

Volleyball

UNB undefeated in season Reds float into victory

by Mark Savoie
Bruns Sports

There are tests to come, but it is beginning to look like a second consecutive without an AUAA loss for UNB's women's volleyball team.

Last weekend they dominated a young UPEI squad in two matches for victories of 15-4, 15-11, and 11-15, 15-7, 15-11, 15-8. This gives them a record of 6-0.

Sara Oullette, player of the game for the first match, exudes confidence when talking about the team. "We have a lot of returning players. That helps a lot. We lost one starting player from last year (Monica Gaudet), so we're pretty strong."

Coach Al McGarvie is equally quick to praise his rookie recruits. "My bench is pretty deep this year. My two middle payers, Loretta Totten and Vanessa Rice, have been playing equal time."

The ease of the first match victory over UPEI gave McGarvie a chance to use all twelve of his players, each of them starting at least one game. "It was a good opportunity to get them in," said McGarvie, "So give them some confidence so that when I do call upon them in some big matches they'll be ready."

The impact of Carla Mason, the team's All-Star from last season, was felt in the second contest against UPEI when she was forced to miss the match. "She's a big factor," said Chantel Martin, winner of



Kerri Maher sets to rookie Loretta Totten. Photo Paul Mysak

this match's Player of the Game. "You have to acknowledge that. Not having her for this match was not what we wanted or what we expected, but we tried our best and we're glad we won."

"If it was a different team (than UPEI) today we would have got beaten the way we played," commented McGarvie when asked about Mason's importance to his team. "I just feel that some of our senior players have got to pick up the slack."

"My big concern with the team this year is for them to keep focused on the game, so if they get in against a team that isn't responding to them, they'll be able to avoid a let down and making mental errors." The Reds were forced to come from be-

hind a 8-2 deficit in the third game of the first match, as well as losing the first game of the second match.

A new weapon for the Reds this year is their use of the float serve. This type of service is used exclusively by the team this year, but it is used only sparingly by the other teams in the AUAA. Last year's team did not use it at all. "It's something new for us," said Sara Oullette, "so all of the players are just getting used to it." Coach McGarvie commented that its use has increased the team's service efficiency by 90 percent.

The Reds will see action at the UdeM Invitational on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Hockey

Reds return home for win

by Maria Paisley
Sports Editor

The Varsity Reds hockey team moved above the .500 mark and tied for third place in the division.

UNB tied SMU in overtime at two bring their record to 3-3-2. The Reds came back from a 2-0 deficit in the third with goals from Chris Peach and Mike Cavanagh. Frank LeBlanc kept the Reds alive shutting out SMU for two periods.

The Reds annihilated the 2-9 Mt. A Wednesday at home. Mt. A was coming off a win over UPEI. Troy Ryan started the scoring early in the game for UNB. Todd Sparks got his first goal on a Mt. A power play. Rob Knesaurek responded a little over a minute later making it 3-0 for the Reds. Mt. A responded later with their only goal of the game.

Ryan got his second goal early in the second. Sparks responded less than a minute later making it 5-1. Alastair Still stuffed one passed Mounties goalie Trent Mann before leaving the crease to be replaced by

Aaron Beals at the 9:57 mark.

Rookie Luke Naylor got his first goal of the game at the 1:53 mark of the third. Derek Cormier ended the scoring bringing the damage to 8-1.

UNB will be heading back out on the road for the next games at Cape Breton Saturday then travel to St.FX. The Reds

have had a tough schedule thus far in the season losing only losing three games and after Christmas the furthest they will have to travel is UdeM. Coach Danny Grant explains "and if we play as well as we have been over these next five games we'll be sitting in great shape after the Christmas break."



Chris Nadeau tries to get one by Mt. A. Photo Roxanne Robinson

Club News

Take the plunge UNB Blazes by Grand Falls

by Kevin Johnston

Congrats to the new certified scuba divers who completed their open water checkouts last weekend in St. Andrews. Now you have the chance and opportunity to dive all over the world and on your own time. Your certification cards and other important information will be here in two weeks to pick up.

Anyone interested in getting basic open water scuba diver certification, the next course is in Jan. Space is limited so get your name on the list today by calling Kevin. Other courses planned

include: advanced diver, rescue diver, dive master, ice diver, and oxygen.

Open pool times next week for all club members who are certified divers. This is a great opportunity to practise your diving skills, meet new dive buddies and club members, and to participate in underwater pool activities. All you need is your skin diving gear, we supply the rest. New members are welcome. The times next week are Sunday 8-10pm and Monday 7:30-9:30pm. For more information contact Kevin Johnston at 472-3103 after 5pm.

by Tricia Hashie

UNB Red Blazes women's hockey team went to Grand Falls Sunday, and returned with their first big win of the year.

Grand Falls started the game with the first goal at the end of the first period. UNB's rookie Stephanie Ryan was not far behind tying it up. Grand Falls came back with another goal and a 2-1 lead. Veteran Chantal Bordage was quick to tie it up again.

During the second, UNB veteran Jennifer Rickard upped the score

VIEW From The Cheap Seats

By Mark Savoie

I... want... the man... fired!

