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Dal's forward Michael Kwak keeps ball away from Axemen defenders.

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Tigers tie weekend matches

by Carmen Tam

Men's soccer action

The Dalhousie men's soccer team played more like housecats than Tigers as they suffered their first loss of the season at the paws of crosstown rivals Saint Mary's Huskies. The Huskies scored early in the game with a goal by Richard Van Horne. While Dal had scoring opportunities, SMU managed to retained its one goal lead going into halftime. The second half was much like the previous, with SMU coming on top again, this time Idris Mert did the damage.

Forward Mark Mouat scored Dal's first goal in the second half to cut SMU's lead by one. The Huskies responded with another goal by half back Desi Lambert to bring their lead once again to two goals. Dal's veteran striker Tony Pignatiello put the Tigers back into the game by taking advantage of a penalty shot awarded to Dal. However the effort was not enough as the final score of 3-2, dropped the Tigers to fourth place in the AUSC, six points behind the league leading Huskies.

"SMU came out hard and we didn't," noted Mouat as the reason for the defeat.

Dalhousie regrouped against the Acadia Axemen last Saturday as they outplayed the Axemen for a full ninety minutes. It was a rematch of an earlier game this season where the Tigers dominated the Axemen which resulted in a 2-0 win over Acadia 2-0. The difference this time around was the Tigers failure to put the ball in.

Dal started the game with a shot that hit the crossbar by rookie Chad

Denny. The intensity continued at a fast aggressive pace that displayed the Tiger's speed and skill. Unfortunately, the effort of the Tigers was not rewarded with a goal. The score was 0-0 at halftime.

The second half was also controlled by the Tigers, but they once again, despite the good opportunities, failed to put the ball pass Acadia keeper Andy Meiser.

"We just couldn't finish," mused midfielder Rob Sawler, "but it was definitely a lot better game than the one with SMU."

"It felt like a loss even though we tied," said Dal's David MacFarlane. "However we are pleased with our performance, as the team played as a solid unit."

"We did everything we could have done," agreed Sawler "We hit the post, the crossbar and their goalie just didn't quit."

Mark Hudson, in the nets for Dalhousie, was untested as there was only a couple of half-hearted attempts at the net by the Axemen. Hudson, on leave of absence from the police force in England, recorded his second shut-out of the year, both courtesy of Acadia.

The Tigers are hoping to capitalize on a possible eight point road trip to 'the rock' (Newfoundland, Memorial University of Newfoundland) this upcoming weekend.

"It will be tough," predicted Sawler. "They (MUN) have a small field that is boxed in and they are a very physical team."

Dal plays the Memorial Seahawks twice before concluding the AUA regular season at home. The Tigers will meet the Mount Allison Mounties and the UNB Varsity Reds

on the Wickwire Field to determine who will host the AUA Championships in November.

Women's soccer action

The Dalhousie women's soccer team remain the only undefeated squad in AUSC action after recording two ties in the past week. The Tigers have a 3-0-4 record, sharing first place in the conference with Acadia.

The Tigers could have moved a point ahead of Acadia with a win as the Axettes lost 1-0 to the Mount Allison Mounties last Sunday. The Dal team met the Mounties the day before in Sackville, N.B. and that resulted in a 1-1 draw.

Striker Kate Gillespie scored her 11th goal of the season in the fifth minute of play.

"We played well in the first half," said Gillespie. "However, we just didn't finish." That has been the problem with the Tigers throughout the season which has resulted in last year's CIAU silver medalist settling for four draws this season.

Nina Miller replied with a goal for Mount Allison.

"We are going to take it one game at a time," said Gillespie. "We have very important games coming up and we know what we have to do."

The Tigers have their last home game this Saturday against St. FX at Wickwire Field at 2 p.m. Ranked seventh in the country, the X-ettes tied Dal 0-0 last Tuesday in Antigonish. The Tigers are looking forward to facing the X-ettes in a rematch.

"They will be in our park this time," notes Gillespie.

Puck antics

by Jefferson Rappell

So much for the best kept secret in university hockey. Hold the presses, this year's Dal hockey Tigers are for real.

The Dal Tigers' hockey squad opened up their season on Friday night visiting the Metro Centre, SMU's cavernous home ice. With plenty of new faces and loads of talent, this year's Tigers gave the hearty Dal fans that made the journey downtown a glimpse of their promising future.

The Tigers came to play, unlike most of their SMU counterparts, who seemed to mistake the game for a football practice. The Huskies came out for the game as flat as a week old Coke, and it wasn't long before Dal capitalized, with Stephen Maltby and Ulrik Bengtsson netting goals in the first period. Meanwhile, stellar defensive play held SMU to four messy shots in the opening frame.

