Sports

Dal beats SMU, clinches AUAA playoff berth

by Bruce Galloway

Dal's soccer Tigers clinched an A.U.A.A. playoff berth Tuesday at Studley Field, beating first place St. Mary's 3-1.

The Tigers, playing in their new 4-4-2 alignment, clearly dominated the Huskies throughout the match with crisp passing and an aggressive defense. Tiger coach Terry MacDonald was ecstatic over the performance of his charges.

"I thought it was a great game," exclaimed MacDonald. "Everyone played really well."

The Tigers opened the scoring at the 15 minute mark when Ray MacNeil broke in on Husky goalkeeper Costa Elles and chipped a shot over his head. Dal striker Manoj Vohra scored the winner at the 65 minute mark with a low hard shot which eluded Elles. It was Vohra's fourth goal in the last two games.

The Tiger's third goal came off a penalty kick from Ian Kent with ten minutes left in the match. Dal had been awarded the kick when Husky defender Pete Wicha was called on a hand ball in the 18 yard box.

Dal keeper Pete Moore was robbed of his shut-out when SMU striker Jim Sidey scored on a clearly off-side play. Adding insult to injury, Moore was awarded a yellow card for a collision with Husky Ross Webb who had broken in on the Tiger net along

with Sidey.

MacDonald was particularly pleased with Dal's offensive play. Earlier, MacDonald had noted, "It's not a very well kept secret that we are having problems offensively." The move to the 4-4-2 alignment was MacDonald's remedy for the Tiger's anemic offense, and it paid big dividends against the Huskies. Before this game SMU had only given up two goals in 7 outings.

Dal's last game of the regular season will be on the road against St. F.X. this Sunday. This year's A.U.A.A. playoffs will be held October 30-31 on the astroturf at SMU stadium.

"Heh! Watch that elbow!" Dal's Manoj Vohra and SMU's Mark Smith in action Tuesday afternoon.

Men's soccer Tigers win one, lose one in weekend action

by Andrew Lorimer

The Dal Tigers played to a win and a loss in soccer action over the weekend. A 4-2 win over the University of Moncton and a 4-2 loss to the UNB 'Red Devils' gave the Dal men an eventful, if unrewarding, weekend trip in New Brunswick.

The UNB game started well with Dal taking a 1-0 lead early in the first half on a penalty shot from

Ian Kent after Charlie Fisher was pushed off the ball inside the 18. A defensive error 15 minutes later gave UNB the opportunity they needed to tie the game. Early in the second half Dal took the lead again on yet another penalty. They scored, tying the game 2-2. This was the end of the see-saw scoring. Dal hung on tenaciously, but with only 10 minutes left they lost two quick goals and the game was over.

Coach Terry MacDonald, speaking afterward, said he was genuinely pleased with the game. MacDonald felt that it was one of Dal's best performances this season in spite of the loss. "UNB deserved to win although we had a clear edge for the first 70 minutes - it was too bad we didn't play for the full 90," said MacDonald.

The game against Moncton went better for the Tigers, although Dal started poorly. With mild confusion in the backfield Dal found themselves down 2-0 in the first 15 minutes. Coach MacDonald attributed this to an underestimation of the strength of the new team (Moncton is not currently in the AUAA but is preparing a team to join for the 83-84 season.).

At half-time, Manoj Vohra, who

had been injured in the UNB game, came off the bench and scored three goals - actually a total of 5 goals, two of which were disallowed because of off-side calls. The fourth and final goal for Dalhousie came on yet another lan Kent penalty shot.

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