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Women's field hockey team settle for split of series Red Sticks one short of perfect

The UNB Red Sticks Field Hockey team travelled to Nova Scotia this past weekend for their last two league games of the season.

Boasting a 9-0 win-loss record the Sticks were hoping to continue their undefeated season. However, it was not to be. UNB came out flat in their first game against the St. F.X. Xettes. The score was 0-0 at the end of regulation time after some lack-luster play by the Red Sticks. Overtime saw St. F.X. score on a ball deflected by a UNB defender. UNB quickly tied the game up a few moments later when a penalty stroke was called because the goalkeeper sat on the ball. Kathryn MacDougall made no mistake about it as she drilled the ball into the top corner of the goal.

The game was now tied again after two 7 1/2 min. overtimes. The last 7 1/2 minutes to be played was sudden death.

The same St. F.X. girl scored on a tip in about 2 minutes into the sudden death to end the game and give UNB their first league loss of the season (2-1).

Saturday, the Sticks travelled to Halifax to play Dalhousie Tigerettes in their last game of the year. Seniors Janice Morrison, Carol Cooper, Kathryn MacDougall and Barb Leaman were outstanding in leading UNB to a 2-0, victory over Dal.

Michelle Ives scored late in the first half on a rebound to put UNB on the scoreboard. Anne Campbell got the insurance goal on a tip-in late in the second half. Thus the Sticks finished the year with a 10 and 1 record.

Barb Leaman has had a very successful year in goal for the Red Sticks allowing only 3 goals in league play. Overall the Sticks have scored 41 goals

in league play. In exhibition play so far their record is 5 wins and 2 losses with 26 for 17 against goal average including overtime penalty strokes in 2 games.

The Red Sticks have successfully defended their Western League Title and now go on to the AUSA's. The Eastern League hosts the playoffs this year (it alternates between each league each

year.) Dalhousie will host on the SMU AstroTurf pitch. UNB's first game will be this Saturday Oct. 62 at 7:30 pm against St. F.X. Dalhousie will play U de M. at 5:30 pm. in the other semi-final game. The winners of these games will meet in the AUSA championship final Sunday at 1 pm. These 2 teams will also advance to the CIAU championships in Toronto Nov. 1-3.

Ironmen drop two on weekend

by B.D. Russell.
Brunswickan staff

A frustrating season continued to plague the university's rugby club last weekend as both Ironmen contingents went down in defeat with the playoffs fast approaching. The "A" team travelled to Saint John to take on the King's County Lions. UNB appeared the worst for their trip to the Port City, as they involved themselves in a lackadaisical match. The Lions quickly went ahead on the strength of an unconverted try, but the Ironmen managed to come within one before the first half when Doug Stewart took advantage of a penalty in enemy territory in booting a penalty kick.

An occurrence that has mystified the UNB coaching staff all season again transpired with resumption of play in the second half. The Ironmen could not muster the drive needed for a come-from-behind win, even though the margin was small. Instead, King's County pushed over a try, and with the added conversion UNB found themselves down by seven. Hardly an insurmountable deficit. Centre Ian Wilson kept the fires of hope burning for a moment longer with his brief burst across the tryline. Yet when this run went unconverted, the much needed desire for victory strangely vanished at the crucial point of the game. Perhaps the real yearning for hard play and a satisfying triumph were never present, because for most of the match the team as a whole never showed these traits. The final whistle reminded them of their position: on the losing end 10-7.

The "B" side fared even worse against Oromocto, but the scenario is similar. Behind strong forward play that continued throughout the match, UNB pressured the Oromocto line early on and failed to take advantage. As has so often oc-



Ironmen A squad prepare to square off against the King's County Lions in a scrum at centre.

curred this season, the Ironmen's opponents did not relinquish the opportunities that came their way. Aided by sloppy UNB tackling and thoughtless penalties, Oromocto enjoyed a 13-0 halftime lead.

Besides the commendable play of the forwards, led by the well-timed lineout leaps by Mike Coulombe, another consistency was apparent in the second half. Like the first 45 minutes, UNB came out strongly only to fade into a

kind of uncompetitive passiveness. The first twenty minutes were encouraging. Jean Guimond literally stunned all present as he deftly danced from his prop position to give the Ironmen their first four points. Bruce Smith provided further inspiration on top of his aggressiveness by making a difficult convert. While momentum appeared to sway towards UNB in the form of a surging scrum and able hooker in one Jeff Lafortune, in the time remaining the

Ironmen degenerated into some lower rugby dimension. Oromocto doubled their halftime lead, exploiting gaps in the backfield, and UNB awoke to the reality of a 26-6 defeat.

The playoffs are not far off, making this tough weekend for the "A" team as they travel to Moncton tomorrow and Sunday host the Fredericton Loyalists on College Field at 2:00 p.m. Be on the lookout for UNB R.F.C. members holding tickets for your chance at a "Barrel of Fun".



by TOM HENDERSON
Special Assignment
Sportswriter

Bruns: Could you give us some biographical details on your career? What have you done and where have you been in your hockey life?

Andre Savard: I'll start with junior. I played four years in junior with the Quebec Ramparts. I got drafted by the Boston Bruins in 1973 (Ed. note: Savard was Boston's 1st round pick that year.) and

Interview with Andre Savard -Express coach

played with the Bruins for 3 years, from '73 to '76. In '77 I signed as a free agent with Buffalo (Boston and Buffalo swapped free agents that summer with the Bruins receiving Peter McNab in the exchange.), stayed with Buffalo seven years and in June of '83 I got traded to Quebec City (a deal that also involved Quebec's Tony McKegney, Buffalo's J.F. Sauve and an exchange of draft picks). I stayed there two years and in September of '85 I signed as coach of the Fredericton Express and here we are now.

Bruns: You've played under some very successful coaches in your career. Will you be using any of their procedures, and if so which ones and whose?

Andre Savard: I want to be myself but I learned a lot from my coaches that's going to help me tremendously. I'm very fortunate to have played for great coaches such as Michel Bergeron, Roger Neilson, and Scotty Bowman - they're the three guys I learned the most

- See interview

Women's Hockey Start Season

By MARY SCOTT
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The UNB Red Blazers Women's Hockey team will be seeing its first action of the year this Monday in a 7:00 game at the Aitken Center. The Blazers will be taking on a mixed team of Bantam Rep players from the FYHA. The game should give coach Mike Power a pretty good idea of what to expect from his team this season as UNB will be playing in the Rep Division on an experimental basis.

Monday's lineup will still not be complete, explains Power: "We have 2 players practice teaching until Christmas, and 2 other tied up with Varsity field hockey and they are all veterans so..." The team is still strong, as many of the players on last season's team, ranked fourth nationally, will be in the lineup. In addition, 6 rookies will be in uniform, something which has the third year Blazer coach excited: "some of our key players are getting into their third and fourth years, these new girls are the future of the team." The new players are goalie Mary Moores and forwards Candy Michaud, Charlene Arseneault, Lynn Hallihan, Leisa McCavour, and Jennifer Reicker.

The game will mark the beginning of the team's 12th year of existence, and their attempt to win their fifth consecutive Provincial Senior A title.