

# UNB VARSITY REDS SPORTS

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## Soccer: UNB varsity teams hold opponents scoreless



SAUL KEYWORTH ELUDES A TACKLE

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Since bad weather conditions have a tendency of working to the advantage of the weaker team, Saturday's contest between the Varsity Red's women's soccer team and the Mount Allison Mounties turned out to be a frustrating game for UNB. The game ended in a 1-0 decision in favor of UNB only after Leslie Hachey's shot from the 18 yard line dribbled past Mt. A's goalie in the second half.

Kim Messer, a fifth year UNB student who is presently confined to the Red's injured list, was forced to encourage teammates from the sidelines. "Let's just say that it wasn't a pretty game but [UNB] got the job done" stated Messer, who is also the Red's assistant captain. Mount Allison's obvious game plan was to attempt to shut the Red's down in their own end and use rainy weather conditions to their advantage to keep the Red's off their game. UNB was able to maintain possession of the ball but had a difficult time creating scoring breaks.

Despite a strong midfield and some great opportunities in the second half, Sunday's game against St. Mary's ended in a scoreless decision. Although UNB walked away with two out of a possible four points, it was evident that there is disappointment in the slow start that the Red's offense has taken this season. Yet UNB forward Leslie Hachey is extremely optimistic about the Red's scoring potential and feels that in terms of the Red's offense, the talent is there. "The defensive aspect of our



ACTION FROM SUNDAY'S GAME

MARIA PAISLEY PHOTO

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The defense of the Varsity Reds has been solid for the first four games. Their attack is finally starting to catch-up.

Through 360 minutes of AUA action, the V-Reds have held opposition strikers scoreless. The two goals that have found their way past Mike Green in the UNB goal have come off the head of a UNB defender. With Saturday's game against Mount Allison postponed until Wednesday because of the threat to players and field from Hurricane Hortense, the V-Reds third game of the season came against the Saint Mary's Huskies.

In a game mired in midfield, the Huskies had the lion's share of the few chances available, mostly due to the pace of Idris Mert and Jamie Casey up front. Mert was involved in the sole goal of the game. His inswinging corner deflected off UNB defender Steve Vinci's head leaving goalkeeper Mike Green wrong-footed.

In the second half, the V-Reds kept up the pressure on the SMU defense, but these attacks broke down on trying to get the ball into the penalty area, allowing the Huskies to clear time and time again.

Coach Gary Brown blamed this on players not following his game plan. "We were trying to play through balls and their sweeper picked them up. That's not our style." However, Coach Brown seemed satisfied with the

"build-up and control of play." He seemed most concerned about the lack of urgency shown.

Wednesday's game started out with a bad case of deja vu. Aaron Bishop of the Mounties played a ball into the V-Reds box, which deflected off Steve Vinci and past Mike Green to put the V-Reds down 1-0.

That was when the similarities began to fade. Later in the half, Vinci redeemed himself. Up from his left back position for a corner, Vinci's shot looped over Mt. A. goaltender Chuck Dean to tie up the game.

Defensively, the V-Reds solidified on their Sunday performance, with the forwards exerting pressure on the Mount Allison defenders, while the back line held firm.

On offense, the V-Reds showed an ability to move the ball down the field consistently and expose the frailties of the Mountie defense. Marc Basset came closest to breaking the tie with a drive from 25 yards which forced the Mt A goalkeeper airward.

John Hanley secured UNB's first win of the season with his first goal of the season. Hanley, who had been one of the main benefactors of UNB's improved ball movement, picked up the ball inside the penalty area and put it past Chuck Dean with only a couple of minutes to go.

Coach Brown seems happy with the way his team is coming together. While his defense has been solid all season in front of Mike Green, "the best goalie in Canada" according to Brown, the offense has taken more time to gel.

## Rugby season begins



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Last weekend, the UNB rugby football club's twenty-eighth season of activity began in the wake of Hurricane Hortense. The season commenced with two home games. The first game saw UNB's Senior Men's side take on their long-time rival, the Fredericton Loyalists. For eighty minutes, our men in black put on a good fight but were unable to beat their adversary, resulting in a 34-7 loss. This defeat may be, in a large part, attributed to the lack of cohesion of this recently-formed unit. As the season progresses, this unit will certainly gain in strength to become a

formidable force on the New Brunswick rugby scene.

The second home opener saw UNB's University A side play against the Mount Allison University squad. The UNB side, with its youth and inexperience, impressed all with strong tackles and good unit play. Despite their continued efforts, they were unable to beat Mount Allison, last year's Maritime Universities rugby champions, losing 30-10.

