

Red Rebels set to battle Dal

by Kelly Craig

Last weekend the regular season for the men's volleyball came to an end. The final two teams for the playoffs were decided in a close battle for second between UNB and U de M. Going into the double header, UNB only needed one victory to topple the U de M team from the playoffs.

The men's volleyball league has only four teams. Instead of the regular set-up where the top four teams make it into the playoffs, the men's league only qualifies two teams for the playoffs. Each year the finals are held at the home of the league winner. This year, as in the past, the league winner was Dalhousie.

UNB played U de M Friday

night and came away easy victors. The first game was tight for UNB as U de M gave them strong competition taking the game to the wire. UNB won with a score of 17-15. The second game was all U de M as UNB mounted very little offence. UNB went down 3-15 in the second game.

After losing the second game, the Rebels regrouped and took the second game 15-10. The third game was no contest as the Rebels easily defeated Moncton 15-5 to secure the second spot in the AUAA conference.

On Saturday, however, the Rebels played their second match against Moncton and lost a heart breaker as the team came close in every game. UNB lost in three straight sets to Moncton but still managed to

hold on to second place. Moncton won 17-16, 15-9, and 15-12.

In other weekend action, the Dalhousie Tigers made easy work of the Memorial Seahawks defeating them in straight sets in both matches. Saturday, the Tigers overwhelmed Memorial to defeat them 15-11, 15-13, and 15-3. Sunday's match was not as close as Saturday's and the Tigers won 15-6, 15-7, and the final game went 17-16. A close final for MUN but they just couldn't hold on as Dal finished in top spot in the league and earned the right to host the AUAA's.

The Dal Tigers currently sit in first place with 36 points. They are undefeated in the AUAA with an impressive record of 18-0-0. UNB finished in second

place with 18 points only two points ahead of Moncton. UNB has a record of 9-9-0. Despite the record of each team the AUAA playoff will be an exciting one. Last year the UNB Rebels almost defeated Dal to win the title but had to settle for second place.

The UNB team has been a strong team under the guidance of Coach Paul Belanger. They are hoping to defeat Dal this weekend for the first time in years. UNB has the talent and raw ability to accomplish this feat. UNB's two power houses of Claude Cullinan and Nathan Stairs will no doubt put in their best performances of the season as will the rest of the team.

The set up for the Men's Volleyball AUAA final will be a three match series. Friday

night the team will play the first match. This will be a three game match and the winner will be the team that wins two of the three games. The teams will play again on Saturday with the same format as on Friday. A deciding match will be played on Sunday if their is need. If one team wins both matches on Friday and Saturday, they will be declared the AUAA champions.

UNB has a good chance of defeating and dethroning the Tigers. However, in order to do so, each team member will have to be 110% over the weekend. The Rebels are an exciting team to watch. Anyone who has any interest in volleyball should watch the Rebels.

All games will be played at Dalhousie University this weekend, March 1-3. It will be a tough battle for the Rebels but one that they are up for.

Red Raiders split with UCCB

by Kirk MacDonald

By splitting a double-header with University College of Cape Breton last weekend the Red Raiders may have spoiled UCCB's chances of making AUAA's in Halifax on March 9 and 10. But the home team definitely felt no compassion while coming from behind to chalk up their third win of league play. The win knocked UCCB out of fourth spot in the league and put UNB light years ahead of last place Memorial.

Raiders Lose 1st Game

UNB had a bad first game while UCCB played very consistently behind AUAA scoring leader Troy Jones. The final score was 90-69 for the Capers and Jones had 28 points, 13 rebounds and 3 blocks. For the Raiders, Yaw Obeng and Glen Read both had 14 points but in general the team did not play together.

Raiders Upset UCCB

From the score at the half of the second game one would have thought it was going to

be like any other Raiders game; they were down by 9 with very few fans in the gym. Who would have guessed that by the end of the game the place would be packed and the final score would be 76-73 for UNB!

The rally by the Raiders began with a 3-pointer by Read, then Alex Kidney stole the ball and got a layup. On the next play Read came from behind to block a lay up attempt by UCCB and Bobby O'Brien followed up with a basket. This left the Raiders tied with UCCB and 15

minutes left to play. The score stayed close until a confrontation erupted between some of the UNB and UCCB players after a blocked shot by Jamie Watt. The tension resulted in 8 unanswered points by the Raiders and they took the lead for good.

In the final minutes UCCB couldn't hit the 3 pointers they needed and turned to fowling to get the ball. But this failed also as Obeng nailed 4 free throws to put the game away.

For his performance Obeng was named "Pepsi Player-of-

the-Game". He is a 3rd year Phys. Ed student from Toronto. Obeng and Read both had 19 points and 8 rebounds. For UCCB, Jones had 25 and John Ryan, younger brother of former Raider Pat Ryan, had 16.

The season finishes this weekend with two more possible upsets versus St. FX and Dal in Nova Scotia.

UNB Rebels

"Catch the excitement"

AUAA finals this weekend
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Lou Chabot remembered

by Frank Denis

This Monday, March 4 will mark the one year anniversary of the death of St. Thomas University defenceman Lou Chabot. Many students will be away enjoying their spring breaks, but many who knew Lou will pause and remember someone who was described as a "great guy who worked really hard and everybody liked".

Chabot was only 22 years of age and enjoying some time with friends in Great Neck, NY, when he died. The autopsy revealed that he died as a result of a poor heart condition.

When his death was announced it sent shock waves through both UNB and STU students. Those who had never met him remembered him from the classic STU-UNB hockey games in which he played such a large part.

Lou was born and raised in the Ottawa area and played many years in the capital area. He became known in the area as a steady, stay-at-home type of defenceman who made the most of his talent.

This year in memory of Lou, the Tommies wore Chabot's number 26 on their right breast. It was something that the team decided to do out of respect for Lou.

Luc Chabot, Lou's older brother, could not put hockey into perspective after hearing the news. "It made me realize that hockey is just a very minor part in somebody's life. It's definitely not everything" said Luc.

Lou may be gone from this campus, but he certainly is not forgotten.

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