Heading into the second frame, it looked as though SMU's new strategy was to systematically run Dal's best players. The whole squad, particularly Stephen Maltby, Kevin Meisner, and player of the game Brian King, showed remarkable self-control by not retaliating to SMU's desperate bar-room tactics.

Despite the friction, Dal managed two more goals in the second. Captain Mark Myles and Brian King each tallied their first of the year, while the defence held off what would prove to be the best of SMU's lackluster offensive attack.

The third period really showed the maturity of this year's new-look team as they chose to add the finishing touches to the flustered Huskies with their skill rather than their fists. Dan Holmes, Marc Robillard, Mike Polano and James Bugden each added insult to injury by beating SMU netminder Rob Dykeman.

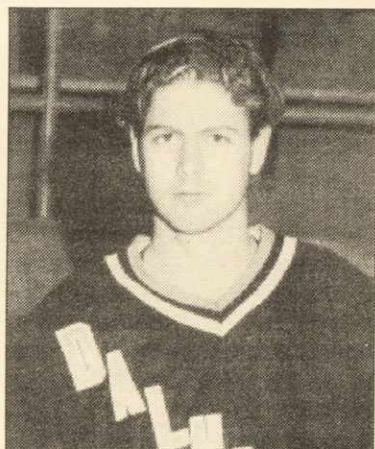
Dal goaltender Steve Pottie was forced to leave his shutout bid at 7:50 of the third period due to back spasms, leaving Randy MacLean with mop-up duties. Unfortunately, a brief defensive lapse by Dal allowed Shaun Byrne to score SMU's loan goal of the evening, much to the chagrin of MacLean's own cheering section.

The body count continued on Saturday night, when the Tigers hosted the UPEI Panthers. Not to be outdone by St. Mary's, UPEI exhibited their own brand of chippy play. The Tigers - perhaps a little weary of being on the receiving end for the second game in two nights - responded in kind and the march to the penalty box was on for both squads. However, Dalhousie managed to keep their cool long enough to beat the Panther netminders (goalie number one was yanked after a touchdown or so) for four powerplay scores.

The game started innocently enough. Corey MacIntyre banged the Tiger's in the first frame to give the Tigers an early lead.

In the second period, the Tigers jumped to a 3-0 advantage on powerplay scores by newcomers Stephen Maltby and Brian King. However, just when the packed house of Tiger fans thought that the rout was on, UPEI responded with two goals to seemingly make a game of things.

It looked as though the Tigers would head to the dressing room with a slim one-goal cushion when Mark Myles-prototype Tim Hill beat the Panthers goalie for his first marker as a Tiger. Then, in the closing seconds of the middle frame, Maltby broke in alone and popped his second of the game while the Tigers were shorthanded.



Stephen Maltby

The third period was all Dalhousie. Ulrik Bengtsson, Marc Robillard, Brian King (his second), Tim Hill (his second), and Stephen Maltby (for the hat trick) led the way with goals for the Tigers. It was during this onslaught that the match took on its' elbow-in-the-face edge that resulted in a couple of players from each team being ejected.

On the defensive side of things, Tigers' rookie goaltender Steve Pottie went the distance to lower his GAA to 1.10, the lowest in the league. In almost 109 minutes of play this season, he has given up just two goals.

Tiger hockey continues with a big test on Friday, October 21 when they travel to Wolfville to face arch-rivals Acadia Axemen. Then, on the weekend, the Tigers host two exhibition matches against the Merrimack College Warriors. Game times are slated for 7 pm Saturday night and 2 pm on Sunday afternoon.

If midterms got you down, head to the rink and let your CIAU bound Tigers cheer you up.



Men's Soccer

Sat., Oct. 29 MT.A @ DAL 2 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 30 UNB @ DAL 2 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Sat., Oct. 22 ST.FX @ DAL 4 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 29 DAL @ ACA 3 p.m.

Men's Hockey

Sat., Oct. 22 MERRIMACK @ DAL 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 23 MERRIMACK @ DAL 2 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 26 SMU @ DAL 7 p.m.

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MEN

	W	L	T	F	A	PT
SAINT MARY'S	7	1	1	19	11	20
ST.FX	5	2	1	16	7	19
MONCTON	4	2	2	14	10	15
DALHOUSIE	4	1	2	14	8	14
UPEI	2	6	1	11	21	10
MT.ALLISON	3	3	1	8	8	9
MEMORIAL	1	4	3	5	12	9
UNB	2	5	0	9	16	4
ACADIA	1	5	2	9	14	4

WOMEN

	W	L	T	F	A	PT
DALHOUSIE	3	0	4	21	4	15
ACADIA	3	1	3	24	3	15
UPEI	4	2	1	13	11	13
ST.FX	3	1	2	6	5	12
MT. ALLISON	2	4	2	13	11	9
SAINT MARY'S	2	2	2	10	6	8
MEMORIAL	2	3	2	9	20	6
MONCTON	0	5	0	1	32	0

