

They're back

by Edward Fobes

Contrary to popular belief, Dalhousie does have a soccer team this year - at least according to coach Ray MacNeil.

The Tigers, who have just returned from a stint in Maine, held practice on Studley Field while MacNeil discussed past seasons and prospects for this year.

While in Maine, Dalhousie drew 0-0 with Colby and were defeated by the University of Maine at Orono 3-0. MacNeil seemed fairly satisfied with his team's performance, saying they faced some notable competition from the two American universities.

This year's team will be smaller compared to other teams in the division and will therefore concentrate mostly on speed and quickness. Although he is still undecided, MacNeil says he will probably be going with two forwards, possibly switching to three later on in the season. Despite this, he feels the strongest part of his team this year will be the fullback line and gives special praise to keeper Raul Pina, a Toronto import. We should be looking forward to some lowscoring games this season

The Tigers have failed to make the playoffs in the last two years and, in the past, have been fielding mediocrity with increasingly disturbing regularity. MacNeil is nonetheless going into this season with a degre of guarded optimism.

Any serious sports fan would probably dismiss this sentiment as a forecast of fourth, maybe third, place, but judging from the attitudes of the players as I watched them practice as well as



of the coach, I can't help but draw another conclusion.

Draw your own conclusions at Studley Field this Sunday at two o'clock when Dal meets Memorial.

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In the season opener, Dalhousie's women's soccer team shut out Saint Francis Xavier 2-0.

That's a great comeback for Dal after finishing out of last year's soccer playoffs. Saint FX were last year's defeated finalists.

In last Saturday's game, things got off to a fast start with Cathy Driscoll's cross from right wing into the net from 20 meters out in the first minute of play. Striker Virginia Parkinson pounced on a loose ball in the Saint FX penalty box, beat a defender, and put the ball in the net.

Other outstanding performances came from defender Connie Craig, centre Mary Ann McMinn, and centre midfielder Sally Thomas.

Next game is today at 4. Dal will be home to Saint Mary's.

Continued from page 12 the other Tiger goal. In both games, head coach Ray MacNeil started first-year goalie Raul Pina. Pina is a former member of Canada's national youth-under-

Coach MacNeil credited his team with a solid effort in both games and was pleased his team was able to score some goals, something Dalhousie had trouble doing all last year. MacNeil believes this year's players understand their role and for the team to be successful this year they will have to play as a team. MacNeil has confidence this year's Dalhousie soccer Tigers team will be a playoff contender.



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