

UNB RUGBY

Anyone interested in playing rugby should come to the following practices

Men
Saturday, 12:30 pm

Women
Tuesday, 9:30pm
Sunday, 5:00 pm

All practices take place at the South Gym.

For more information on the men's practices please call Kevin at 458-3499.

For information on the women's practices call Sue at 454-9755.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Reds looking for weekend wins

Team survives two losses and brawl on Nova Scotia road trip

by Matt Collins
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After a tough weekend road stint in Nova Scotia, the Varsity Reds men's basketball team will be looking for a much needed win over visiting St. Francis Xavier and Dalhousie this weekend.

While the women's team are going through a period of adjustment, the men are having problems of their own. They dropped their third and fourth games of the season last weekend losing to Acadia by a score

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of 93-73, and then lost to St. Mary's 103-84. Although the Reds' record drops to 3-4, they are still only six points behind the league leading Acadia Axemen.

Now, for all of you who thought basketball was a non-contact sport you might want to start thinking again. At the 15:11 mark of the second half, and UNB trailing by a score of 59-37, basketball became basketball brawl as both benches cleared. This occurred after an

altercation with Reds forward Keith Gibson and CIAU Player of the Year, William Njouku. As Gibson explains, "Duff (Adams) and Njouku fell down and I caught my foot on Wil's body and I lost by balance. When I went after the loose ball I accidentally stepped on his face."

The incident resulted in a total of nine ejections including both head coaches and Reds players Marc Fleming, Gord McNeilly, and Greg Mapp. Due to the confusion, these three were picked arbitrarily off the bench as the refs could not identify everyone involved. However, they will still be forced to serve one game suspensions as a result.

Upon reviewing the game tape, Hamilton had this to say, "It took the coach of Saint Mary's and myself exactly 49 seconds to have the benches back to order. And the fact that my players were in control also prevented it from getting a lot worse."

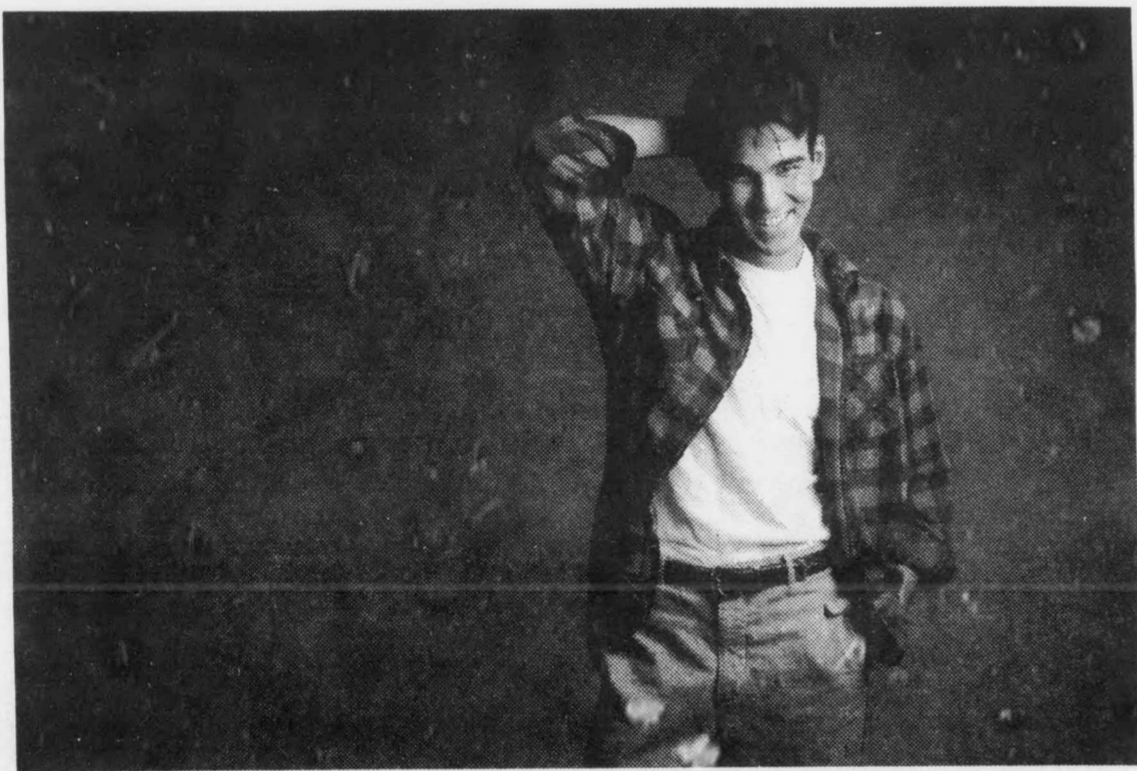
Varsity Reds Basketball

Saturday, Jan. 22
Vs. St. Francis Xavier
Women: 6:00 pm
Men: 8:00 pm

Sunday, Jan. 23
Vs. Dalhousie
Women: 1:00 pm
Men :3:00 pm

While losing was definitely a disappointment, the Reds did find some light at the end of this tunnel. Co-Captains Duff Adams and Marc Aube stepped up their games and asserted the leadership which this team has been looking for. Aube was good for 18 points in the Acadia game, while Adams picked up the slack in the SMU game scoring 25 of his 29 points in the second half. Yet despite these individual performances, the team needs to come together and be ready to function as a single unit everytime they take to the floor. As Coach Hamilton sums it up, "We didn't come out with emotion, we didn't come out at all prepared to play as a team defensively, and it cost us."

The Reds will be looking to cash in a victory tomorrow night when they take on the St. FX X-Men at 8:30 in the LBR Gymnasium. They host the Dalhousie Tigers on Sunday at 3:00 pm.



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