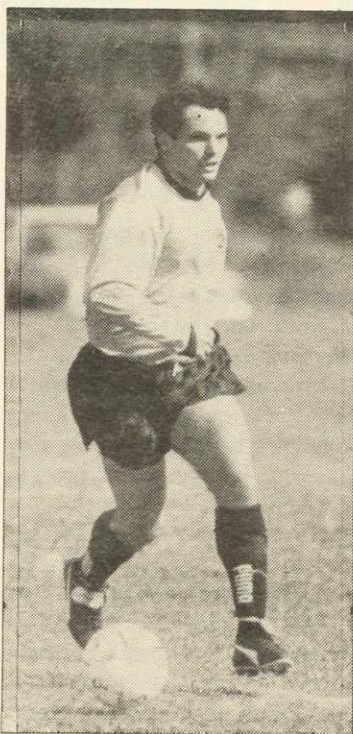


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known for its rough style of play, but Dal dealt with that like an elephant swatting a fly. This was a game that seemed near-perfect, and was quite arguably Dal's best game so far this season. Gone was the rusty style that hindered the team against SFX. Instead what emerged on the pitch during the course of the game was a sort of mystic karma, as the boys exhibited a class that seemed in a league of its own. This is not to say Moncton was a push-over, (in fact it was the strongest side Dal has faced thus far), rather that its disorganized talent was absolutely no match for such a strong-knit team such as Dal, which was extremely effective in its distribution and one-touch passing, with a very high level of fitness, man-on-man skill, and clever tactical ability.

Veteran striker John Richmond was, in two words, absolutely incredible. In his third year, his development over last season is noteworthy - in fitness, skill, and maturity, with an emphasis on the latter. Every game this year he has shone more and more. The guy is like a running bull: he's tough and fast, but doesn't stop to fool around; instead, he just keeps on going. He would account for two goals this day, the first being the



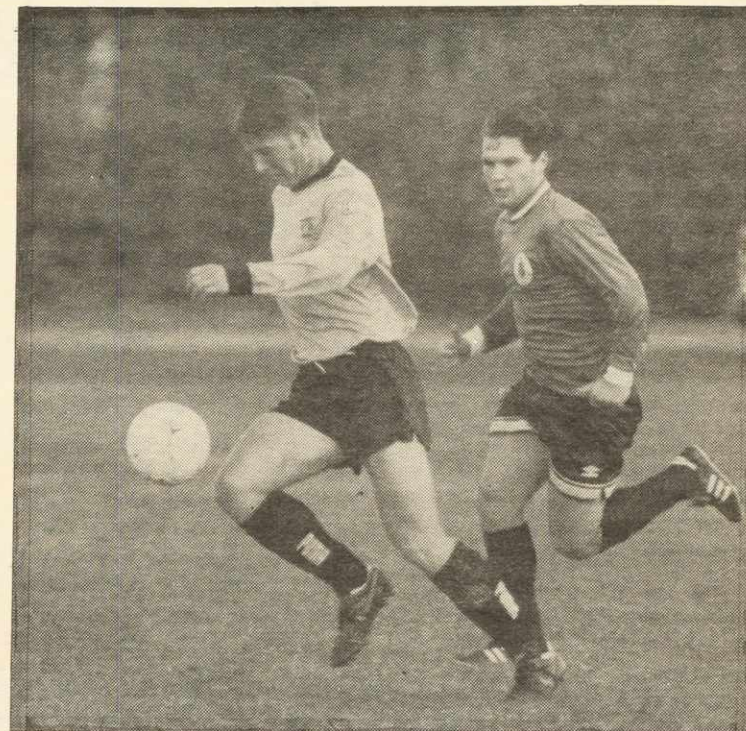
Tony Pignatiello

opener in the 12th minute of play. Appropriately, it came with finesse and speed: a soft lob by Sedgwick into SFX territory outplayed a defender and found Richmond on the run into the penalty box, knocking it on the volley over the keeper and into the net. It was a very clever, well-composed goal, that set the pace

for the scoring binge to follow.

Central halfback Tony Pignatiello (a guy who plays for the CSL Blizzard but couldn't win a game of cards if his life depended on it) took care of goal number two in the 39th minute, on a free kick that was awarded after Sedgwick was taken down on a brutal foul. A fake by Sedgwick on the kick disoriented the keeper, and a beautiful shot by Pignatiello put the ball into the upper right corner, like the thing was on its way to Mars. Sedgwick and Pignatiello did a follow-up in the 44th minute, by setting up Richmond within the six yard box, who traps, turns, and then - BOOM, in the net. Just like that: BOOM, and so well composed too.