Three weeks ago the Fredericton Canadiens players took their rookies on a hunting trip in the Burpee Game Management Reserve. Hunting is, of course, illegal in this area, and the players were met in the reserve by the Fredericton City Police. They were then escorted to Fredericton by the police, and had both their fingerprints and mug shots taken. After they had been allowed to stew in lockup for a while, Coach Paulin Bordeleau dropped by to bail them out. He also told them to pack their bags since they were going home; their careers with the Montreal Canadiens organisation were over.

Later, it turned out that this was all a prank, an initiation ritual planned with the connivance of Paulin Bordeleau and the City Police. Unfortunately, backup goalie Marc Lamothe did not know that it was merely a prank until after he broke his hand punching a door upon receipt of the news that his career was over. The joke stopped being "a good prank, good clean fun," [The Daily Gleaner, November 10, p. 30] and had become a personal tragedy for Marc Lamothe.

I don't personally like hazing rituals. To my mind, there are better ways to foster team spirit than through ritualised torture, humiliation, or an elaborate practical joke. A far better alternative is simply having a team party and letting the guys (or girls) get drunk together. There's nothing quite like a team power puke to engender togetherness. An even better suggestion is for a team to find some other non-compulsory mode of establishing team spirit. The rookies on last year's women's volleyball team, on their own initiative, each got a tattoo of the emblem of the Canadian Women's Volleyball Team. This is a far better idea than pretending to get the rookies arrested.

However, a hazing—even hazing gone awry—is not cause for the people involved to be fired. Hazings are an unfortunate fact of the sporting world, and as a result are essentially impossible to avoid. For that reason, all of the players involved in the Fredericton Canadiens fiasco should be punished with nothing more than a stern lecture.

The two other parties involved should both receive more severe sanctions. These are, of course, the Fredericton City Police and Coach Paulin Bordeleau. Neither of these two parties have any business taking an active role in any hazing. It is not a bad idea that the police were notified about the team's plans. Any time an organisation is planning an event which is superficially illegal, it is simply good judgement to let the police know what is going down, so that they won't just happen to drop by and overreact. However, for an off duty police officer to involve himself in an active role, misrepresenting himself as being on duty, is ludicrous. I know that Fredericton's police force has had a long love-in with both the Canadiens and the unlamented Express, but to go to the time and expense of tying up the police station's personnel with fingerprints and mug shots is a little bit of overkill. Fortunately, even Fredericton's torpid City Council has proven able to realise this, dressing down the police officer in question and announcing that the police will not be involved in such an incident again. This, much to my surprise, is the correct response for the City Council to have taken.

I don't know if the Montreal (or Fredericton) Canadiens have taken a similar tack with Paulin Bordeleau. If they have, it is insufficient. The man must be fired. First of all, his active involvement in the team's hazing is utterly inappropriate. Like the police, it is probably good that he be aware of what is going on, but he can't allow himself to become more involved. He is the coach. He is not just one of the guys. Someone has to be in charge, and a coach like Bordeleau who actively promotes a hazing ritual is obviously not really in charge.

Still, this is not reason enough to fire the man. He made a mistake; these things happen, it's certainly not worth getting fired over. But if you read his quotes in the CP wire story found in the following Thursday's Daily Gleaner, it becomes obvious that he has to go. "It's a mistake he made and I hope he learns to control his emotions. Maybe this will teach him a lesson." This is pathetic! Coach Bordeleau is trying to place all of the blame on a twenty year kid for a mistake that Bordeleau made. Marc Lamothe was told by his coach that his career was over because his teammates had dragged him on a hunting trip. Lamothe has probably only been dreaming of this career for most of his life; why should he get upset about it being over?

Bordeleau is right about a couple of things. A mistake was made—he made it. A lesson must be learned—by him. Unfortunately, Bordeleau has completely failed to learn a thing. He has even said that he sees no reason not to continue the annual hazing, since it is so important to team spirit. I'm sorry, but if you have to frighten your players into thinking that their careers are over to get team spirit, then maybe it's time to start thinking about a different line of work.

It is time for the Montreal Canadiens to step in and publicly sanction Bordeleau. I think he should be fired for his abject failure to accept responsibility for his actions, but this action will probably be considered too harsh since his team is currently in first place. So, what will probably happen is that Bordeleau will at most get a slap on the wrist, and the Fredericton Canadiens will be stuck with a child as coach.

to 2-3. Grand Falls came back to even it up. Stacey Wilkins, first line veteran, broke the final tie with a quick shot to the right hand corner. Rookie Tricia Hashie widened the gap to 5-3 with another goal from the face-off. Jennifer Rickard finished the scoring at 6-3 with her second goal of the game.

In the third, UNB played defensively and held Grand Falls by sticking to them as coach Gilles Bordage says "Shit on a diaper."

The Blazers are in a restructuring

year with 8 returning veterans and 7 rookies. Rookies are Jane McQuaid and Rachel Bartlett, from Ont, Nova Scotian Stephanie "Chunky" Ryan, Tricia "Potato" Hashie, PEI, Debra "Blondie" MacLellan, Cape Breton, and New Brunswickers Karen Andrews and Daniel Nason. Bordage feels the team looks prosperous and the rookies seem keen to win. Grand Falls meets UNB on Saturday at the AUC at 6:15pm. They'll be rowdy to win.