

SPORTS

Women's soccer wins 2 of 2 on weekend

BY DEREK NEARY

Dominant is somewhat of an understatement, but it is the word that best describes the play of the Dalhousie Women's Soccer team.

Heading into this past weekend, the Tigers were sporting a 3-0-1 record (the tie coming at the hands of the defending national champion Acadia Axemen). Being undefeated after four games is impres-

sive, but the Tigers were not only unbeaten, they had yet to be scored upon.

On Saturday afternoon Dal opened the weekend home stand against the Mount Allison

Mounties. The weather was near perfect and so were the Tigers.

Rookie striker Kate Gillespie was work horse for the home team. A few minutes into the game, Gillespie scored the first goal on a

goalkeeper, giving Dal a 6-0 victory. The home team's defence was spectacular, exemplified by the fact that they did not surrender a direct shot on goal.

Sunday saw the Tigers take on Memorial University. The game started off slowly with the two teams exchanging a few chances to score. It wasn't until the 15 minute mark that Jocelyn Smith finally broke the ice as she caught the Memorial keeper out of position.

Dal's best chance to score after that came on a penalty kick. Rachel Jones unleashed a powerful shot but caught the Memorial keeper right on. Before the half was completed, the Tigers' netminder, Angie McLeod, was seriously injured by an opposing player and had to be carried off the field.

Neither team could capitalize on their opportunities to score early in the second half. Just past midway point, Heather Mosier and Jocelyn Smith broke in for a two on one but Mosier kept the ball and snapped it into the net. With a few minutes remaining Kate Gillespie turned a pair of defenders inside out and put the game out of reach as Dalhousie went on to a 3-0 victory.

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Dal's Belinda Campbell preparing to lob the ball

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nically threaded pass from Jocelyn Smith.

Twelve minutes later Belinda Campbell notched the Tigers' second tally on a set up from Gillespie and Carla Perry. Smith scored a goal of her own when she found the corner of the net putting the Dal squad up by a 3-0 count.

The Tigers maintained pressure in the second half as Gillespie booted a pair of goals, on assists from Rachel Jones and Heather Mosier respectively.

With just over a minute remaining, Perry sealed the victory by lifting a shot over the Mount Allison

Men's soccer defeats SMU

BY ANGEL FIGUEROA

Bewilderment was what struck Saint Mary's (and the critics alike) when Dal hosted the Huskies for an afternoon of domination at Studley Field, as the Tigers came away with an impressive 5-1 victory in a game which marks the mid-season development of a team as much as its season-ending ambitions.

Dal came out roaring and was all over SMU from the start, with incredible footwork and quick, timely passing. They planted the ball in the SMU end and there it stayed for most of the game, except for only two sporadic surges of life by SMU. Otherwise, the SMU defense seemed mostly dead, and the magic that Dal mustered was a full-team effort, from the dynamic back-four to the powerful forward line.

Only 10 minutes passed before

Rob Sawler scored a goal which was uncannily similar to the beauty he made against Mount Allison. Wheeler lobbed the ball from centrefield and Sawler took it on the bounce to tap it past a charging keeper, as if oblivious to the frantic defender who was breathing down his neck. It was the kind of quick, lightning blur that left a baffled keeper and his defensive line shaking their heads and wondering what had just hit them.

Wheeler hit them with one of his own in the 42nd minute, after displaying a myriad of talents before trapping a pass from the right wing and then nailing it from outside the box for Dal to go up 2-0. The SMU back line then fell apart in confusion, and the day seemed as good as over, as midfielders Sedgwick, Wheeler, and Tim Hall kept a harassment

which was nearly embarrassing. But good feeding by fullback Jamie Sawler and sweeper Adrian Ibbetson supported a dynamic right wing as well, and halfback Ian Clarke delivered the third goal in the 65th minute after a well-placed cross from Hall.

SMU went down for the count shortly after, as Sedgwick gently tapped a dribbler into the net after a cross by Craig Janc in the 74th minute. Janc, a national team player who logged his first minutes in a Tiger jersey due to injuries which kept him on the bench earlier, is the quiet type that leaves you with nothing but exclamation points for what he can offer on the field. Today's exclamation came in the form of a goal which nearly ripped a hole in the net. After first bending the crossbar with a blistering shot from just inside the box, a beautiful pass from Ryan Feron, who picked up the deflection, found him again in the 75th minute, and

Janc let it fly into the upper right corner.

A rather questionable call in the dying minutes of the game left SMU with a christmas present in the form of a penalty shot, which left Dal keeper Phil Samyn somewhat betrayed for an otherwise brilliant shutout game. But it was a triviality that wasn't going to upset the real nature of its outcome, that being a convincing victory against a team which is supposed to be rivals for playoff qualification.

Head coach Ian Kent was modest with the blow-out win, saying that it matched all his expectations, and now it's just back to busi-

ness to prepare for the next game against Acadia, who will be a very tough test.

"We exploited their lack of leadership," Kent said as he explained the winning variables of the lopsided win. "They always seemed worried when we had the ball. But that's full credit to our side for really putting a lot of pressure on the ball. Also, Sedgwick and Wheeler [who was AUSA player of the game] put in a really good show. They are players who are better every game. But it's just the beginning. This was a solid team victory, as well. It's only a shade of what they can do."

Atlantic Universities Men's Soccer							Atlantic Universities Women's Soccer						
East Division							West Division						
	w	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.		w	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Acadia	4	1	2	11	5	10	Dal	5	0	1	32	0	11
Dal	3	0	2	13	3	8	Acadia	3	0	2	14	1	8
SMU	1	2	2	7	10	4	SMU	2	0	2	3	1	6
SFX	0	2	3	3	8	3	MUN	3	2	0	11	4	6
							Mt. A	3	2	0	9	8	6
							UPEI	0	3	1	1	9	1
UNB	2	0	3	6	4	7	SFX	0	4	0	0	10	0
MUN	3	2	1	3	8	7	Moncton	0	5	0	0	37	0
Mt. A	2	1	2	9	5	6							
Moncton	1	4	1	8	11	3							
UPEI	1	5	0	6	12	2							

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