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Red Sticks Held Winless In Toronto

by Kelly Craig

Despite freezing cold weather, the UNB Red Sticks traveled to Toronto for the CIAU's. They were joined in Toronto by the University of Victoria, York University, University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, and the University of Calgary. UNB finished the CIAU's with a sixth place finish but gave the other teams tough competition.

The UNB Red Sticks traveled to Toronto with a very young team. Eight of the girls on the UNB team had never been to the CIAU's before. All in all, UNB hung tough throughout

the tournament and played good field hockey.

UNB kicked off the tournament early Friday morning with a game against the University of Victoria. Victoria won this match 1-0 over UNB. UNB protested this game over a disallowed Joan Robere goal. However, the protest was to no avail and the final score remained 1-0 for U Vic.

At 12:30 on Friday, UNB played their second game, this against the York Yeowomen. In the first few minutes of play an injury occurred to first year Red Stick Angela Cormier. Angela took a ball in the

forehead that would keep her out of the tournament. One of UNB's top players, Joan Robere, played this weekend in spite of an injury to her right leg. UNB lost this match against York 3-2. Both of UNB's goals were scored by the injured Joan Robere. Joan's performance in this game earned her a player of the game award.

Saturday morning UNB played the Calgary Dinnies for fifth spot. Again, injury struck UNB. First year Red Stick Kelly McCormack sprained her left ankle during warm up. Kelly tripped over a ball that rebounded off the UNB net, as a result, Kelly was unavailable

for the game. The Calgary team went on to defeat UNB 2-0.

Two semi-final games were then played to see who would meet whom in the final. The first semi-final saw the University of Victoria defeat Toronto 1-0. In the second semi-final the York Yeowomen defeated the University of British Columbia 1-0.

Sunday was the day of the finals. In the Bronze medal match the UBC team defeated Toronto 3-2 in strokes. U Vic showed a convincing win over the York Yeowomen by beating them 2-1 to win the CIAU finals.

Despite UNB's sixth placing in the CIAU's the girls will remain together next year. With the same team competing again next year, having more experience, they should do quite well in the field hockey league.

This season saw a young UNB team defeat St. Mary's for the AUA title and show the rest of Canada that they are a force to be reckoned with. This season also produced two All-Canadians. Joan Robere was named to the All-Canadian final 11 team. Coach Joyce Slipp earned the CIAU coach of the year award for her efforts with these young Red Sticks. UNB has definitely given their best this past season.

ST. MARY'S DOMINATES SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Mark Savoie

The St. Mary's Huskies are this year's AUA Soccer Champions! This was the end result of an AUA season which saw them dominate all comers, including UNB's Red Shirts. Last weekend's tournament at Chapman Field was merely a stop on St. Mary's road to the CIAU tournament at UBC this weekend. Going into this tournament SMU will be ranked second nationally and they have a good chance of taking home the crown.

Saturday saw the Huskies easily handle the Mt. Allison Mounties in the first semi-final game, coming out of it with an uncontested 4-0 victory. UNB's semi-final game against Acadia was played soon after with a final result of UNB - 2, Acadia - 0.

The first half of the match against Acadia was a terrible exhibition of soccer from the Red Shirts. The Shirts, who have exhibited a penchant for slow starts this season, allowed the Axemen to dominate the entire half and were lucky to go into the dressing room without facing a deficit. Acadia was

robbed of a sure goal late in the half when fullback Adrian Thompson got his leg in front of the ball after keeper Geoff Harvey mishandled an easy ball.

In the second half the Red Shirts came to life. This point was made clear in the 53rd minute when Jamie Pollock made a perfect cross to Larry Courvoisier who headed it into the far low corner. Playing with a strong, cold wind at their backs the Shirts continued to pressure the Acadia goal, being thwarted on several opportunities. They were rewarded, however, in the 77th minute when Todd Slaney knocked home a Stewart Galloway pass from the goal area. The Red Shirts then coasted to victory and the right to meet St. Mary's.

St. Mary's made them regret that right in the 13th minute as a corner throw-in was converted for an easy header. The rest of the half was played very evenly, with both teams managing to mount some pressure. St. Mary's had a tremendous opportunity to make it 2-0 when they rattled a shot off both the cross bar and goal post in the 45th minute, but UNB survived this scare and entered the dressing room trailing only 1-0.

Both teams started the second

half quickly, but SMU got the breaks and the goals when they converted a goal mouth scramble in the 54th minute and then redirected a long shot into an open corner in the 62nd minute. St. Mary's added a fourth goal in injury time when the point was moot.

The Red Shirts had their chances in the second half. Todd Slaney missed a sure goal off of a free kick in the 13th minute when he just failed to get his boot on the ball. He also failed on a couple of other good opportunities throughout the half. But the crushing blow to UNB's hopes of breaking the SMU shutout was when Alex Scholten's goal in the 71st minute was called back because of a questionable offside.

Despite the loss to St. Mary's, this season has to be classified as a successful one for the UNB Red Shirts. Coach Gary Brown took a team which finished out of the playoffs last year and elevated them to 8th ranked nationally. Both fullback Jamie Oakes and midfielder Jamie Pollock were named to the AUA All-Star team, and captain Stewart Galloway was named league MVP for his efforts on the Red Shirts behalf. A fitting end to Stewart's career as a UNB Red Shirt.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Joan Robere, 20, of Buctouche, NB had been chosen as this week's UNB Female Athlete-of-the-Week. Joan's other accomplishments this year include; AUA All-Star and MVP of the AUA league. Joan, a previous member of the Junior National Team and the Senior National Team, has added a first team All-Canadian and a tournament All-Star selection at this year's CIAU Field Hockey Championships to this growing list of awards. Despite UNB's three tough losses to #1 ranked Victoria 1-0, to York University 3-2, and to Calgary 2-0, Joan excelled throughout the tournament. Joan, who scored 16 goals during the season, scored one goal in the Victoria game that was called back, and scored both goals in the loss to York. According to coach Slipp, "Joan has had a remarkable year and showed her true strength this past weekend. She was selected as one of the top 11 players in Canadian University field hockey and fully demonstrated it this past weekend."

Brian Woods, 20, from Norwich, England has been named as this week's UNB Male Athlete-of-the-Week. On Friday November 3, 1989 Brian swam a tremendous meet as he swam head to head with the AUA Champion in the 200 freestyle, and with the AUA record holder in the 200 backstroke, and won both races with excellent early season times. Brian also received the Coca Cola Swimmer of the meet award. On Saturday, November 4, 1989 Brian again swam very well as he won the 400 freestyle 20 seconds ahead of the second place finisher. Overall, Brian had six first place finishes over the weekend: 200 freestyle - 1:58.29, 200 backstroke - 2:17.68, 400 freestyle relay - 3:42.49, 200 freestyle - 2:01.44, 400 freestyle - 4:16.78, and 800 freestyle relay - 8:30.86, to help the Beavers beat Dal 58-37, Acadia 70-32, and MUN 66-23 and 58-37. According to coach Fisher, "the Beavers Men's swim team record now stands at 6-0, in large part due to first year swimmers like Brian Woods."