

Split games with N.S. schools

Shirts lockup playoff spot

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UNB Red Shirts encountered 2 tough opponents on the weekend. The Reds won 4-2 over Dalhousie on Saturday, and lost 1-2 to St. Mary's Huskies.

The Dalhousie team came on strong, their circulation net work scattered the Reds in the first half hour. The Reds intermittently infiltrated the Dalhousie goal area. Greg Kraft gave a nice drive only to be saved by Dalhousie's goalie, Peter Moore. Another attempt was orchestrated by Stephen McCaig to Dwight but the referee called a foul. Dalhousie Charles Fisher scored their first goal when they were awarded a penalty kick in Red's goal area. Don McKinnon stretched in vain for the ball.

The Reds retaliated when Dwight scored their first goal. The scores were 1-1 before first half of the game was over. The game resumed and 8 minutes after, Dalhousie was awarded another penalty kick. Dalhousie's Kent scored a brilliant goal. The Reds were also awarded a penalty kick, and Mike Foley used it well. The score for both sides came to 2-2, 15 minutes after the second half started. The Reds came alive thereafter, but Dalhousie never relented.

The game, at this juncture, became tense as each side hunted for the winning goals.

Red Bloomers meet Seniors on Sunday

The Red Bloomers will battle the New Brunswick Senior Women's Basketball Team on Sunday, October 24, 6 p.m. in an exhibition game in the LB Gym.

Coach Coleen Dufresne says the Bloomers will have a tough workout against the Seniors, who were ranked third in the Canadian Senior Women's Nationals last year. But Dufresne feels her team will win.

Spectators are sure to see some familiar faces on the Seniors Team on Sunday, including Field Hockey Coach Joyce Slipp and grad students Moira Pryde and Joanne MacLean.

The Reds had their opportune times when Dwight orchestrated a nice pass to Stephen McCaig for which he scored the third goal for the Reds. About 10 minutes from the close of the game, Greg Kraft exhibited a fascinating show: he dribbled both the back keeper and the goalie of Dalhousie team, and directed the ball into an empty net. The game ended 4-2 in favour of the Red Shirts.

Sunday's game against St. Mary's Huskies was a fight to lose for the Red Shirts. The Huskies dominated the game in the first half, but the Reds scored their first goal when Dwight passed the ball to Joe Turpin on a break away. He dribbled the goalie and scored a goal. But the Huskies retaliated and the scores came to 1-1 before the half time.

In the second half the Reds were playing against the wind. As the game progressed, the Reds stealthily penetrated the Huskies defence, but never succeeded in their effort to score any goals. Dwight was fouled in the Huskies' goal area and a penalty kick was awarded to the Reds, but that kick was amazingly saved by the Huskies goalie.

The Huskies scored their second goal, and the Reds disappointingly lost the game, 1-2 in favour of the Huskies.

The Red Shirts play against the Mount Allison Mounties on October 23rd in Sackville.

MacLean, who is also Assistant Coach for the Bloomers, says the Seniors will certainly try to give the Bloomers "a good run for their money. If we can beat them," she said, "we sure will."

Incidentally, the Seniors have not been practicing together recently, while Dufresne has been making the Bloomers sweat nearly every day since September.

Everyone is invited to come witness what should be a heated, action-packed contest in the Main Gym. Admission is free.



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Dalhousie goaltender reaches in vain, as UNB chalks up yet another goal in Saturday's game. The goal was scored by Mike Foley on a penalty kick in the second half.

Remain undefeated

Red Sticks beat Dal

As written in one of the Daily Newspapers this past week, the Red Stick Bubble was finally burst. The University of New Brunswick Field Hockey team finally had a goal scored on them. I suppose it was inevitable but it did happen in a 7-1 on the road victory against University of Moncton in a torrential downpour.

The whole story offensively was the Island Connection. Donna Phillips and Susan Grady combined for all seven goals, Donna adding 4 to boost her season total to 23 with Susan close behind at 19.

Moncton had a few chances as opposed to other games. They have a quick team as usual and Lisa Allain, a provincial player will go down in history as the spoiler. Marleigh Moran had her work cut out for her this game as opposed to many, in the past. As one prof put it, why do you bother to even practice? Marleigh on one play fell on the ball but got up quickly. The official still awarded a penalty stroke - a questionable call especially against our team! Marleigh made an excellent stick save on what looked like a sure goal. Just ask the Red Sticks how good Marleigh is at penalty strokes during practice.

Saturday's high noon showdown was just that. Dal came to play and showed UNB that they will definitely be a

force to be reckoned with at the AUAA's. Even though Chapman Field is the sticks home field, no one watching would have known. The Dal Tigerettes looked like they had been practicing here all year.

The game started out with both teams very tight with all the anticipated anxieties. Shades of the Memorial physical battles that took place 2 weeks ago looked like it would creep in again.

The umpires kept close range on the play as it wasn't until near the middle of the first half that any offensive threats were generated by either team. Susan Grady delighted the fans with a blast to the corner that saw the goalkeeper try a split save but the ball was about 8 inches outside the circle and not a goal by field hockey standards.

Within 10 minutes though Kathryn MacDougall gave a perfect through ball to captain Beth McSorley just in front of the goalkeeper and Beth made no mistake driving it fast and hard into the bottom right corner of the net.

Dal had their chances and from where this spectator saw the game the final score was 1-1. Dalhousie in a scramble in front of the net shot one high past Moran and in. The official ruled no goal because of a dangerous stick on the follow through of the shot.

There were no close encounters to speak of in the second half for either team and the game ended up 1-0 to preserve UNB's 9-0-0 won, loss, tie record.

One consolation for UNB is the fact that National Team Member Sharon Creelman missed both big games and they still won. Sharon was in England with the National Team when the Sticks played MUN and to date has only played 2 league games. She no sooner got back and injured her hand in a practice session. First diagnosis was she was out for 4 weeks but lots of therapy and attention by team trainer Deena Johnson and a playing cast have put optimism in a lot of hearts. We should have her back quite soon and she should stabilize our defense quite nicely. Memorial and Dal - watch out, this year it's undefeated for the Red Sticks.

Today the Red Sticks are off to Mount A. to face the last place team in the Western Division then tomorrow at noon (note change of game time) we host St. F.X. They're no slouches - lost to Dal and MUN in overtime no less. Come on up to Chapman Field and see your favourite Red Stick in action. We promise it will be worth your while.