

Sports



VARSITY BRIEFS

Babineau CIAU Athlete of Week

Josette Babineau of the Varsity Reds Field Hockey team was selected AUA and CIAU Female Athlete of the Week this week. Babineau scored all three goals in the Reds 1-0 and 2-0 wins over the St. Mary's Huskies. She has now scored 9 of the team's 11 regular season goals and leads the league in scoring. Josette is a 5th year BBA student from Moncton, N.B.

CLUB NEWS

UNB Cheerleader Try-Outs

Any male or female interested in participating in a new coed sports club can obtain further information by contacting Tammy at 454-7995. If you're interested, come join our next practice on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 6-8 P.M. and Monday, Oct. 4 at 8:30-10:30 P.M. in the West Gym.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Kelly McCormack, Field Hockey

Kelly McCormack, a three time AUA All-Star, of the Varsity Reds Field Hockey team is UNB's Female Athlete of the Week. Kelly and her teammates defeated the St. Mary's Huskies 1-0 and 2-0 over the weekend. Kelly played a steady game for UNB from the sweeper position. "Because of her position, she often doesn't receive the recognition she deserves," says coach Donna Hornibrook, but her role will be crucial to the team's playoff success. Hornibrook says "Kelly's experience has made her the leader on defense and she has become one of the strongest sweepers in the CIAU."

Paul Noble, Soccer

Paul Noble, a third year Physical Education student from Fredericton, is this week's UNB Male Athlete of the Week. Paul, a member of the New Brunswick Canada Games team, scored the tying goal for the Varsity Reds on Sunday against the Université de Moncton. The final score was 2-2. "He played a strong mid-field position," says Coach Brown. Paul was also named Pepsi Player of the Game.

THIS WEEK IN UNB SPORTS

Saturday, Oct. 2

Cross Country @ St. FX
Soccer @ St. FX

Sunday, Oct. 3

Soccer @ SMU

Thursday, Oct. 7

Hockey hosts River City Shootout
STU vs. McGill (5:00 pm @ AUC)
UNB vs. Concordia (8:00 pm @ AUC)

RESULTS

Soccer

SMU 2 ACA 1 SFX 2 SMU 0
MUN 3 UPEI 0 DAL 3 ACA 0
UNB 2 UDM 2 MUN 2 MTA 0

Field Hockey

UNB 1 SMU 0 UNB 2 SMU 0

HOCKEY

Shootout showcases rivalries

Varsity Reds hope to defend championship

by Bruce Denis
Sports Editor

For the duration of its history, hockey has thrived off of great rivalries; Montreal and Quebec, the Islanders and the Rangers, Boston and Hartford. When it comes to the CIAU, the two most notorious rivalries are Montreal Universities Concordia and McGill and our own 'Battle of the Hill' warriors UNB and STU.

All four teams will be featured at the annual River City Shootout Tournament next week hosted by the Varsity Reds. The Tommies open the tournament Thursday night against the McGill Redmen and immediately following, the Reds will face off against the Concordia Stingers. The winners will compete for the Championship the following night and the losers will vie for the consolation.

The possibility of a McGill-Concordia consolation and a UNB-STU championship is appealing to both tournament organizers and fans alike. Anyone who has witnessed a McGill-Concordia contest knows that the hard-hitting aggressive hockey is arguably the most exciting in Canada.

Both UNB and STU will be at a disadvantage thanks to an AUA rule which stipulates that formal practices cannot begin before October 1; only 6 days before the tournament. Reds coach Mike Johnston will have to cut his team down to 30 players before Thursday. "Concordia and McGill have been on the ice for 3 weeks

already so they will have a full team in game shape," he says. Final cuts for the Reds will come after the Tournament.

Though the OUAA has been a few steps behind the AUA and the CWUAA in recent years, both Concordia and McGill cannot be taken lightly. "Concordia's program is starting to improve. It's in a rebuilding stage so it will be interesting to see where they're at."

The defending champion Reds have virtually the same team as last year. Gone are Chris Summers, Jamie Colvin and Brian Wilson but Johnston has recruited several quality players which he will eye during the tournament.

The tournament will give fans a good opportunity to scout the Reds for the upcoming season and witness some exciting hockey. It will also provide coach Johnston with an opportunity to evaluate. "We want to get off on the right foot for the season and we also get to evaluate some players in action so we can make selections for the team."



"McGill has always been an established program. They always have a high profile team." Redmen coach Jean pronovost will bring a young squad lead by winger Todd Marcellus and centerman Guy Boucher who combined last season for 79 points. Linemen Jon Powis and Luc Latulippe formed the OUAA's most able defense duo last year and at 6'2" Powis should be a force to be reckoned with. Hailing from Bathurst, face-off specialist Robby Clinch could prove to be the difference in pressure situations.

UNB and STU host the

SECOND ANNUAL River City Shootout

Thursday, October 7,

5:00 pm STU vs. McGill
8:00 pm UNB v. Concordia

Friday, October 8

5:00 pm Consolation Final
8:00 pm Championship

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FIELD HOCKEY

Reds bag two more wins

Just another day at the office for Babineau

by Andrew Wilbur
Sports staff

Last spring the Chicago Bulls won their third straight NBA Championship Monday night the Toronto Blue Jays clinched their fourth American League East division title in five years. This past weekend the Varsity Reds field hockey team moved a step closer to their fifth straight AUA championship.

The Varsity Reds continued their domination with two more victories over the St. Mary's Lady Huskies by scores of 1-0, and 2-0.

The Reds have shown Stellar defense in not allowing a single goal in their first four games this season. Much of this success can be attributed to keepers Krista Harris and Krista Thompson. Thompson was one of three players who just returned to The Reds after playing on the National junior team; the other two were Diane Rogers, and Natasha Connel.

Despite the close scores, Josette Babineau headed up an offense that dominated both games. Babineau scored all three goals and has been named AUA and CIAU Athlete of the week. "We had a lot of good scoring opportunities but were unable to capitalize on most of them", says Babineau. UNB's offense dominated the second game to such an extent that the Huskies couldn't even manage a shot on goal.

The sweep against St. Mary's last weekend was an instrumental experience, as the games were played on artificial turf as opposed to natural grass which the Reds play on here. "It's a totally different game on turf, so this was a good opportunity because the AUA Championships will be played at Saint Mary's on the turf," says Babineau.

The Reds are not guaranteed their fifth straight championship however, the AUA ranking came out this week and UNB was considered third in the

nation. With this weekend off the players will be tuning up for their second meeting with The Lady Panthers next weekend and their final regular season games at home the following weekend against the Huskies.

There may be a totally different look to the Lady Reds next year, since five of the players they count on this year are in their fifth and final year of varsity eligibility including Josette Babineau who has been here for the previous four championships. Lets hope these vets have a successful final year.

Weekend Scores

Sept. 25

UNB 1 St. Mary's 0
Goal scorer: Josette Babineau

Sept. 26

UNB 2 St. Mary's 0
Goal scorers: Josette Babineau (2)