

## What's in store for Tiger fans this year

"Predictions are for Gypsies." - Hector "Toe" Blake

by Bruce Galloway

While the majority of us are still sharpening our pencils and wondering where summer went, many of Dalhousie's varsity athletes are already hard at work preparing for the 1982-83 season.

Coming off a very successful collective season - one national and six Atlantic Universities Athletic Association (A.U.A.A.) titles - Dalhousie's teams and fans alike are looking forward to the upcoming season. "We are very excited in the department about the 82-83 varsity season," said Wayne MacDonald, Dalhousie's Coordinator of Inter-collegiate Athletics.

MacDonald noted that, in general, the coaches are pleased with both team turnouts and schedules for the upcoming season.

Another important factor this year is the anticipated increase in fan support for many of the varsity teams, explained MacDonald. With the opening of the new rink, Tiger hockey fans will no longer have to make the long trek up Windsor Street to watch "home" games. "We are also looking for increased attendance at both basketball and volleyball games," noted MacDonald, citing their successful 1981 season as the reason.

Following the advice of the wise old Montreal coach the *Gazette* will

not make any predictions this year. Instead we will preview the major varsity teams and let the discerning fan make up his/her mind on the subject. We start off with two teams which begin their seasons this week.

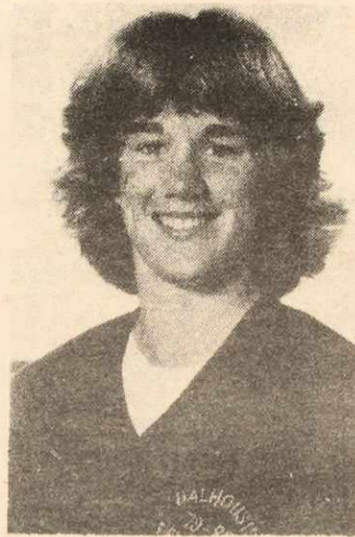
**Field Hockey 1981:**  
**Regular Season 11-1**  
**Post Season - Won A.U.A.A. title, advanced to National Tournament, placed 6th.**

With seven starters returning from last year's A.U.A.A. championship team, coach Nancy Tokayck is in an enviable position. However, she is guarded about her team's prospects for the 82-83 season.

"If field conditions hold up," she noted, "we should have a good season", explaining that her team plays better in good weather.

This year Tokayck feels league competition will be very tough with a number of teams possessing the ability to win it all. Dalhousie's traditional rivals, the University of New Brunswick, will provide the toughest challenge to the Tigers' bid to repeat as league champions, with Memorial and Mount Allison expected to field strong sides.

One of the keys to Dalhousie's fortunes this year will be forward Carolyn Merritt. Merritt was a stalwart member of last year's team and also plays for Canada's



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National Training squad. Other players to watch this year include Sharon Andrews, Mary McGlone and Pam Taylor, an A.U.A.A. all-star in three of her last four seasons with Dalhousie.

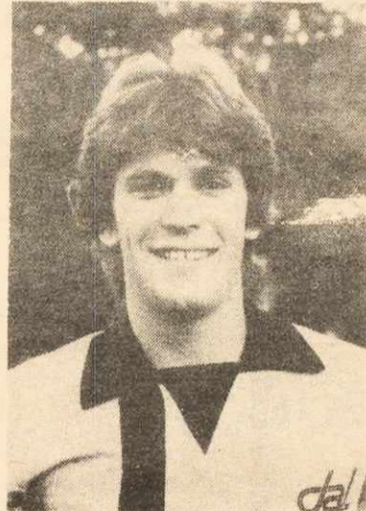
The team opens its regular season away from home this weekend with back-to-back games against Memorial. The home opener will be on Wednesday the 22nd at Studley Field, with St. Mary's providing the competition.

**Men's Soccer 1981:**  
**Regular Season - 4-3-3**  
**Post Season - Lost to U.N.B. in A.U.A.A. semi-final (lost in penalty kick-off)**

Having lost almost half of last year's starting lineup, Dalhousie men's soccer coach Terry MacDonald is nevertheless confident about the coming season.

"Our primary goal is to get into the playoffs," he explained. "We fully expect to do that."

In a league which includes last year's Eastern finalists (St. Mary's) and the 1980 C.I.A.U. champions (U.N.B.), the Tigers can look for-



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ward to a tough season in 1982. Surprisingly, MacDonald believes that Dalhousie's toughest challenge won't come from S.M.U. or U.N.B. but rather from U.P.E.I. The Panthers had a very strong side last year (losing to S.M.U. in the semi-finals) and recruited all this summer at the National team's training camp.

One of the players to whom MacDonald will look this season for leadership and playmaking is midfielder Ed Kinley. Kinley was one of the Tiger's most consistent performers last year and was picked to the A.U.A.A. all-star team. The Tiger's scoring punch

this season should be provided by strikers Manoj Vohra and Ray McNeil, the latter coming off an excellent season with the Atlantic Soccer League. The back line will feature three new faces, Ian Kent, Charlie Fisher and Paul Darlington, all of whom bring a lot of experience to the team and should provide a strong defense. Goal keeping duties this year will be handled by Pete Moore, who MacDonald calls the best goalie in the Atlantic Soccer league.

Following an exhibition series in St. Pierre over the weekend the Tigers open their regular season on Tuesday the 22nd, against the Acadia Axemen. Game time is 4:00 p.m. on the Studley field.

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