

Tigers Win AUAA Championship

by Dave Grandy and Melanie Smith

Last weekend the Women's Field Hockey team put their whole season together, defeating Mount Allison in the first game of the AUAA playoffs and then beating strong University of New Brunswick team in the Finals.

The Tigers had little trouble with the Mount Allison team defeating them 2-0 with both goals coming in the first half. In the second game on Saturday UNB had more trouble with St. Mary's but rallied and beat the Huskies 2-1

On Sunday the two best teams in the regular season met in the final. UNB had lost only one game all year and that was to Dalhousie, 1-0 at Studley field; so the Red Sticks were looking for a bit of revenge. Dal meanwhile was undefeated this year and was looking forward to the nationals in Victoria but still had to get past UNB.

The conditions on Sunday were better for the players than for the crowd of Dalhousie supporters who gathered at the Halifax Commons to watch the final.

Dalhousie hosted the tournament after posting, the best regular season record in the AUAA and could have played at Studley. But as is usually the case at this time of the year the field was unplayable and the tournament had to be played at the Commons. Still, the fans who stood shivering in near freezing temperatures were treated to an excellent field hockey game.

Both teams had their moments during regular time most notably UNB who just failed to put the ball in the net as Brenda Ogilvie, going for

her eleventh shutout, made a brilliant toe save, absolutely robbing the Red Sticks of a sure goal. This was probably Ogilvie's best save of the year and she picked the right time for it.

Many players on both teams were injured, or at least roughed up. Jo Syms playing a fine game in fact was injured twice but continued to play and finished out the match despite a nasty cut on her leg.

At the end of regulation play both teams were still tied at zero and went into overtime. UNB and Dal continued their struggle into what turned out to be three periods of overtime with neither team being able to score. With the Soccer team urged the women on with their own peculiar cheer, "... seven, eight, nine, ten, ... Oh My God", the Tigers went into penalty shots.

This situation of taking penalty strokes to determine a winner for a tie Field Hockey game used to be a matter of course in the AUAA until recently, when everyone realized that it was a horrible way to end a game that was tied. What happened was that both teams would have five penalty shots, more or less like ice-hockey; the winner

being determined by who scores the most goals out of five shots.

So with the game tied up and the overtimes all exhausted the teams reverted to the nerve wracking penalty shots. Dalhousie took the first shot with Lori-Anne Moore scoring. UNB shot next and missed the net. Dal led 1-0. Next Carrie Wheadon tried for Dalhousie and Dal scored again. UNB missed the net again! Dal led 2-0. UNB tried again and Brenda Ogilvie stopped the shot easily. Team captain Erin O'Brien would have the next shot; if she made it the season would be over for the Red sticks for they could not tie on their remaining two shots. With the crowd quite literally hushed O'Brien made no mistake. pushed the ball past the UNB goalie to seal the win.

The Tigers played extremely well all year and deserve a lot of credit. Coach Nancy Tokaryk in her first year as the Tiger mentor deserves much praise in leading the young team to the AUAA's and now to the Nationals in Victoria. But the whole team is to be congratulated for their excellent TEAM play all year.



FOUR TIGERS CONVERGE ON A STINGER

Dal Photo / Grandy

Verbal Diarrhea

by Greg Dennis

Congratulations to Dal's field hockey team as they captured the AUAA title on Sunday. The final match against UNB was an exciting one, the Tigers winning 1-0 on penalty flicks. For netminder Brenda Ogilvie it was her eleventh shutout in fourteen games. Hopefully her astounding play will continue this weekend when the ladies travel across the country for the Canadian finals in Victoria.

The soccer Tigers slipped into the playoffs a week ago by downing St. FX 6-3. John Evans scored three times, Harry Fowler twice and Phil Hill once to pace the tigers. Dal will face tough competition in the semi-finals as they tackle the unbeaten UNB squad at the AUAA championships in Fredericton. In an earlier encounter this season on Studley Field the Red Bombers nipped Dal by a 2-0 score, so an upset is not out of the question. Tony Richards hopes his team will play more consistent in their own end.

Last week I hopped down to the Metro Centre hoping to witness the N.S. Voyageurs and the N.B. Hawks resume their rivalry which produced some great games last year. The Vees won 2-0 in what can only be called a dull game. The Vees look like they will ice a team similar to last year's

model; fast skating, good goaltending and hot & cold play. A couple of goons have been added to the team so they won't be pushed around like they have been in the past. However, the Vees will have to rely on strong penalty killing to keep them in games as these 'gentlemen' cannot seem to be able to stay out of the sin-bin. Predictions on the Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference standings: N.S. Division—1. Dalhousie 2. SMU 3. Acadia 4. St. F.X. Outside N.S. Division—1. U de M. 2. Mt. Allison 3. UPEI 4. UNB 5. Mem. 6. St. Thomas

Average height and weight of the hockey Tigers (excluding goalies) is 5'11" and 185 lbs. The tight scoring race among the UPEI field hockey players ended in a dead heat as all the members ended with no goals. Halifax's Nancy Garapick was recently honored in Ottawa for her outstanding contribution to Canadian amateur sport. Also in swimming Dal will get its name in the next edition of the Guinness Book of Records for the most competitors in a relay race (543). Well, well, Billy Martin and the New York Yankees have parted company once again. When the volatile Martin allegedly beat up an Illinois man, sending him to the hospital for 15 stitches,

owner George Steinbrenner had had enough and gave Billy the boot. Martin is a decent field boss but his actions away from the park lead me to believe he is only rowing with one oar. One person not upset with the firing—Reggie Jackson. Some members of the Montreal Expos were not too impressed when their mentor, Dick Williams, was named 'manager of the year' in the NL. Criticizing his approach to the game and treatment of players, players like Steve Rodgers, Warren Cromartie and Chris Speier spared no mercy when asked their opinions. Comments like "the players did it, not him", "a positive award for a negative attitude" and "I'm not overjoyed" filled papers across the country. The men's and women's volleyball teams open their season on Saturday in Wolfville against Acadia.

The DALPLEX will be stage this year's AUAA tennis championships this weekend as Dal will be seeking their twelfth straight men's title and fifth straight women's title. Good luck to coach Bruce MacArthur and the Tigers. Robert Englehutt and Tim Prince travel to Toronto for the CIAU cross-country championships on Saturday and hopefully they will fare as well there as they have at AUAA, meets.

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