

Mooers a striking sweeper

by Neil Duxbury
Brunswickan Sports

For the third time in three weeks a soccer player was named Athlete of the Week. The third recipient of the honour was business student Morton Mooers, a striker for the V-Reds whose two goals set them on the right road to a win over SMU a couple of weeks ago.

Fredericton native Mooers was baptised early into the beautiful game. "I started when I was probably six or seven." He did have brief flirtations with other sports. "I used to play hockey and what not in junior high." Since high school he has devoted himself to soccer, with an occasional game of golf on the side.

Mooers has been out of soccer for the last couple of years, being ineligible to play for UNB for a full school year after his transfer from Dal. With the change of schools has come a change in position for Mooers. "I used to be a sweeper ... but I'm upfront for UNB

and I guess my job is to set people up, not so much as a scorer, more of a playmaker."

Speaking of the top of the league V-Reds, Mooers commented, "We do have a decent team but I don't think we're as good as everyone thinks we are." He continued, "Our chances are good, if we play together and work hard for the rest of the season we can see ourselves definitely challenging for the title, but there's a lot of work to be done before that time."

Speaking of the Mooers style of soccer, "I don't model myself after any particular player. I'm an individual and I just go out and play my

sort of game, which is different, I work hard off the ball and do a lot of running. I'm a hot head too, and I enjoy it, I love soccer."

While the league title is the short term goal for the V-Reds, Mooers has also been eyeing the future. "I hope to pursue a career as a financial analyst or even in small business."



Morton Mooers—just showin' off. photo by Bill Jackson

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men they can't always see that there's another person coming blindside, so I stay really vocal."

Harris also likes to give her teammates the benefit of her knowledge of a goaltender's tendencies. "Where we have a lot of young players," she said, "I like to take the opportunity to work with those players. I can teach them little tricks on how to beat other goaltenders, and help them with just their field positioning and things like that."

Harris has been playing goal since her high school days, where she says she was recruited because of her size and her speed. "It made me a prospect because the net is fairly large in field hockey, and they thought that I was teachable."

"I like playing nets. It's a challenge. Field hockey's very much a team sport; everyone has to work together. I like the

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Ironmen off to rousing start

by Jonathan Beggs

Welcome back all addicts, as well as newcomers to the sport. This year, after a rocky start, UNB Ironmen rugby is as strong as ever, and it has grown as well in the past year. For the first time in some years, UNB now fields three teams: one team in the NBRU 1st Division, and two in the NB-PEI University League. The 75 man roster is encouraging, given the growth and popularity of the sport in recent years.

So far this season the Ironmen have butted heads with some formidable opponents, losing their first two matches to local sides, while the next two were confident wins by the 1st XV.

Most recently, a very close (and controversial) match was lost to the current Maritime champions, the Saint John Trojans. Problems with injuries this past weekend are being sorted out, and with the return of captain Prentice Durbin, morale has grown and intensity has heightened as of late.

The second and third XV began slow, improved by beating STU, and faltered vs. Mt. Allison. They are still smarting from last year's final. The Ironmen fully expect to work like dogs to rip and tear their way back on top. Both 2nd and 3rds meet UPEI this weekend, and see Mt. Allison again very soon. UNB must retain its drive to win and maintain their top calibre rugby.

This Thanksgiving weekend, the 1st XV meet the Fredericton Loyalists in a replay of the season opener. I am sure both sides are ready, so come out to see a banger of a match. The 2nds, as mentioned, meet UPEI, yet another rematch. UNB Ironmen must grab the torch and run with it in order to peak for the playoffs. So if you're here this holiday weekend, come out and enjoy an Autumn's day of rugby—elegant violence in the Fall.

UNB's only CIAU national championship in a team sport was won by the soccer team (then known as the Red Shirts) in 1981. We beat Laurier 3-1 for the title.

B-ball Official training classes

There will be an introductory session for anyone interested in becoming a basketball referee on Wednesday, October 11, at 7 p.m. in Room 116 of the LB Gym at UNB. This session is sponsored by the Fredericton zone of the New Brunswick Association of Basketball Officials (NBAABO). A five week course will follow for new officials. The NBAABO certifies and supplies referees for all levels of basketball in New Brunswick. For more information, call Daive McManus at 458-1797.

An ugly win but it counts

by Mark Savoie
Sports Editor

For most expansion teams a 3-0-2 record is the stuff of fairy tales, but for the UNB Varsity Reds it is so common-place that they feel comfortable complaining about the way they are winning. "Brutal!" was Coach Miles Pinsent's description of their play last weekend, despite the fact that they had handed the Université de Moncton Aigles Bleu a 3-0 thrashing.

The match was tied at half time, as the V-Reds found their style cramped by the very physical play of UdeM. However, the second half saw the V-Reds storm the Aigle Bleu net for three goals. Rookie Paula Morley scored the first of these while Lesley Hachey tallied the insurance markers.

Miles Pinsent's observations on the game centred around the tactics of the Aigles Bleu and the performance of his own team. "They worked pretty hard, and they weren't giving us any time to

set up. They seemed to use some pretty rough tactics and it kind of threw our girls off their game."

"Moncton wasn't trying to play soccer very much. It seemed they had a game plan in mind and it didn't involve the ball, it just involved how to keep us from scoring. It was to try and get us off our game, and I guess you have to give them credit because it worked for the first half anyway."

Despite UdeM's rough play, Pinsent was unwilling to let his young team off the hook. "It was no excuse for the way our girls played. They didn't play well at all."

The V-Reds now get an extended layoff, with no games until next Wednesday when they play host to the Aigles Bleu at Chapman Field (4:00 p.m.) for a return match. At this point of the season the V-Reds are clearly the superior team, but they cannot afford to become complacent before their season ending matches against Acadia and Dalhousie.

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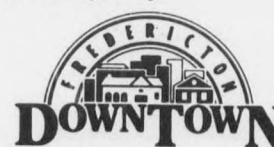
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