Left-winger Janc took care of a penalty kick in the 77th minute like the sure thing it was, and Dal went up 4-0. He shined again in the 83rd for the last goal of the game, which would also be among the most incredible all season. Stripping the ball at left-midfield, he crossed to subber Chris Devlin who, taking it past a defender then laid it off for fellow-rookie Jeff Axel down the wing. Sedgwick went on the run, and as Axel had enough time to sip a cup of tea while bringing it into the box, he then passed to the burly half-back who beat a defender and, while stumbling from a kick to the shin,



John Richmond on the attack against UPEI

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Sedgwick nailed it past the keeper. It was a real beauty, and a fine example of how strong and accurate are the links of the chain that make up the Dal scoring machine.

Opposite to the scoring machine was the fine defensive wall composed of Ibbetson, Adams, Peter Lee, and Jamie Sawler, as well as keeper Trevor Chisolm. Playing in only his third game as the Dal keeper, Chisolm was once again a lesson in calm composure, and his secure stature between the posts makes you wonder just what would it take to make the guy crack. Ibbetson is a guy that doesn't crack, and he proved it, after all the abuse he had to weather by Moncton's rough play.

"Perhaps five-nil flatters us a little bit," he said after the game, "but I don't think they played very well.

They had some key players, but as a team they really didn't count, and we did dominate the game - and we did so by using our weapons rather than looking for their weaknesses."

Richmond agreed. "I expected a lot more out of them, considering the results they have had. I thought our midfield worked very well today. They never stopped running, and created a lot of space out front. Personally, I was quite disappointed with my game against SFX. It was frustrating not to get what we wanted into the net. We knew we needed a good result today, and we just came out and did what had to be done."

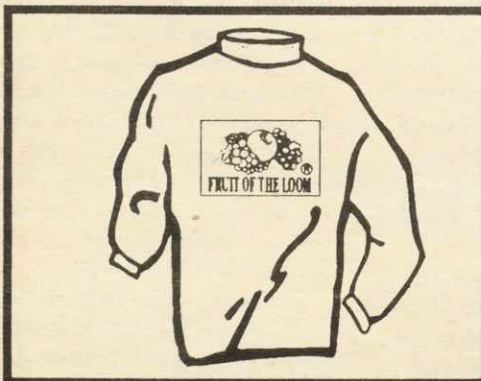
Coach Ian Kent was also quite pleased, although he took the opponents a little more seriously. "Moncton was a very dangerous team, but the troops came up big. The

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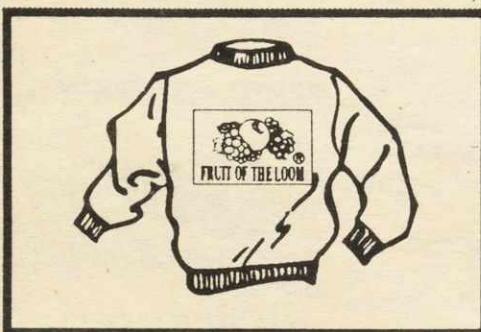
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DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE

The ripple effect

by Wendy Williams

Dalhousie Rowing Club stroked into the 1992 season with their first regatta at the University of New Brunswick last weekend. Up from 20 participating team members last year, 72 finely toned rowers, skilled coxswains, and coaches that refuse to understand the meaning of the word die made way to Fredericton on a surprise assault on the confident UNB crews.

Of the 8 rowing categories (women/men, light weight/open, novice/varsity, eights/coxed four) on a 4.8 km course, Dalhousie came out in first place in the light weight novice women's eight, light weight varsity men's eight, and the open women's varsity four. All crews pulled their own and finished just one or two boat lengths behind UNB despite inclement weather early in the morning and near gail force winds in the afternoon.

Dalhousie Rowing Club president John Maloney is pleased with the results of the races and felt that the regatta really established an annual event for the novice crews and set a precedent for outstanding oarsmanship in the seasons to come. Given

that this is DRC's second year of operation their overall performance is commendable and their spirit and enthusiasm deserving of recognition.

Although DRC is rowing under Dal colours, and hence brings fame and glory to Dal, financial support from the school is next to none, as was mentioned in Sports last week. The athletes of DRC are therefore responsible for covering their own expenses, after fundraising efforts. Though still in its nascent stage of development, DRC and its members are proving themselves to be more than worthy as a university/varsity level organization and anticipate this to be the beginning of a rowing legacy at Dalhousie.

This weekend a convoy of 10 vans is heading south of the border for the Head of the Connecticut. Not the least intimidated by big money ivy league schools and clubs from the Eastern Seaboard, Dal is out to show that they can put their money where their mouth is.

Kim Norris, head coach at UNB and most impressed by last week's regatta predicted that in the coming years, Dalhousie will most certainly be a force to be reckoned with.