

# Year of the Dalhousie Tiger

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## Women's Soccer

The 1994 season for the Dalhousie Varsity Women's Soccer Team would prove to be a season filled with hard work, excitement, emotion and a C.I.A.U. National Championship.



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The AUSA final was played against the Acadia Axettes in front of a very loud Wolfville crowd, and proved to be very exciting, entertaining and emotionally charged. After regulation play and two overtime periods, the game was still scoreless, leaving the AUSA championship to be decided by penalty kicks. The game was finally decided on the tenth kicker, when Dana Holmes scored for Dalhousie and the Acadia shooter was stopped by Leahanne Turner. Dalhousie had won the AUSA Championship for the second consecutive year and now were off to the Nationals.



Dalhousie's first game was played against Western Ontario. The team put in a very solid effort, as Kate Gillespie scored both goals to lead Dalhousie to a 2-0 victory.

The next day the team played the host U. of A. Dal was somewhat flat in their performance, however Holmes scored for the Tigers and it was not until 2 minutes from time that the U. of A. replied with a goal of their own. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Due to Dalhousie's better record in their pool, they were in the CIAU final for a second consecutive year, once again facing UBC. During regulation time Jane Walton and Holmes scored for Dalhousie, while UBC scored twice in the first five minutes of the second half. At the end of regulation time the score was tied 2-2. The score was still tied at the end of two overtime periods and once more the teams would be heading into penalty shots. However, unlike last year where it went to the 11th shooter, the championship was decided on the 6th shooter, when Karen Hood placed her shot into the goal and the next UBC shooter hit the post and the ball stayed out.

This marks the very first National Championship for Dalhousie Women's Soccer Program and it is a credit to the terrific young women/players on the team.

This year sees the departure of 5th year players Carla Perry - two time All-Canadian, National tournament MVP, AUSA All-Star(s), AUSA MVP ('93); Team Captain, Dana Holmes - All Canadian ('93), AUSA All-Star(s), National tournament All-Star; and Allison Sears ...on behalf of the University, the team and the staff, many thanks for your contribution to the program. Success will follow all of you!

## Hockey

Despite entering the 1994-95 Atlantic University Hockey Conference season missing 8 key players from last season, the hockey Tigers were determined to carry on a strong winning tradition which had seen them enjoy 5 consecutive 20+ win seasons. A solid core of returning players and an outstanding group of

new Tigers gave coaches Darrell Young, Kim Houston, and Trevor Stienburg reason for optimism as they prepared for another competitive A.U.H.C. season.

Dalhousie would lose only their second game of the year in December and finished the first half of the A.U.H.C. season with a 10-2-1 record and the nation's #1 ranking. Stephen Maltby, Keifer House, Danny Bousquet, and Kevin Meisner were all amongst the league scoring leaders and the goaltending trio of Greg Dreveny, Steve Pottie,



Darrell Young

and Randolph (Randy) MacLean was tops in the league.

Once again, the Tigers met crosstown rival Saint Mary's in the Kelly Division semifinals. The Tigers would not disappoint as they smoked Saint Mary's in two straight games to advance to the Kelly Division final.

Playing against three-time defending champion Acadia, the Tigers rocked Dalhousie Memorial Arena by defeating Acadia 6-3 in the first game. Despite a valiant effort, the Tigers' season would end with two close losses at Acadia.

Individually, the highlight came on November 5th when Meisner became the All Time top scoring defenceman in the history of Dalhousie Hockey. He finished his memorable career with 143 points. As well, House capped an outstanding comeback season in which he had 25 goals and 50 points by making the A.U.H.C. All Star team.

## Men's Basketball

The 1994-95 season for the men's basketball team was one of the best in recent memory. The team finished the season with an overall record of 22-9, including 15-5 in the conference, good enough for first place.

Shawn Plancke, Reggie Oblitey and Jeff Mayo made the all-conference second-team

The Tigers also won the Pepsi Rod Shoveller Memorial Tournament for the first time, beating MCI Huskies 80-78 in the final.

The season came to an end in the AUSA semifinal when the Tigers lost to the eventual champions, the UCCB Capers 75-69.

The future of the Tigers is very bright. Tim McGarrigle has a year under his belt and everyone is eligible to return next year. Mayo just played out his third year of eligibility along with Plancke, David Reynolds, Kevin Bellamy, and Oblitey, while Clive Henry and Christian Currie both have three years left.

## Women's Basketball

The 1994-95 Tigers started the season with a huge victory over the

4th ranked University of Western Ontario. Although the squad only had four returning players, this victory suddenly placed high expectations on the Tigers as legitimate contenders for the AUSA title.



