

Tigers' streak stops

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS women's field hockey team maintained its unbeaten and shutout streaks over the weekend as it downed Saint Francis Xavier University 2-0 in an AUSA contest in Antigonish Saturday.

The Tigers were led by Janice Cossar, who scored both Dalhousie markers.

Both the undefeated streak and the shutout streaks were broken on Wednesday, however, as the Tigers ventured to St. Mary's University to take on the St. Mary's Belles, who, with a 2-7 record prior to game time were out of playoff contention.

The Belles, playing on home turf, snapped the shutout streak

with a first-half goal on a penalty corner when Angie Banks drilled the ball into the lower left corner of the goal.

The Tigers scored to tie it up, with Julie Gunn firing a hard drive from the top of the circle for Dal's marker.

Much of the second-half play took place in the midfield, but the Belles found the net once more, with Banks drilling the ball home on a penalty corner to give St. Mary's a 2-1 edge.

Dalhousie pressed hard in the final five minutes of the game, with Janice Cossar, alone at the top of the circle momentarily, shooting wide past a sprawling St. Mary's goalie, and another Cossar shot hitting the post, much to the frustration of the Dal players.

Despite the loss, the Tigers have clinched a playoff spot.

The Dal squad will close out the regular season this weekend with a home game Saturday against St. Francis Xavier University.

Philosophically speaking...

Developing an identity

By TIM FERR

LORIE SMITH (NOT HER real name) was a good friend of mine back home, and was a better-than-average high school athlete.

Her dad, Robert, was a star in the local softball leagues. Loud and arrogant, he infuriated opposing fans and players alike with this showboat tactics, but he fired up his team as a player-coach.

People loved to hate him, and some of this carried over to Lorie when she played anything, but particularly softball.

In a small-town environment, everybody knows everybody and

so it shouldn't really have been a surprise that Lorie was subjected to heckling from fans in opposing towns — or even her own for that matter — especially as she emulated many of her father's characteristics. Loud and aggressive, playing the same shortstop position, she tried to put a little extra flair in everything she did.

But I always wondered whether she resented having an inherited identity, rather than creating her

own, and inherited pressures based on her father's athletic ability.

Lorie, not being one given to deep thought, probably didn't mull the problem over too much. She just slid into the role, and got trapped there. Her identity was as Robert's daughter, and if people were going to treat her as pre-coloured by their expectations, who was she to buck the trend?

Lorie is an extreme case of a problem I've seen a lot in sports — people who are there but don't know why or who they want to be.

People get trapped in others' expectations of them, and lose sight of, or never even develop, their own expectations for and of themselves.

While sport can be an immensely liberating experience, it can also become just another stage in which to play out the roles expected by friends, coaches, parents, or others.



Athletes of the week

GOALTENDERS GRABBED the athletic spotlight at Dalhousie last week as Field Hockey and Hockey netminders Claudette Levy and Peter Abric were named the University's Coca-Cola Athletes of the Week for the period of October 7-13th.

Levy, who has been outstanding in the Tiger goal this year, notched her 10th straight shutout of the season last week in Tiger victory over St. F.X. Levy has not allowed a goal yet this year and in her three years as a starter at Dal, Levy has registered 26 shutouts in 34 games. A 22 year old native of Halifax, Levy is an AUSA All-Star and this is her second consecutive selection as Dalhousie Athlete of the Week.

Abric, a first year goaltender for the Tiger's Hockey Team, was outstanding in his first game ever for the Black and Gold. A former OHL All-Star, Abric led the Tigers to a 5-4 overtime victory over the defending CIAU Champions, York Yeomen, in the Tiger's first game of the Lobster Pot. Abric stopped two of three penalty shots in the overtime shut-out after the score had been tied 3-3 at the end of regulation time.

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