

## Cross Country

## Reds prepare to continue brilliant season

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Last year the Dal Tigers ended the men's Varsity Reds cross country teams four-year reign as AUSA Champions. Now former UNB runner Rorri Currie has joined the Tigers.

Currie, who was CIAU All-Canadian for three years, is now studying physiotherapy at Dal. At Dal he will be able to use up his eligibility. This year Currie missed the Commonwealth Games by a second. Although Joel Bourgeois, who runs for U de M, made the Games team and finished sixth in the steeplechase.

Reds head coach Tim Randall believes that "it will be very tough to get the top two spots, but we're hoping to get third, fourth, and fifth and sort of win as a group."

The next meet that UNB will be running in will be the UNB Open and will see seven teams competing.

UNB will be coming off a successful meet in Maine with the men's team finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and the women's team third and fourth. The meet gets under way at noon on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Odell Park.



## Baby Habs off to good start

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The Fredericton Canadiens opened their pre-season tune-up against the St. John's Maple Leafs on Tuesday night with a victory.

The game was highlighted by slightly lopsided play in the Habs' favour as the Leafs had a hard time getting the puck out of their end against constant fore-checking. The Habs played a tight game with smooth passing and only a few slips resulting in only one on ones with no clear break-aways allowed. Despite the Habs' constant pressure in the first period the Leafs managed to score first, but Martin Sychra replied for the Habs soon after to tie the game. Stephen Rohr scored what proved to be the winner for the Habs in the second period after which the Habs set up a wall on their blue line tying up the lanes and neutralizing the Leafs' offence. The rest of the game was spent on end to end action with few whistles and even fewer scoring chances for either side. The game did open up a little in the dying minutes of the third period as the Leafs attempted to save face only to have it result in a third Canadiens' goal to round out the scoring at 3 to 1.

The Canadiens fans were greeted by some familiar faces such as Kevin Darby and Yves Sarault who have returned for another season

while many new faces like Patrick Labrecque and Martin Sychra, were introduced to the Fredericton fans. Labrecque, one of two goal tenders vying for the back-up position looked sharp in the few times he was called upon while Sychra was a notable spark and contributed a goal to boot. Both Darby and Sarault also made their presences known as they both looked solid and hungry to contribute and be noticed. The team was not without some notable absences from last years Fredericton line-up such as Turner Stevenson and Donald Brashear who remain hopeful in Montreal at least until Jacques Demers makes the final cuts to his roster.

The most interesting name in the Canadiens organization this year has got to be that of Valeri Bure whom the local fans have been anxious to see initiated into the pro-ranks here in Fredericton and help the Baby Habs off on the right foot. If Demers has anything to say about it this potential superstar will never grace the ice in Fredericton as it would seem the Canadiens are quite anxious to see their investment score immediate dividends in Montreal. All Fredericton Canadiens fans eagerly await the final cuts in hope that Bure will be here, even for a short time so that they may be entertained by the 'Russian Rocket's' baby brother. In the mean time

the Fredericton Canadiens will have to work through at least the exhibition schedule without Bure and other potentially key players.

The Fredericton Canadiens will have faced the Saint John Flames on Thursday night and face the P.E.I. Senators on Saturday night to round out a three game homestand as part of their pre-season warm-up. Things could be looking very good for the Baby Habs this year if

their game continues to be as well disciplined, fast and smooth as it was Tuesday night. The only thing that really needed improvement Tuesday night was not on the ice at all but in the stands as the attendance was poor at best and will hopefully only get better. For those of you who were not in attendance you missed a good game and should make serious attempts to avoid the same mistake again in the future!



Baby Hab on the break-away. Photo by Kevin G. Porter

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