



Tigers take care of business

Women advance to CIAU Nationals in Victoria

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The Dalhousie women's soccer team made up for a less than stellar season capturing the AUAA Soccer Championship for the second consecutive year.

The Tigers defeated the Cinderella-story Memorial Sea-Hawks 2-0 at Huskies Stadium on Sunday after advancing to the final on Saturday by defeating St. Francis Xavier 4-1 on penalties. Dal also needed extra time to beat UPEI 2-0 on Friday in the quarter-finals.

The victory was Dal's fifth AUAA title since women's soccer became an official sport in 1987 — adding to their titles in '93, '94, '95 and '97.

The men's soccer team was outclassed 2-0 by the UPEI Panthers in the semi-finals of the AUAA in Charlottetown on Saturday after a superb victory over the Saint Mary's Huskies by the same score on Friday. UPEI and Acadia meet in the final this Saturday to decide who goes to CIAUs in Montreal. Acadia won the title in 1996 while UPEI has not won since 1985.

Women's Soccer

Dal 2 Memorial 0 — The entire AUAA tournament was supposed to be played in Antigonish but the conditions were so bad that

all the fields were deemed unplayable — which resulted in the final being switched to Huskies Stadium at St Mary's.

Memorial was the club suffering the most. Their semi-final match did not start until 10pm on Saturday Night at Wickwire Field.

Dalhousie's pressure against Memorial was rewarded in the 32nd minute when Andrea Gillespie put the ball past Memorial keeper Nicole Murphy.

"After the goal our team really stepped the game up a notch," commented coach Dara Moore after the game. "We put the Memorial defence under a lot of pressure and didn't allow them to get the ball forward as much as they would have liked."

With the Sea-Hawks showing more obvious signs of fatigue, the Tigers sealed the game in the 63rd minute when Norman collected her third goal of the season.

The Tiger defence was stingy all weekend, allowing only one goal in 330 minutes of play, and Malin Wester was solid in nets for all the games. Wester only played her first game for Dal on Oct 24, which makes her performance on the weekend even more impressive. This was something Moore was quick to highlight.

"The defence was solid, giving [Memorial] only a few scoring chances, where our goalkeeper [Wester] stepped up."

The CIAU Championship will be held in Victoria from November 12-15, where Dalhousie will try to win their second Canadian championship, and their first since 1994.

Dal 4 St. FX 1 (after penalties) — The Tigers managed to pay back the X-women for capturing home field in the tournament with a thrilling shootout victory.

Not that the conditions favoured one team — the pitch was in such a bad state that any goals scored had to come in peculiar circumstances.

Both goals were just that. Mary-Beth Bowie opened the scoring in the 22nd minute when X keeper Beth McCharles' blundered on a goal kick. St. FX's equalizing goal was put in by the Tigers themselves.

After the 30 minute extra time period went without a goal, it came down to the penalty kicks. Kelly Larkin opened the scoring for Dal, and Xavier's Meredith Cameron hit the post, giving Dal the advantage. The lead increased to 2-0 when Amy Harding scored, and Wester then stopped Kristen Low's shot. Dal's Natalie Lindthaler made it 3-0 from the spot, but this time St. FX answered to make it 3-1. But the writing was on the wall and Andrea Gillespie sealed the game to put Dal in the final.

Dal 2 UPEI 0 (after extra



The Dal women's soccer team in action earlier this year.

time) — Dal almost had to go to penalties against the Panthers in the quarter-final match — as they were frustrated for the entire game by missed chances.

It was not until 10 minutes from the end of extra time that Dal was fortunate to take the lead. It was luck though, as UPEI keeper Kim Beaton put the ball into her own net after Martin's free kick. Bowie put the game out of reach with five minutes to go to give the Tigers victory.

Men's Soccer

UPEI 2 Dal 0 — The season ended abruptly for the Tigers as

they went down to the host side in Charlottetown on Saturday.

The Panthers took full advantage of their home field and were deserving of the victory. Goals were scored by Steven Boswell at 6 minutes and Ryan O'Connell in the 53rd minute.

Dal 2 SMU 0 — On Friday the Tigers recorded a hard fought victory over cross town rival SMU.

The goals were scored off of free kicks with the first coming in the 46th minute from Tomas Ernst. Defender Marco Cesario scored his second goal of the season in the 66th minute, putting the ball past SMU keeper Carlos Loureiro.

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Dalhousie Tigers' Athletes of the Week

Kristen Lewis

Cross Country
2nd year Arts
Halifax NS



Kristen Lewis of the women's cross-country team is a Dalhousie Tigers' Female Co-Athlete of the Week, for the week ending November 1, 1998. Kristen dominated the competition in the 5 kilometre event at the AUAA finals at Point Pleasant Park with a first place finish to successfully defend her title. Kristen was last season's conference MVP as well as the AUAA Rookie of the Year. Kristen has won every AUAA competition in the last two years.

Malin Wester

Women's soccer
1st year MBA
Umea, Sweden



Malin Wester of the women's soccer team is the Dalhousie Tigers Female Co-Athlete of the Week, for the week ending November 1, 1998. Wester was solid in the nets for the Tigers at the AUAA Championship finals at SMU, posting a 2-0 shutout over Memorial University on Sunday. Malin was named the AUAA tournament MVP for her performance on the weekend, which also included a 2-0 shutout of UPEI in the quarter finals and stopping 3 out of 4 penalty kicks in the semi-final win against St. FX.

Dan Hennigar

Cross Country
5th year Arts
Maitland, NS



Dan Hennigar of the men's cross-country team is the Dalhousie Tigers' Male Athlete of the Week, for the week ending November 1, 1998. Dan was instrumental in helping the Tigers win the team title at the AUAA Championship finals with a first-place finish, and in the process claimed his third individual AUAA title in four years. For his performance on the weekend, Dan, a first team All-Canadian in 1996, was named AUAA MVP.