

# REBELS VOLLEYBALL



Mark Healy hitting out of the middle. Setter Ken Macdonald looks on.

By BOB SKILLEN

The Rebels Volleyball squad travelled to the University of Moncton last Saturday to vie for an entry into the AUAA volleyball league. Five teams entered this first annual qualifying tournament, knowing that one of the five would be placed outside of the home and away series format of the league.

After the round robin series, Acadia University found themselves to be the odd man out, having lost four consecutive matches to MUN, U de M, Dal and UNB. The eventual winners of this qualifying tournament were the Tigers from Dalhousie with a perfect 5-0 record. The Rebels found themselves in third place at the end of the day with a 2-2 record, having lost to Moncton (12-15) (9-15) and Dalhousie (8-15) (15-9), and beaten Acadia (15-4) (15-6) and MUN (15-1) (15-9). The surprise of the tournament

was the poor showing by Memorial, who had been thought of as a team to reckon with but who bowed out easily to 3 of the 5 teams.

At the end of play, Sonny Phillips was quite pleased with his team's efforts. Although the Rebels did lose to U de M, who they had beaten the previous weekend, they did manage to play two close games against Dalhousie, last year's AUAA champions.

According to Phillips, the Rebels lacked the quick attack which will be needed to beat the latter Moncton and Halifax teams. This tough does not worry him for it is young in the season and he sees the Rebels as team with plenty of potential who will develop the whole season long. This to Phillips is an advantage over the other clubs who are pretty set in their game plan.

Mark Healy had a pretty good day hitting out of the middle

portion, as did Ken MacDonald the setter. Mike Phillips proved to be the perennial powerhouse hitting from the powerside position.

In the weeks to follow Sonny sees the team narrowing in on good service reception, good blocking, and as a result the quick attack. Mike Washburn who will be joining the team at the end of football season will definitely add a needed dimension to the centre blocking position.

The Rebels re less than a week away from the start of their regular season. Next Wednesday night, Nov. 12, U de M comes to town to challenge the UNB squad. The match will commence at 8 p.m. with warm-ups going for half an hour before hand.

This match will be one of only a few home games before the Christmas break. The Rebels will be away to U de M, Dal and MUN before these teams visit them at the UNB gym.

# REDS VOLLEYBALL

October 31st the UNB womens volleyball team travelled to Mount Allison University for the A.U.A.A. Volleyball Qualifying Tournament. The Reds objective for the weekend was to place in the top four teams. The teams participating were the Universite de Moncton, St. F.X., UNB, Memorial University (Nfld), Acadia University, Mount Allison, Dalhousie University and UPEI.

The Reds opened the tournament by playing against the Dalhousie Tigerettes. The calibre of play was very good, the UNB

team supplied the Dal team with one of their toughest matches of the weekend. The Dal team was aided by their two national team players as they defeated the Reds 15-13 and 15-10.

UNB went on to beat UPEI 15-5, 15-1. Acadia was defeated 15-2, 15-6, 15-2 and 15-6. UNB versus St. F.X., UNB winning 15-5, and 15-4. UNB versus U de M. UNB lost the first game 16-18, winning next two, 15-9, and 16-14.

The Reds finished the tournament with eight wins and three losses, giving them third place in the top four teams. Memorial

University came out in first spot beating Dal in the final 15-13 and 15-5. There was long rallies and as expected the Memorial team came out on top. Memorial is probably the strongest team in the league and so they should be with four national team members in their starting line up. UNB plans to meet them in the finals at the AUAA to be held here at UNB in February.

The Reds next home game is against U de M on November 12. From the Reds volleyball team congratulations to the Red Sticks on their AUAA championship.

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