

Scaling new heights at L.B.Gym Reds take on All-Stars

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Last week after many months of construction and red tape, the U.N.B. indoor rock-climbing wall opened to the public. This facility, located on the lower level of the Lady Beaverbrook Gym, replaces a smaller and less versatile wall in the South Gym which was dismantled last spring. The combined efforts of the U.N.B. Rock and Ice Climbing Club, Physical Plant and the Faculty of Kinesiology have resulted in a rock gym that is now one of two, open for public use, in New Brunswick.

Plans for this facility began many years ago with the germination of an idea in a snowed-in climber's mind. The first indoor wall was built and the sport of indoor climbing has expanded rapidly. At U.N.B., the climbing wall was built through the generosity of the family of local climber, Ian MacDonald, who was killed while climbing in Western Canada. As a controlled environment, the wall offers a safe and comfortable place for beginners to be introduced to the sport of climbing and for more advanced climbers to hone their skills and pass the cold winter months.

Those in the know around campus, are probably asking why it has taken so long for the wall to relocate from the South Gym to the L.B.Gym. There is no short answer, and the long answer

would not fit here. What is most important is that the gym is now open. All those who have climbed before, or



Mike Gumpert scales the new wall. Photo Mike Dean

those who think it might be fun and challenging, are invited to come during open wall hours. These are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7-10 pm and Sunday, 5-9 pm. During this time the facility is supervised by senior members

of U.N.B. Rock and Ice Climbing Club. Safety equipment is provided and additional gear is available.

For many, the new climbing facility at U.N.B. is a sign of great things to come in the sport of rock climbing. While it may look dangerous at first glance, climbing is a safe and controlled sport, with highly engineered equipment and safety standards. All equipment at the new facility is approved by the sport's regulating body, and wall monitors are there to ensure that no one endangers another climber with reckless or irresponsible behaviour. To climb indoors, you do not need to be an athlete or thrill-seeking adrenaline junkie. It is a sport that everyone can enjoy, from child to adult. The climbing wall has routes for all levels of climber, from day one beginner to advanced. The wall monitors are able to instruct new climbers, and the climbing club offers climbing courses each season.

The Grand Opening of the new climbing facility will be held on Friday, February 2nd, 1996 in the L.B.Gym. This will involve the rededication of the wall and comments from many of those involved in it's development. Please call the Faculty of Kinesiology, Recreation Office for more information.

Those wanting more information on open wall hours can call the L.B.Gym equipment room for times, or contact club president Mike Gumpert @ 455-6182.

from Chris Peach and Kayle Short, the Axemen hung on for their first win in three games.

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	W	L	T	PTS
STU	12	6	1	25
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UDM	11	8	1	23
PEI	9	9	1	19
MTA	4	15	0	8

The University of New Brunswick Women's Volleyball Team returned home from northern New Brunswick with a 2-2 record this past weekend. The Reds played a senior all-star team from Newcastle on Friday and Saturday afternoon before moving on to Bathurst to finish off the four match tour. Head coach Al McGarvie was able to use this trip for recruiting and promotional purposes.

In Newcastle the Reds won 3-0 (15-7, 15-6, 15-12) Friday night and edged the same team on Saturday afternoon 3-2 (15-9, 15-13, 12-15, 11-15, 15-7). Friday's match saw Newcastle native Sandra Morrison lead UNB with 9 kills and 7 digs; the Newcastle senior all stars were lead by former Varsity Red and two time AUA MVP Carla Mason with 10 kills and 3 service aces.

Saturday afternoon Chantal Martin led the Reds with 11 kills and 5 stuff blocks, where Morrison chipped in 5 kills. Once again, Mason led the seniors with 14 kills and 6 stuff blocks with Marlene Ouellette adding 6 kills and 4 blocks.

Saturday night the Reds were defeated 3-2 (16-14, 13-15, 15-11, 13-15, 15-9) by the Bathurst senior all stars. Alice Cameron led Bathurst with 15 kills while Patti-Jo Lavigne, a former Varsity Reds, added 6 kills. Bathurst native Sara Ouellette lead UNB with 9 kills and 8 digs. On Sunday, Bathurst also came out on top 3-1 (1-15, 15-11, 15-10, 15-10) over the Reds. Cameron came up with 11 kills while Lavigne had 4 kills and 6 digs. Martin led UNB with 23 kills while Ouellette had 8 kills and 6 digs for the varsity Reds. Setter Jennifer

Tune had an excellent match with 4 kills, 6 digs, and 4 service aces.

This coming weekend the volleyball team will travel to Antigonish, N.S. for a pair of games against the St. FX X-ettes after a 10 day layoff from AUA play. The 7-4 Reds are looking at these matches as a large stepping stone to reaching the AUA playoffs for the fourth straight year.

The 3-8 X-ettes have lost 4 matches in the fifth set and will be a tough test for the two-time defending AUA champs.

The Reds are awaiting the return of power hitter Gail Toner who broke her foot in December and has been missed greatly. Hopefully

Toner will be returning in the next few weeks which will be a big boost for the team. Meanwhile, Chantal Martin keeps plugging away. Martin has racked up all sport player of the match five times, CIAU athlete of the week, UNB athlete of the week twice, and athlete of the month for December at UNB. She leads the AUA in kills with 21 per match.

Sara Ouellette has shown she will be a force in her offside position while becoming one of the best serve receivers in the AUA. Rookie player and setter Jennifer Tune is getting better each match out and will soon be one of the top setters in the conference.

All of these factors, along with improved play by power hitter Sandra Morrison, and the Reds, will hopefully come home with two victories on Sunday. Next weekend the Reds will be home to the 0-9 Acadia Axettes.

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Weekend Update

In another Aitken Centre penalty fest, the Varsity Reds competently disposed of the Dalhousie Tigers 7-2. In a game featuring 58 minutes of minor penalties, the Billy Wright, Jeff Andrews & Dax MacLean line provided four goals. Also on the score sheet were Toby Burkitt, Trevor Boland and Chris Zanutto.

It was a different story, the day before. The V-Reds gave up two short handed goals en-route to a 5-3 loss to the Acadia Axemen. Acadia's breakaway speed, solid defense and good goaltending, proved to be a deadly combination when time and again UNB's pressure lead to breakaways. After taking a 1-0 lead into the second period, the Axemen came out of the period leading 5-1, with Jason Campeau the sole UNB scorer. While the V-Reds were able to get two back in the third

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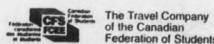
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