Red Blazers win two in Maine

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The UNB Red Blazers returned from their annual two game visit to the University of Maine (Orono) with results very similar to the previous 2 seasons. Using a rookie laden lineup the Blazers used superior skating and puck handling ability to skate away with a 7-1 win last Saturday and followed that up with a 6-1 victory Sunday.

Saturday's contest was better labeled the Heather Kyle show as the rookie right winger rang up 4 goals and 3 assists. She got help form her left wing Cheryl Campbell who scored 3 and set up a pair. That line's centre April Jost had 4 assists.

Sunday's game was more of the same with Kyle and Jost scoring twice each, and Campbell getting a single.

Defender Alison Decaire got the sixth goal. Both wins in goal were split between Traci Miller and Bridgette Lumsden.

The pair of wins gives UNB a 7-0 record against the Black Bears since the schools began playing in 1988. The American team will pay the Blazers a return visit on February 16th at the Aitken

The Red Blazers return to

home ice tonight and Sunday with games against the Colby College Mules also from Maine. In their only previous meeting this year Colby knocked off UNB 5-0, but Coach Mike Power expects better results this weekend. "It was our first game and they were much better prepared, the Americans are usually on the ice 5 days a week. They have second choice of ice time in

their school's rink, they don't have to contend with boys Midget teams and such taking quality ice time. I think that with our Tournament win 2 weeks ago and the Orono wins this past week we are much better prepared. It should be fun, if fans are curious they should come out and watch one of the games, it will be real good hockey." Tonight's game starts at 7:15, Sunday's goes at 1:00, admission is free.

Rebels defeat Seahawks in weekend duel

by Frank Denis

Last weekend the UNB men's volleyball team, the Rebels, travelled many miles to register a pair of wins over the Memorial University Seahawks in St. Johns, Nfld. Saturday the Rebels were easy 3-0 match winners by scores of 15-8, 15-10 and 15-9 and on Sunday prevailed in the match by winning the three games 15-6, 15-10 and 15-8.

The two wins provided the Rebels with some more breathing room in the AUAA standings. They currently stand in second position 8 points behind the 3rd ranked

team in the nation, Dalhousie. In third place 8 points behind UNB is Moncton with Memorial in fourth and last

Saturday's match featured some strong performances from many of the Rebels. Claude Cullinan was named player of the match, thanks in large part to his 12 kills registered. John Ellsworth chipped in with 13 kills to go along with 7 digs while Jason Scott had 14 kills. Also playing well was sophomore Peter Tait who had 9 digs. Tait summed up his team's performance by saying it was a good match all round. "We played very well. Our serve pass reception was exceptional and although they weren't the strongest competition we've played so for this season, we still needed a strong game to beat them."

Sunday's match was highlighted by a solid effort from Nathan Stairs. Stairs ended the match, won by the Rebels 3 games to nil, with 7 kills and 2 ace serves. Cullinan again had a solid game for the Rebels by recording 12 kills and 3 blocks.

Rebels coach Paul Belanger was satisfied with the weekend performance but if he had one complaint it was with the intensity his players played

with. Belanger believes his team was inconsistent in that department as they allowed the Seahawks to go on 4 and 5 point scoring streaks. It's a problem Tait agrees with. "Playing a weaker team, they often bring you down to their level and we were down a bit but it didn't take us much to bring our play up again."

This weekend the Rebels will be hosting their invitational tournament at the LB Gym. All four league teams will be competing in the round robin format with Dalhousie being the early favourites. UNB is confident however confident that the Tigers' 10 match winning streak can be snapped says Tait, "I think we can beat them but will have to be playing at our best. They're a really strong team and because they are the 3rd ranked team in Canada it has a mental effect on us but then you think that beating them would really boost the team's spirits."

The Rebels also believe that strong fair support will give them the extra edge this weekend. "If we play this weekend in front of a large, receptive home crowd it'll pump our guys up and make them play that much better"



