

Rebels encounter slump

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The UNB Rebels have met what is known as the old proverbial slump. The past five matches have seen the Rebels come close but eventually give up matches to each of the other AUSA teams.

At the AUSA tourney this past weekend in Halifax this team's record of 1-4 dropped to 1-7. This puts UNB in contention with Ude M for fourth place. This is not the position the Rebels had hoped to be in at this point in the season but competition is tough this year. The AUSA title could virtually belong to any one of the AUSA teams at the end of this season.

Friday night's match in Halifax had the Rebels slated against Ude M and barely losing by scores of 9-15, 15-4, 12-15, 15-7, 15-8. UNB played well but were plagued by the offensive attack of Michel Ross who recorded an astounding 35 kills. Leading the Rebels was captain Mark Boldon with 20 kills.

Saturday started off on a bad note when Dalhousie took UNB in three straight games 15-12, 15-1, 15-2. The last two games the Rebels seemed to give up and put forth a total lack of effort. If UNB had been on top of this one they could have slipped by the Tigers because Dal was also not playing up to par.

That midday game, however, did nothing to negatively effect the afternoon game as expected. UNB came out fighting against MUN, discouraging only thoughts the Beathulks may have had about the last match being the easiest. The Rebels did eventually take the loss 14-16, 15-7, 12-15, 15-10, but as warriors not wimps. A good match such as this one cannot be looked upon as a defeat. The few mistakes UNB did make could easily be corrected and result in a win next time.

Surprisingly enough key attackers for the team this weekend were none other than veteran setters Mark Boldon

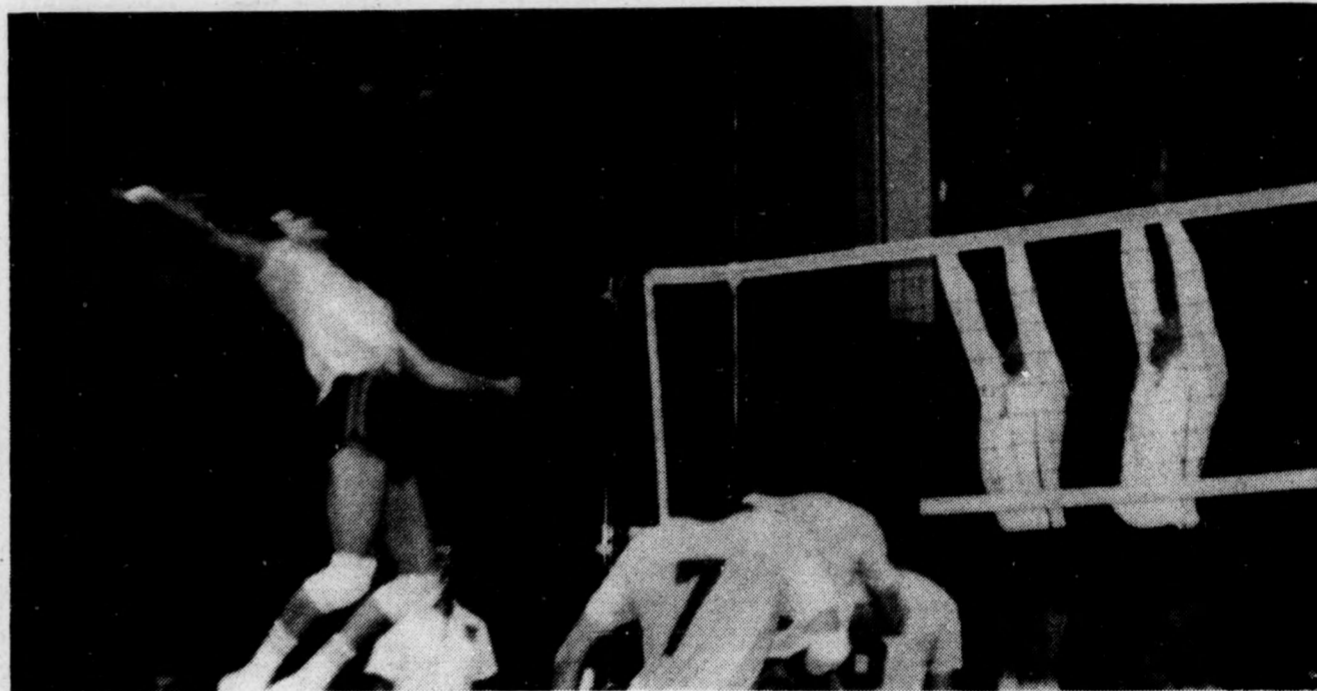
and Guy Gallibois. Besides being the two top setters in the league they are also two of the top hitters and very strong assets on the offensive attack for UNB.

Does the Rebels 1-7 record reflect upon their ability to play good, solid volleyball? No, this is not the case at all. This team is young but have great potential since most

players have been involved in highly competitive volleyball before. It is only a matter of time and effort before the new players adapt to this level of volleyball. The veterans play such an important role in speeding this process along. Coach Mike Washburn feels that if the players play their system and concentrate on heads-up volleyball, they can

be successful. When it comes right down to the crunch we can expect this team to play their very best.

This weekend the Rebels travel to Sherbrooke, Quebec to play in a non-AUSA tournament there. These matches should prove to be a valuable experience for the young UNB team as they will be coming up against some of the nation's best university ball teams.



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