Dr. Carolyn Savoy

The four veterans, Jennifer Clark, Jennifer Offman, Kathie Sanderson, and Carolyn Wares, led the Tigers to their fine performance over the season.

The Tigers finished the season with a 15-5 record and won the AUSA league title which gave them the right to host the AUSA Championships. In the first game of the championship, the Tigers were defeated by 4th place Memorial University, who then went on to win the AUSA Championships. The Tigers placed three players on the AUSA All-Star team. Wares was a first team all star and Clark and Sanderson were second team all-stars.

## Men's Soccer

The 1994-95 men's soccer season was an agonizing reminder of how close the Tigers are to the best teams in the country. Dalhousie challenged for top bidding in the AUSA all season, before dropping their final regular-season game and settling for third place.

Their strong regular-season play meant that head coach Ian Kent's squad would be tough to beat in the play-offs. First up in Antigonish were our cross-town rivals, the Saint Mary's Huskies. After regulation time was finished, the score was tied at 3-3, with Dal's scores coming from Robbie Sawler, Chad Denny, and David MacFarlane. Overtime solved nothing and it was on to the fan-favourite shootout format. Tiger snipers Francis MacKinnon, Marc Rainford, Mark Mouat, Tony Pignatiello and Chris Devlin all made no mistake, driving the ball past the defenceless SMU keeper. At our end, Tiger Keeper Trevor Chisolm stopped one of the four Huskies' shots that he faced, giving the Tigers a berth in the final.

The Tigers faced the strong host team, the St. FX X-Men. Pignatiello was the only Tiger to pierce the X-Men's armour, but St. FX only beat Antigonish native Chisolm once also, thereby setting the stage for overtime.

There, in the extra frame, where the unexpected and the bizarre are often the norm, X-Man Ron Whalen scored. To a distant observer, it was bad luck and disappointing for the Tigers, but nothing more. However, there is more there than what first meets the eye. That goal was Whalen's first in his five-year career. Chalk one up to (bad) timing.

Thus, the Tigers' season ended, to the tune of a 2-1 OT loss to the

X-Men.

On the individual pedestal this year for the Tigers were Pignatiello and Chisolm, both of whom were named AUSA all-stars.

## Men's Cross Country

The fall season began with enough talent on campus to dominate in the AUSA but there seemed never to be a day when everyone was able to run.

Returnees Chris Halfyard, Brent Workman, Gary Newell, Jason Bocarro, Grant Murray and Gil Korn could have repeated as champions if it had not been for long-term injuries to the latter three, which prevented each of them from competing at all.

Newcomer transfer Rorri Currie was instrumental in retaining the AUSA team championship and proved to be the story of the CIAU's. Freshmen Trevor Boudreau, Graham Cobb and cross country skiing star Brian May covered well for the injured runners mentioned above.

The team managed to win all four AUSA races including the championship but was continually challenged by perennial power UNB and improved teams from Memorial and St. F. X.

Joel Bourgeois of UdeM and Currie ran a relaxed one-two at the AUSA's knowing that a competitive CIAU's was just one week away. Rorri dominated the CIAU's from the start, breaking the very strong field wide open in the first 2k of the 10k race. By 7.5km Rorri had built the lead to 100 metres and looked very strong. The next km was unkind to Rorri as he paid for the torrid pace of a record-breaking first 5km. Currie was passed with 1 km to go, but he held on to earn the silver.

The Dal team placed seventh to match their pre-meet ranking.

## Women's Cross Country

Dominance is becoming a habit for the female Tigers as the team went undefeated in AUSA competition for the ninth straight year. The loss of three-time All-Canadian Anne Marie Farnell was significant, but a strong returning core led by two-time conference champion Rayleen Hill, track star Tracey Hoskin, and rookie sensation Cindy Foley gave Dal the deepest team ever. When one considers that Shari Boyle, a former AUSA champion, was number six on the team, the overall strength is evident.

Dal dominated (and hosted) the AUSA's in November. Hill won the first two meets and superfrosh Foley won the Moncton meet with a time of 17:53 for 5k, the fastest time in the AUSA this year.

A strong team led by the above mentioned four and ably supported by Heather Ostic, Ashley Evans and Benita Sabeau headed for London, Ontario and the CIAU championships on November 12. The field at the Nationals proved to be the strongest ever and Dal finished a slightly disappointing fifth. Nevertheless, Rayleen reached All-Canadian status with an eleventh place finish and Cindy and Tracey placed 17th and 18th. It was the strongest race of the year for Tracey.

Heavy graduation losses will make the challenge of keeping the string alive interesting.

## Women's Track and Field

The season was short but the results magnificent.

A trip to Toronto on February 4th indicated the development of

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