

Women's soccer in playoffs...

Tigers weather Husky storm

by Kevin Barrett

In crucial games, the veterans will step forward, take charge and lead the team to victory. Don't tell that to the Dalhousie Women's soccer team.

In a must-win game against the St. Mary's Huskies last Friday, Dal rookie Dana Gavis did the steppin'. Gavis notched two second-half goals to propel Dalhousie to a 2-0 win and into the AUAA Women's Soccer conference playoffs. The playoffs take place this weekend in Acadia.

The Tigers needed a win to qualify for the post-season, as Gavis and her teammates were well aware. "This was a very important win for us. We really worked hard for this and I think that is why we won. We had a poor first half because of the weather and the turf but in the second half we scored early and outworked SMU for the win," said Gavis.

The teams opened the game cautiously, with neither having a decided advantage. The weather was causing problems for both teams as they had trouble controlling the ball. Multiple delays occurred because the ball would roll far out of bounds, bringing the action of the game to a snail's pace.

After about 20 minutes, SMU slowly started to apply consistent pressure on the Tigers. Strong defense and aggressive goaltending by Hilary Wells kept the Huskies off the board.

After the break, Dal shifted gears. It only took ninety seconds for Gavis to put the Tigers ahead to stay. She accepted a through ball from Belinda Campbell to go in alone on the SMU keeper. She

seemed to lose control of the ball but regained it at the last minute to score the goal.

When asked about the goal afterwards Gavis said she was very surprised the goalie stayed on the line. "I could not believe she stayed back on that goal. I don't think I would have scored it if she charged me."

Dal continued to apply pressure after the goal and was rewarded in the 57th minute when Gavis and

fellow rookie, Carla Perry, teamed up on a beautiful goal from the right side. The duo made a nice give and go play in the midfield, leaving Gavis wide open in front of the SMU net to put away a Perry cross.

The goal definitely took the wind out of the Huskies. "After we made it 2-0, their players stopped talking and began to lose their marks," replied Gavis. From then on it was all Tigers.

The result capped a fine regular season for the team as it finished 8-3-1. The Tigers will take on the Huskies again in the first game of the playoffs on the weekend.

Coach Terry MacDonald was relieved with the victory and encouraged with the effort of his team. "All year I felt that we deserved to be in the playoffs but we had to win the final game to do it. I am confident about our playoff game

against SMU. When we played them in September (a 3-2 Tiger win) I felt we were two to three goals better than them. I still feel that way after today's game."

"Make sure you thank the Dal's Women's Volleyball team for their support this afternoon," said an appreciative Gavis. The shouts of "Give me a T-I-G-E-R-S" were certainly encouraging for the team and quite refreshing in a match played on a wet and very chilly day.

Course evaluation

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ask their friends for advice... Many say their courses aren't done, or are cancelled," he said.

Other problems include courses with multiple professors, and the reluctance of professors to have their courses evaluated. Some professors refused to distribute the survey because they weren't allowed to read the comments students made.

Singh went on to say some students only want to know which professors give A's, and suggested a breakdown of the marks given by each professor might be more efficient.

The Student Council will consider alternatives to the guide at its next meeting.

Last year's Deputy Coordinator of the guide, Alex Burton, said the format should not be changed.

He called the guide "[perhaps]

the most important service the Union provides to students," and said listing a breakdown of marks in different courses wouldn't be enough.

"Encouraging students to take classes with an easy marker isn't what it's about," he said. "That doesn't tell you anything about the way the course is presented. It tells you nothing about what the workload entails, or how the students perceive the course."

Denis Stairs, Vice-president of Academics, echoed Burton's comments. He said he hoped students would choose their courses based "on academic interest" rather than by which courses offer the best marks.

Although no students interviewed by the Gazette said they had used the guide to choose any courses, they all thought the guide should be published again this year.



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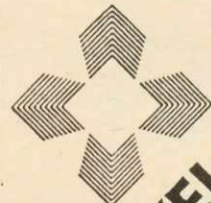


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