who like Halifax but leave it for the summer, this week's Overtime is for you. It capsulates what happened in local sports while you were away — as you can tell by its length, not a whole lot happened.

First and foremost, the biggest sports event to hit Halifax over the summer was the title fight for the Canadian Welterweight boxing crown. The fight was between the then-reigning champion, local boxer Ricky Anderson, and challenger Donny Poole of Toronto, who trains out of New York.

It should be pointed out that over the summer, I was working as a sports writer at one of the local newspapers. One of my biggest stories was this fight, and I am also friends with Ricky and the promoter of the fight, so one could say I had the inside track on this event.

Anderson won the title by defeating Geraro Chavez from Montreal in late April. Anderson then went on to think about other fights, but did not fight until his mandatory title defense for one reason or another. A few months before the fight, I talked to Ricky about who he would likely be fighting and he then knew it would probably be the hard-hitting Poole.

The fight date was set for July 30th, and the site was to be the Halifax Forum. The promoter of the fight was Ringside Promotions, run by Sonny and Greta MacPhee, two of the most optimistic people you would ever want to meet.

The fight lasted ten rounds. Anderson would have easily won the fight had it gone all of ten rounds and had to be decided on points.

Anderson is a practioner of the "sweet science" of boxing. Poole is a brawler who puts his head down and takes the fight to you. Going into the tenth round, Poole's corner knew that if Anderson wasn't finished off soon, they would lose the fight. Poole did just that, catching Ricky with

a couple of solid blows. Anderson would not go down, but the referee, after checking him over, called the fight. Consequently, Poole was crowned the new Canadian welterweight champion.

Anderson now believes that Poole's ownership of the belt is merely on borrowed time. However, it is Anderson's time and boxing is a young man's game.

It should be noted that the referee who stepped in is the same referee that put an end to Anderson's only other loss as a professional.

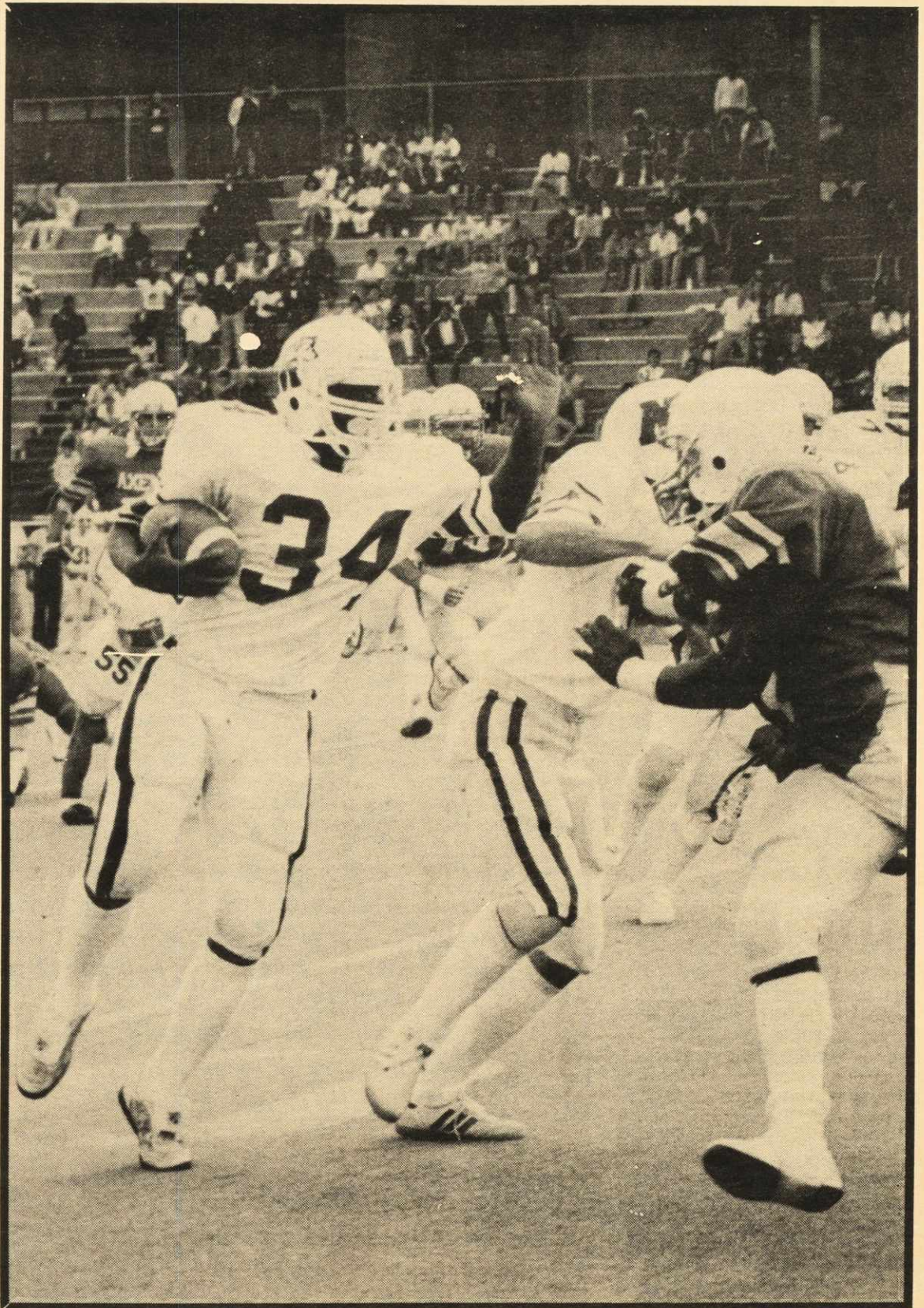
The other major event in local sports was the Canada Games. Now I know your saying, hey, they weren't here, they were in St. John, New Brunswick. That is indeed true but the amount of excitement locally for the Nova Scotia contingent was so great that the Games could well have been here.

