

Tigers — what's coming in 1987-88

Women's Field Hockey

The 1986 season was one of development for the Tigers field hockey team, with a squad of six rookies, six second-year players, and only two seniors.

The talent and desire that the players showed in training camp and pre-season practices were encouraging. Once the season was underway, the young Tigers begin by earning a win and a tie at home to UPEI and MTA. The season proceeded and the team battled to several losses but the matches were close and were often lost because of inexperience. After suffering a heart-breaking 2-1 loss to SFX on October 4 (a win would have meant a good chance of making the playoffs), the players displayed tremendous character through their desire to work harder and improve. This effort paid off with an emotional win at

MUN (the top team in the Eastern Division) the next weekend. The Tigers closed the season with two well-earned ties against SMU and SFX. The final record stood at 2-5-3 for fourth place in the AUAA Eastern Division. To highlight the season, fifth-year senior Gail Broderick and first-year student Heather Andrews were named AUAA All-Stars.

The Tigers gained confidence and experience with every game and the improvement throughout the season was tremendous. Next year's squad will be more experienced and should be serious contenders for the AUAA title.

Men's Soccer

This year's Tigers finished tied for second spot in the East Division of the AUAA, losing out on goal average to SMU.

Notably, though, the Tigers were the only East division team

to take two points from eventual division champs St. Francis Xavier University.

Although the team was fairly solid this year, the weakness of this team was in defence. The inability to prevent goals created several tough losses which eventually put the Tigers out of the playoffs.

The team's top scorer this year was John McDermott with seven goals, and other notable standouts included midfielders Keith Souchereau, Kevin Pottie, and fullback Joey Perrault. Rookie Jeff Conaster filled a difficult role as stopper for the last eight games of the season.

The Tigers are already looking towards next year and are hopeful for bigger and better things. With approximately 13 of 15 players returning for the '87 season, it certainly shows promise for an improved standing for the Tigers.

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