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Raiders perfect on season

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I awoke early Monday morning and found myself in a cold sweat. The same nightmare had struck me for the second night in a row, "The UNB Red Raiders were unbeaten in regular season action". Well for all you people who still think I am dreaming guess again. After last weekend action packed games with the memorial Seahawks UNB was off to its best start in many years. UNB swept a double header from Memorial and now find themselves in third place (tied) in the standings. This weekend UNB travels to Cape Breton and hopes to enhance its already impressive looking record.

Cape Breton is a tough team which leads the AUAA with 8 points (UNB has 4, but 2 games in hand). Cape Breton features Sussex star John Ryan as well as possible all-stars Troy Jones and Michael Dailey. UNB coach Phil Wright spoke to Acadia's coach (whose team has already played UCCB) and feels that he has a good idea of what to expect from UCCB. Once again, team rebounding will be the key for the Raiders. Each individual will have to be more aggressive if the Raiders expect to win the rebounding battle. The players must realize that size alone does not get you rebounds. It is your attitude and mentality, which will help you clean the glass (see Charles Barkley). Another key for the Raiders will be hitting the open shots. When the Raiders get an open shot, they must show no fear

and consistently hit all net (ala Greg Mapp). A weekend sweep of UCCB is not out of the question for UNB, but a weekend split would be considered successful. If the Raiders head into the break with a 3 and 1 record, their early season will be considered a great success.

Last weekend, UNB played two nip and tuck games against Memorial. Saturday's game featured the play of Andy MacKay and Vinod Nair. MacKay played extremely well and ended up with 19 points as well as player of the game. Nair was the Raiders sparkplug as he added 13 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Nair's brightest moment came when he pulled down an offensive rebound and with his back to the hoop he calmly threw up a left handed prayer which went down for two points (see Magic Johnson). Yaw Obeng's tenacious defense wore down Memorial's ball carrier and

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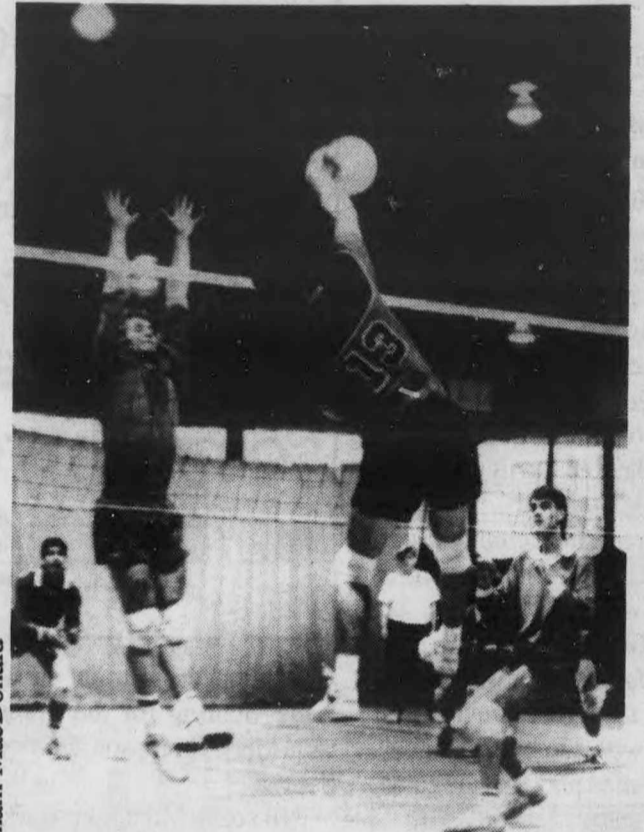
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The UNB Rebels had a respectable showing at an AUAA league tournament this weekend which was held at Dalhousie University Dalplex, but considering the adversity faced by the Rebels, the showing was more than respectable. Star power hitter Jason Scott was not in attendance due to academic commitments, veteran middle blocker Peter Tait missed the tournament for undisclosed reason, and 6'4" rookie Doug Barkhouse could not play because of an ankle injury. This understandably left the Rebels a little thin, forcing hitter rookie Doug Eagle into the starting position and outside hitter Jeff Foot to play in the middle.

The first match on Friday evening was against the powerhouse Dalhousie Tigers, and to no one's surprise the Rebels struggled. Dal's hitting was absolutely overpowering, their blocking was bullet proof and they oversized the stricken Rebels by an average of four inches. The Rebels showed the fire and intensity

of full time amateurs, but the nationally ranked Tigers played like part-time professionals, and they took the match in three games, 15-4, 15-3, 15-9. When asked about his team's performance against

the monsters of Dalhousie, coach Paul Belanger stated, "We played the last game like we should have and we gave them a run for their money. As for those first two games? Well..." *Continued on page 30*



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Action from the Dalplex

also took off the 24-second clock. Even though UNB had some bright spots, this game wasn't decided until Duff Adams hit a free throw to put UNB up by four. Paul Sampson's 3-pointer narrowed the gap to one, but it was all for naught as UNB took the game 62-61.

Sunday's game features many swings by both teams and ended up being decided in overtime (see New York Islanders vs. Washington Capitals 1987) Alex Kidney was the hero as he hit three threes from downtown (ala Chuck Persons) to spark the Raiders. Kidney finished with 22 points and was named player of the game. Kidney used his shooter's conscience (is this good or bad?) and shot himself back into the game. Kidney's newfound confidence will definitely help his game and should add another scoring threat to UNB's offense. After Kidney sent the game into overtime UNB decided it was time to play. UNB dominated

the overtime, scoring 17 points to Memorial's 5 points. UNB won the game 84 to 72. Even though the Raiders won both games they definitely did not play up to their potential. The Raiders will have to show more fortitude against UCCB if they expect to take a game.

Some tidbits from this weekend:

Andrew Ziemchek of Memorial was the most impressive player for either team this weekend. His smooth foot work and great shooting almost helped Memorial steal a game.

All 3 UNB rookies who saw

time this weekend played well. Greg Mapp directed the offense whenever Yaw needed a breather. Mark Aube pulled down a key offense board and showed some spark when he was in the game. Marc ended with 2 points and 2 rebounds.

Duff Adams who suffered a slight injury to his left hand (see Chris Mullin) during Sunday's game will be in action this weekend against UCCB.

Bobby O'Brien played a key role in Sunday's victory by pulling down the key boards and providing some on court coaching.

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