

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Red Sticks

By TOM BEST

A pair of 5-1 wins last weekend started the season off on the right note for the UNB Red Sticks Field hockey team as they played host to Memorial and Mount Allison.

Coach Jane Wright feels that the experience of the squad which includes members of several provincial teams, was the determining factor in the games. She said that the team had better skills which allowed them to take advantage of situations leading to goals.

With 10 goals in two games, Wright said the amount of work done in practice on offence has paid off but that the defence was fairly untested. "We're working on it," she indicated, "we need to work out our marking system." (To see who each player picks up on defence.)

In Saturday's game, played in perfect weather before a large crowd, Donna Phillips, who toured this summer with the national team, led the attack with a hat trick. Mary McCann and rookie Susan Grady completed the scor-

ing with one apiece. Marleigh Moran, returning to the team following a year off proved she hasn't lost anything by allowing only one goal.

The Sunday game, against Mount A was hampered by dismal field and weather conditions. Wright said that the forward line played very well, working the ball with good passes and scoring drives. Halfback Mary Lu Heckbert came through to the front to knock in a pair while Beth McSorley, Mary McCann and Susan Grady each snared one. Moran again allowed only one goal, a shot with less than one minute left in the game that apparently deflected high into the net.

Phillips, a steady player for the team, received an injury in Saturday's game that kept her sidelined Sunday. At press time not enough was known about her condition to tell if she would be required to sit out more games but it is hoped she will be back in the line-up for today's game in Presque Isle and tomorrow's against U de Moncton. Game time Saturday is 1:00 at College Field.



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Mary McCann and Beth McSorley harass Memorial goalkeeper in last weekend's field hockey action.

Red Bombers

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Getting behind early in the first half and failing to capitalize on big opportunities cost the Red Bombers their second game of the season as they went down 26-3 to the tough St. Francis Xavier X-men last Saturday at College Field.

Head coach Jim Born said that it was the defensive toughness of the X-men that really told the tale of the game. The X-men limited the Bombers to a mere 34 yards on the rush, while the passing offense generated by quarterbacks Greg Clarke and Don Cameron was somewhat better, they were held to 115 yards. The X-men had a total of 281 yards in those departments.

Last year's rookie sensation from X, Joey Tynes who made All-Canadian in his tailback position led their offense with 103 yards rushing and 18 passing. He scored a pair of majors for the club as well. Steve Corscadden was the leader in the offensive department for the Bombers with a total of 45 yards.

The X-men scored once in each of the first and second quarters to make the score 14-0. Late in the half, UNB had a good field position and opportunities to put the team on the scoreboard but failed to make good on third down at-

tempts for touchdowns.

Born said the reason he elected to go for it instead of attempting field goals in those situations was that he was confident the team could do it. In one case, the receiver was open in the end zone but the quarterback was unable to get the ball there while in the other instance, the team was lined up in the wrong formation at the line of scrimmage.

On individual plays the Bombers were able to come up with some yardage but they couldn't seem to put together a series for those necessary first downs. For the game, the Bombers had only seven first downs while the X-men garnered 14.

One of the bright lights of the game was the play of the first year halfback Chris Skinner. Skinner returned several punts and kick-off returns for good gains. With more playing experience over the course of the season, Skinner could prove to be a potent offensive threat for the Bombers in the next few years.

As a team, the Bombers proved that their defense is not to be taken lightly as they held on the X-men to 281 yards total offense. The X offense was not nearly as powerful as the one last year that racked up over 50 points against the team. The X-men's real strength lie in the exceptional



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Rookie Chris Skinner is finally stopped by the X-men defense. Perry Kukkonen looks on

running ability of Tynes who gained 103 yards on the ground. Tynes stung the UNB defensive squad time and again, for those necessary short gains and two touchdowns.

Clarke, who piloted the UNB team for most of the game, was nailed for two interceptions and several sacks. The X defense gave

him little to throw at by watching the receivers closely and with an apparent weakness in the scrambling department, Clarke couldn't generate the needed offensive yardage. Cameron, who came in to replace Clarke on several occasions, had similar difficulties. Elsewhere in the league, the Saint Mary's Huskies bit the Mt.

Allison Mounties 21-10 while the Acadia Axemen were idle. The Bombers won't see action again until next weekend when they meet the Huskies at College Field.