Both sides will battle again tomorrow. The Universities A side game will begin at 1pm on College Field while the Senior Men's side play the Saint John Trojans in Saint John.

## Athlete of the Week

This week's female athlete of the week is Karleen Bishop, goalkeeper of the women's soccer team. Karleen recorded two shut-outs this weekend as UNB defeated Mount Allison 1-0 on Saturday and tied Saint Mary's 0-0 on Sunday. Karleen was awarded the "All Sport Player of the Game" for her efforts on Sunday. In the four games

so far this year Karleen has not allowed a goal. Coach Pinsent said that "Karleen is the foundation of our defense. She has always been capable of the spectacular save, and now, thanks to her hard work over the last year she is very consistent." Karleen is a 22 year old Education student from Moncton, NB.

## Field hockey is back!

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The UNB women's field hockey season will start this Saturday when they play host to Saint Mary's.

The team has won seven straight AUA Championships and placed fourth at the CIAU's last season. Coach Stacey Bean is looking forward to another strong season, having recruited many younger players, including nine rookies. "We have great depth," says Bean. "I'm confident in my entire bench."

The team has lost four starting players this year, including Jana Porter, Shauna Coles, former AUA all-star Tammy Jewer and Diane Rogers, both of whom were All-Canadians.

Former All-Canadian Charla Currie feels their team is strong all around this year. "The potential for our team is quite high. We have some really good rookies this year, and we've got good people filling every position."

The AUA's are slated for Saint Mary's in Halifax this year, and Coach

Bean is "ecstatic" to be playing on the Astro turf at Husky Stadium.

The CIAU's are to be held in Victoria, British Columbia this year. The team is slightly worried about the distances to be traveled and the prospects of jet lag. Coach Bean is confident in her team's ability to deal with any adversities this may cause. "I'm sure the girls would rather have some jet lag than sit at home during CIAU time."

The women's AUA field hockey league is quite small, comprising of only three teams. Coach Bean says it's a challenge for the team and it's one of the reasons for the pre-season trip to Boston as well as a lot of scrimmages throughout the year. Both Dalhousie and Université de Moncton have non-AUA teams this year, though according to Coach Bean there's a big push for a Dalhousie club this year. Moncton may take a little longer.

Saturday's game time is 4:00pm, with a second game scheduled for Sunday at 1pm. Both games will be played at Chapman Field.

## Windswept V-Red runners

MARIA PAISLEY  
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Not even a hurricane could stop the tough V-Reds.

The UNB squad had a very good showing at the Dal Open despite the high winds and heavy rain of Hurricane Hortense.

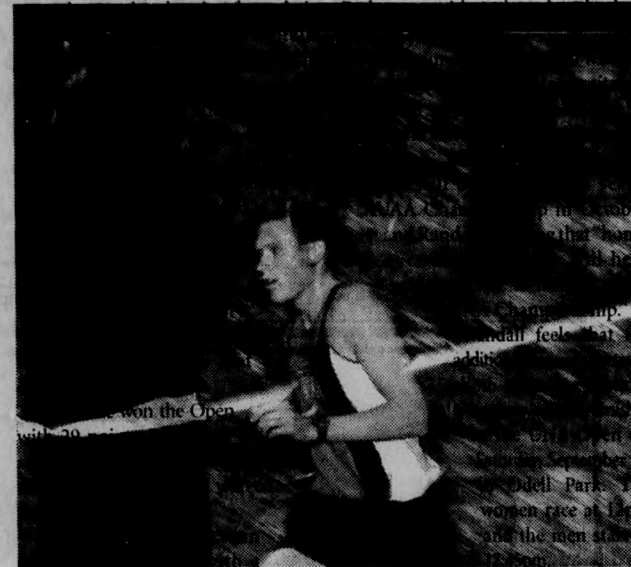
The Varsity Reds women's team had

as the season progresses and the AUA approaches.

The Red's next challenge is Saturday, September 21st against PEI at Chapman field. Game time is 12:00pm.

third place finish in a very deep field at the Dal Open. This season will be a tough season on the men's side as there are six teams and four of them have the potential to win the AUA title.

Team captain Jeff Seaby lead the team with a 10th place finish. Mike Burgess and John Rice finished 11th and 12th respectively. Kris Carpenter and Ian Reeves rounded out the V-

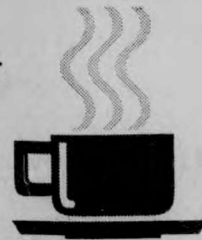


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