

Tigers first half review

THE VARIOUS DALHOUSIE Tiger varsity sports teams are "in the middle of their most successful season in recent years," according to Dalhousie Coordinator of Athletics, Wayne MacDonald.

"Each of our teams has been competitive thus far and we presently have six teams ranked in the top ten in the country," said MacDonald.

Dalhousie's season started in September with the women's field hockey, men's and women's soccer and the men's and women's cross country teams. Below is a summary of the season thus far.

FIELD HOCKEY: SECOND IN AUA

The Field Hockey Tigers had an outstanding year under first year coach Darlene Stoyka. The Tigers, led by the solid goaltending of Claudette Levy, finished in first place in the Eastern Division of the AUA with a 9-2-1 record. Levy recorded ten shutouts in the 12-game regular season and along with Julie Gunn and Janice Cossar, Levy was named an AUA All-Star. Levy was also named to the CIAU All-Canadian roster.

The Tigers went on to finish second in the AUA and sixth in the country. The team's final overall record was 10-6-1.

MEN'S SOCCER: THIRD IN EASTERN DIVISION

The men's soccer team lost only once in its last six games of the season but a slow start, 0-4-2, killed the team's playoff hopes. The Tigers finished two points out of the playoffs and in third place in the Eastern Division. The team's record was 4-5-3. Sean Sweeney and Chris Migas played well for the Tigers.

WOMEN'S SOCCER: AUA CHAMPIONS

Dalhousie defeated St. Mary's 2-1 to win its second straight AUA title on November 3. Lesley Cherry and Lesley Leavitt scored for the Tigers. Dalhousie has unofficially won six consecutive AUA titles in women's soccer, but it has only been for the last two years that the sport has been sanctioned by the AUA.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: SECOND IN AUA

The men won the opening two meets of the season with point totals of 33 and 30 but, unfortunately for the Tigers, the squad finished second, three points behind Memorial, in the AUA Championships held at University of New Brunswick. Two Dalhousie competitors, Norm Tinkham and Craig Parsons, did, however, place second and third respectively in the AUA championships, and as a result, earned a trip to the nationals. Tinkham



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finished tenth at the CIAU Championships.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: SECOND IN AUA

The women Tigers were also the top AUA school at the first two meets of the season and similar to the men, dropped to second place in the championship meet. Dalhousie's point totals were 59, 29 and 40 respectively. In the AUA championship meet, the Tigers finished three points behind UNB. Susan Spargo was Dal's top runner in the first two meets but an injury hampered her

performance in the AUA championship race. Annick deGooyer placed third in the conference and went on to compete at the nationals.

MEN'S BASKETBALL: FIRST IN AUA

Moving to the winter sports, the men's basketball Tigers have been the most improved Dalhousie team thus far. The squad reached the Christmas break with a perfect 5-0 record in league play and a 9-3 mark overall. The Tigers have only lost once to a Canadian school this year and that was



Darnell Williams

in the team's first game of the season. The Tigers lost that game 70-69 to St. Francis Xavier. Dalhousie is currently ranked in the top ten and the team's leading scorer at the moment is transfer student Darnell Williams. Williams has a 20.8 point per game average.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: FIFTH IN AUA

The women Tigers are currently 1-2 in league play and 4-8 overall. The Tigers have, however, played very tough competition in both league and exhibition play so far this year. Dalhousie has played both UPEI and UNB in league play and Lakehead, Bishop's, Ottawa, and the University of Maine at Orono and the University of Southern Maine in exhibition play. Kathy MacCormack is the team's top scorer with a 13.6 point per game average.

WOMEN'S SWIM TEAM: FIRST IN AUA

Led by rookie Marie Moore and veteran Patti Boyles, the women's swim Tigers are currently 5-0 in conference dual meets and 6-1 overall. Moore has won 18 of the 18 events she has entered this year. The Tigers also won the AUA relay meet and an AUA Invita-

tional. The team, which is after its sixth straight AUA title this year, has won 51 of its last 52 AUA dual meets. The Tigers are presently ranked fifth in the CIAU.

MEN'S SWIM TEAM: FIRST IN AUA

The men's Tigers are also off to a fast start this year. The squad is 5-0 and is currently the top team in the AUA. Rookie Darryl Dutton has been outstanding for the Tigers thus far. The Tigers have also won an AUA Invitational and the AUA relay meet. The Tigers are currently ranked tenth in the country.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL: FIRST IN AUA

The Tigers arrive at the holidays in top spot in the AUA with a perfect 9-0 record. The team, which is ranked in the top ten in the country, has won 40 consecutive AUA matches. The Tigers also won this year's UNB Atlantic Invitational. Brian Rourke has been outstanding for the Tigers to date.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: FIRST IN AUA

The Women's volleyball Tigers are also ranked in the top ten and are also in first place in the conference with a 4-0 record. The women's squad has won 32 consecutive AUA contests. The team placed second at the Moncton Tournament and fourth at Sherbrooke's tournament. Simona Vortel was named MVP at Moncton's tournament.

HOCKEY: FIRST IN KELLY DIVISION

The men's hockey team is also off to a fast start this year. The hockey Tigers are in first place in the Kelly Division with a 9-3 record and are 11-5 overall. The team is ranked in the top ten and have recorded wins over last year's CIAU champions, the York Yeomen and over last season's fourth-ranked team, the Regina Cougars. Jamie Jefferson and Greg Royce are tied for the team's scoring lead with 23 points each.

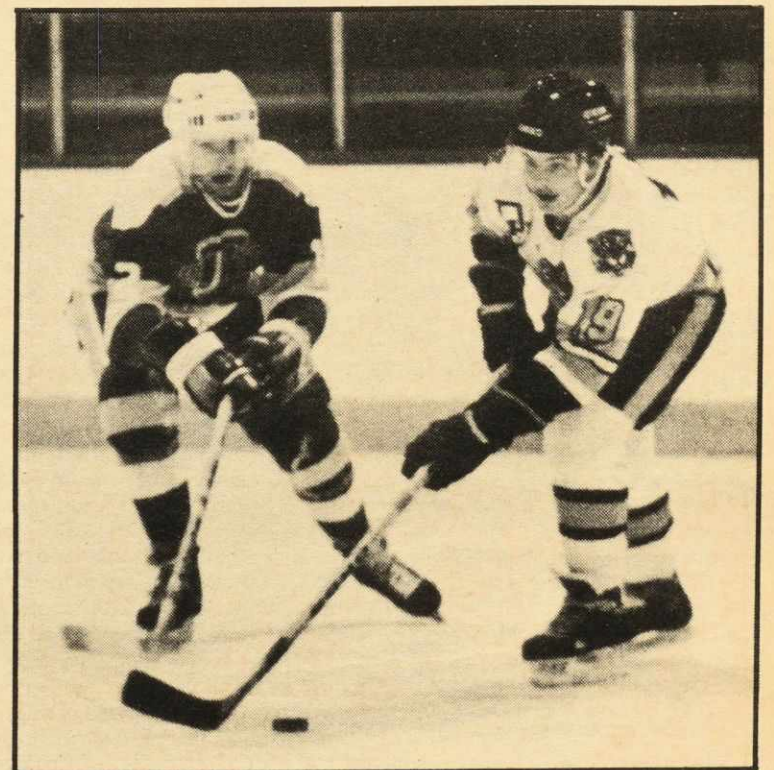


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