During the first week of competition it seemed that barely a day went by without Nova Scotians racking up medal after medal. We won in some sports we were not expected to win in and had strong showings in other events we were counted out of.

In the second week, however, Nova Scotia only on one medal and that was on the second-last day of the games. However, overall the Bluenosers did incredibly well. It should also be mentioned that several Dalhousie athletes were at the Games participating for their province.

There were also the usual other smaller events. Danny Gallivan had a golf tournament, the Nova Scotia Oilers merged with the Chicago Blackhawks (which should strengthen the local Oilers), Halifax was the site of the Senior National Championships for women's field hockey, Halifax was announced as the home of the CIAU Men's Basketball Final Four for another three years in a row, Canada's yacht for the Americas Cup was unveiled locally with much ballyho, CKDU had two softball games, and I sold a few freelance pieces.

If you were out of the city, you didn't miss a lot, but what you did miss was good.



Huskies' Calvin Scott puts a stop to defenders at Saint Mary's Stadium in last Saturday's game against the Acadia Axemen. The Huskies lost the exhibition game, their first varsity action of the season, by a 24-23 score. This weekend's only local AUAA sports action is again at St. Mary's, as the football Huskies take to the field on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Dal Photo: Peter Katsihs.

Field hockey starts season

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS' WOMEN'S field hockey team will begin the 1985 season on the road this weekend with a pair of AUAA contests. The Tigers will be in Sackville, New Brunswick on Saturday, September 14th for a 1 p.m. contest against the Mount Allison Mounties, while on Sunday they will be in Charlottetown for a 1 p.m. game with the University of Prince Edward Island Lady Panthers.

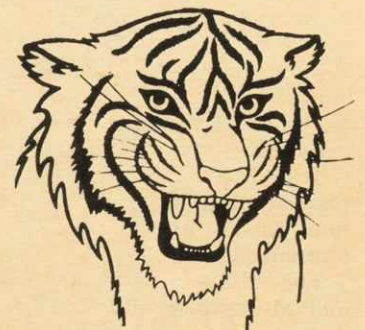
Although the Tigers will begin the season on the road, they will

play five consecutive games at home on Studley Field following the U.P.E.I. contest. The Tigers' first home games will be on Saturday, Sept. 21 and Sunday, Sept. 22 when they will host the Memorial University Beothuks at 3 p.m. and 1 p.m. respectively.

The Tigers placed second in the Eastern Division of the AUAA last year, with a record of 8-3-1, and lost in overtime to the University of New Brunswick in the AUAA semi finals.

Under the direction of first year coach Darlene Stoyka, who was a member of the Ontario team which won the Field Hockey title in the recently-concluded Senior National Championships and is a world class player, the Tigers appear again to be solid contenders for the AUAA title. This year's squad will be led by AUAA All-Stars Cluadette Levy and Julie Gunn, by last year's rookie scoring sensation and Canada Games

standout Janice Cossar, and by Dalhousie and provincial team veteran forward Gail Broderick.



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Tiger sports this week

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| Sept. 14 | Field Hockey | at Mt. A. | 1 p.m. |
| Sept. 14 | Soccer | at UPEI | 2 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 | Field Hockey | at UPEI | 1 p.m. |
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