

Soccer Tigers make a good start

Dalhousie Tigers made a promising start to a defense of their AUSA soccer title last weekend with home wins over UNB Red Bombers (1-0) and U de Moncton Blue Eagles (5-1).

For Saturday's opener, UNB brought back to Halifax nine members of the side which lost to Dal in the 1976 semi-final. Within minutes, however, they were stunned by Dal's first goal of the season when striker Clint Smith ran on to a through ball to send an accurate low shot into the UNB net. Following this early reversal the Red Bombers regained their composure and began to trade blow for blow with the Tigers (sometimes literally) without ever really troubling rookie goalkeeper Greg Forbes.

In fact, it was the Tigers again who found the net after one of the best moves of the game. A long

this point, injuries to strikers Riddell and Smith tended to blunt the Dal attack and Tiger fans had to wait until the second half to see left back Geoff Dahn complete the scoring for the home team with a strong header following a penetrating blind-side run. Though Moncton pulled one goal back, the Tigers coasted to victory.

On the weekend's performances Coach David Houlston commented: "To begin a season with two wins is always encouraging, especially as Dalhousie has a relatively new and inexperienced squad of players. The players however will be the first to admit that a lot of hard work stands between them and the C.I.A.U. Championship hopes."

Both Coach Houlston and his players were heartened by the enthusiastic support they received from the fans on the bleachers. They look forward to more of the

same on Saturday when Dal plays host to city rivals SMU in a meeting which is always keenly fought and entertaining.



Dal Photo

throw-in from fullback Rick Warren was headed down to the feet of right-winger Tony Hall by the strong-running Dave Riddell. Hall took aim and fired a tremendous drive into the far corner of the net amid unconfined joy among the Dal players and supporters. Unfortunately, however, joy quickly turned to ashes as an obscure offside decision negated the goal.

Thus relieved, UNB took the game to the home team but it was not until the final minute that they managed a clear chance to equalize. Even this stemmed from an uncharacteristic error from centre-back Larry Creaser which gave the UNB centre forward an unchallenged run at goal. There seemed no way that the goal could be missed but Forbes demonstrated that the form he had shown in training camp could meet the demands of championship play by brilliantly blocking the final shot to earn the shut-out and two points for the Tigers.

Sunday's game against the Blue Eagles revealed the Tigers at their best in a devastating first twenty minutes when they scored four times through Currie, Riddell, Vickery and a Moncton own goal. At

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