

# SPORTS

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## SPORTSWIRE

### Red Devils outgun STU

by Frank Denis

#### UNB 10 STU 5

Don Cherry would have loved it.

A fired up crowd, lots of checking, some good hard physical play and a blatant cheap shot.

While Cherry would have liked it UNB coach Mike Johnston was less than content with the style of play.

"It was a typical chippy UNB-STU game. It's disappointing to see that from both sides because you don't like to see that in a

hockey game.

"You like to see a good style of game with a fast tempo. It was a tough hockey game all around."

On Wednesday, in front of a Varsity Mania crowd of about 2,000 the UNB Red Devils outlasted the STU Tommies 10-5. The win leaves UNB with a 12-4-1 record while STU drops to 7-8-2.

The game started well for UNB as they caught STU off guard and led 2-0 on goals by Alastair Still and Mike Cavanagh before the game was 40 seconds old Toby

Burkitt gave the home team a 3-0 cushion shortly thereafter and it looked like UNB would coast to an easy victory.

However the Tommies rallied and scored three consecutive goals less than 10 minutes later to tie the game.

Red Devil forward Rob Knesaurek says the Tommies were able to get back into the game because his team lost their focus.

"We knew that the only way they were going to beat us was

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#### Basketball (W)

The Red Bloomers notched two important wins this weekend at the L.B. Gym. The first came over the St. FX X-ettes Saturday night. The Bloomers almost hit double digits, scoring 98 points to the X-ettes 81. Laura Swift hit for 26 points and Jill Jackson earned Diet Pepsi Player of the Game honors. The following afternoon saw the Bloomers dispose of the Dalhousie Tigers 59-53, bumping their record to 6-1. Kara Palmer had 16 points and was also named Diet Pepsi Player of the Game while Jackson had another outstanding game with 13 points. The team is in Moncton tonight to begin the weekend long AUAA League Tournament.

#### Basketball (M)

The Red Raiders are still searching for their first win of the season after they were downed at home last weekend in two consecutive games. St. FX pummelled the Raiders on Saturday, 90-63 after a relatively competitive first half. Blair White was the top scorer for the X-men with 15 points while Marc Aube and Yaw Obeng had 14 points apiece for the Raiders. The team came back strong on Sunday to give the Dalhousie Tigers a run for their money, but had to settle with a 78-65 loss. Dal's Dean Thibodeau shined with 26 points while Duff Adams managed to hit 14 for UNB. The losses leave the Raiders with an 0-8 record, last in the AUAA. The team will have a chance for its first win when they host the 0-4 Memorial Seahawks tomorrow and Sunday at the L.B.Gym.

#### Jackson AUAA athlete of the Week

Red Bloomer guard Jill Jackson was named AUAA/Diet Pepsi female athlete of the week. The 5th year education student scored a combined 27 points in two games last weekend. She also earned Diet Pepsi Player of the Game honors in Saturday's win against St. FX. Jackson was fresh off an outstanding tournament in Lethbridge where she was named MVP.

#### This week in UNB sports

##### Friday, Jan. 15

W. Basketball @ AUAA league tournament, Moncton (to 17th)

##### Saturday, Jan. 16

M. Volleyball @ St. John Tournament **Cancelled**  
W. Volleyball @ SMU

Hockey SMU @ UNB (2:00 pm at AUC)

M. Basketball MUN @ UNB (8:00 pm at L.B.Gym)

Swimming ACA @ UNB (7:00 pm at SMA Pool)

##### Sunday, Jan. 17

W. Volleyball @ SMU

M. Basketball MUN @ UNB (1:00 pm at L.B. Gym)

Swimming DAL @ UNB (2:00 pm at SMA Pool)

#### AUAA Scoreboard

##### Hockey

ACA 7 SFX 4  
STU 9 MTA 4  
UNB 5 UDM 3  
SMU 6 PEI 1  
DAL 6 UCCB 2  
STU 6 UDM 1  
UNB 8 MTA 4  
ACA 3 PEI 1  
SMU 3 SFX 2  
UCCB 7 DAL 3

