

Rebels up against Canada's best Lady Reds find right formula

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The Rebels are off to the Dal Classic this weekend, a tournament featuring Canada's best volleyball talent. Manitoba, Laval, Sherbrooke; names all synonymous with volleyball excellence, talent with which UNB must measure themselves.

Coach Paul Belanger is optimistic about his team's performance. "I think we stand a very good chance at coming fourth in our respective pool. And that's a pool which includes Manitoba, last years CIAU champions." Although Manitoba lost such all Canadians as Steve Welch

and Keith Sanheim to the National team, they are still favored to take the CIAU crown.

Belanger says his team is really looking forward to this tournament. "We are not at all intimidated by the ranked teams. Dal, on the other hand, has a big (inferiority) complex when it comes to Western teams."

The team is now riding an emotional high from back to back sweeps of U de M, and a Christmas holiday that brought stabilizing changes to the team. This should make up for a few short comings, namely in lack of height and experience and the absence of offside hitter Jeff Foot, who

has suffered a relapse of a knee injury.

The twin victories over U de M were especially sweet for Geoff Colter, who returns to play after a one and a half year absence. The team played with much more poise and stability than their shaky first term. Kevin Fowler and Jason Scott walked away with well deserved "AUAA player of the game" awards, and the team boosted its record to 3 and 6.

The following weekend will feature life and death matches against the Memorial Seahawks, which the Rebels must win to have a realistic chance at the AUAA playoffs.

Rebels in action earlier this season. The Rebels will travel to Dal this weekend to take on some first class competition.



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After an unexpected loss to the UPEI Panthers last Saturday, the Lady Reds volleyball team did some soul searching to determine where their talents really lie. After getting their heads together and changing the starting rotation, UNB rocked the Panthers in a three game sweep Sunday afternoon.

"Although we played poorly Saturday, we just couldn't get a break", says Coach Al MacGarvie, and although it is an old cliché, Al had serious doubts as to whether or not the referees were qualified to officiate an AUAA match. "Between the poor officiating and our inability to kill the ball, we just couldn't get anything going."

After being shafted by the officials and a stern talk from

MacGarvie, the Lady Reds came out Sunday to play, and play for blood. The starting lineup was reshuffled, putting Carla Mason in the hitting position, where she pounded her way to an AUAA player of the game award while leading the team to a three game sweep of the bewildered Panthers.

So with that, the Lady Reds seem to have found a stable and consistent starting rotation, and the new players are settling into their roles nicely.

The Lady Reds have this weekend off, but Wednesday they are off the U de M to face the Moncton Blue Eagles. The following weekend is the match everyone has been waiting for, UNB vs. Acadia at Varsity Mania. This contest will feature two of the most evenly matched teams in the AUAA, which should provide a great game for all to see.

"The Red Devils are like the Montreal Canadiens" Dal coach Young

by Frank Denis

UNB 6 Dal 1
Acadia 6 UNR 1

How good are the UNB Red Devils?

Well Dalhousie Tigers coach Darrell Young thinks they're pretty good.

Following his team's 6-1 loss at the hands of the Red Devils last Saturday in Halifax, Young paid the Red Devils a large compliment.

"UNB is a good hockey team. They're like the Montreal Canadiens, they don't really excite you with their offensive play, but when they have the chance, they bury it" said Young.

On Sunday in Wolfville against the Acadia Axemen, the Red Devils looked like anything but the Canadiens as they dropped their worst decision of the year 6-1.

Against Dalhousie, the Red Devils got goals from Ken Murchison with two, Trevor Boland, Clyde Simmons, Dominic Niro and Jim Landine. Mark Myles scored the lone Tiger goal.

Simmons says it was a total team effort that beat Dalhousie. "We're satisfied with the game we played tonight. We have a lot of guys who are playing hurt and some out with injuries, but the guys pulled together for a good,

solid effort."

The win was costly for the Red Devils as they lost their captain Murray Nystrom in the third period due to a broken nose.

Nystrom missed Sunday's contest against Acadia and was doubtful for the Mount Allison game on Wednesday. He should be back in the lineup for the game against STU tomorrow.

Also out with injuries were Rob Boldon with mono and Neil Hawryluk with a pulled groin.

Because of the injuries there are a couple of new faces in the Red Devil lineup.

Shane Easter, a defenceman who played last season with the team, has been a consistent performer in the few games he has played this season.

Forward John Coppa made his debut with the team last Saturday. He had been bothered with a back condition the past year and a half.

Brian Wilson was the only Red Devil to beat Acadia goaltender Dennis Sproxtton on Sunday.

Duane Derris, Mark MacFarlane, Scott Farrell, Milan Dragicovic and Colin Gregor beat UNB netminder Chris Somers. Gregor's goal, the fifth for Acadia at the 15:44 mark of the second period drove Somers from the net and he was replaced by Greg Reid who made some good saves in his 25 minutes of action. Only Darren Burns put one past him on the power play to round out the scoring.

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