##### Men's basketball

ACA 75 PEI 67  
SFX 90 UNB 63  
PEI 103 SMU 86  
DAL 78 UNB 65

##### Women's basketball

DAL 91 UCCB 43  
ACA 56 PEI 54  
SMU 57 UCCB 42  
UNB 98 SFX 81  
PEI 88 SMU 81 (OT)  
UNB 59 DAL 53

##### Women's volleyball

DAL 3 UNB 0  
MTA 3 PEI 0  
UDM 3 MUN 0  
MUN 3 UDM 2  
DAL 3 UNB 0  
MTA 3 PEI 0  
SMU 3 SFX 0

#### UNB Athletes of the Week

Terry Pomeroy, wrestling  
Jill Jackson, women's basketball



Derek Scanlan is closely watched by STU forward Jeff Grant photo by Kevin Porter

### Rebels look for respect

by Luke Peterson

UNB Rebels coach Paul Belanger had hoped to be in the Port City this weekend, but he's willing to settle for the familiar confines of the Devon Jr. High School gymnasium where he usually teaches Phys. Ed. during the week.

This weekend his volleyball Rebels will play host to several local senior teams in the Devon Gym in preparation for next weekend's Dalhousie Classic Tournament. The Rebels had planned to compete in the Saint John Senior Tournament originally slated for this weekend, however a scheduling shuffle has moved the Saint John Tournament to the same time slot as the Dal Classic.

Despite this unfortunate scheduling conflict, Belanger hopes to face some good local competition in this weekend's warm up games as his team gears up for the Dalhousie tourney, which has traditionally offered some very strong competition with three of the eight participating teams ranked on the CIAU Top Ten. Coach Belanger would be happy with a fifth or sixth place finish, although he says, "We may have a chance at making the semi-finals in our pool, which would be the best U.N.B. has ever done at that tournament."

The Rebels won the UNB invitational tournament held in November, but have been less successful in other pre-season matches. Lack of success for the Rebels is certainly not due to a lack of effort on the part of his team, says Belanger "I've never had a group work so hard and want to work so hard on a daily basis". He remains confident that his charges will be competitive once they get the wrinkles ironed out. Belanger looks on tournaments like the Dal Classic as crucial for the development of his team. "Exhibition tournaments are what make things start to work, there's not as much pressure as league play and you're a little more relaxed when you're playing in exhibition tournaments".

If UNB is to have any success in the Dal tournament they will need to play well against the Dalhousie Tigers, no small task considering Dal is currently ranked tenth in the CIAU. The Rebels hosted the Tigers in a pair of weekend games last November, on the heels of back-to-back Rebel losses, a scathing letter to the Sports Editor, criticizing Coach Belanger and his team's apparent lack of respect for him, appeared in both the Brunswickan and the Daily Gleaner. In his column, Gleaner Sports Editor, David Ritchie raised doubts as to the letter's

authenticity and speculated that the author had used a pen-name. When asked for his thoughts on the matter, Belanger said, "I have absolutely no comment on that" and prefers to concentrate on the upcoming Dalhousie tournament as a stepping stone in gaining respect for his young team, "realistically we would like to prove a point to them that when we played them last time that we were rebuilding".

Any volleyball team with a twelve man roster containing six rookies straight out of the high school ranks certainly must have long term goals and the Rebels are no exception. Widely acknowledged as a team of the future, they are currently undergoing the expected growing pains in their attempts to be competitive against much older and bigger opposing teams, however, with UNB's athletic budget stretched to the limit, the future may be now for the men's volleyball program.

There is some speculation that if a program were to be terminated due to financial constraints, the Rebels, playing in an AUAA league comprised of a mere three teams, could, despite Coach Belanger's dedicated efforts, find themselves losers of the most important game of all, the numbers game.