

Red Shirts host AUAA finals

— UNB finishes first in league play

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Tomorrow, and hopefully Sunday, the UNB Red Shirts will attempt to continue their impressive soccer season as they host the Atlantic Playoffs at College Field.

The Red Shirts rounded out their regular season play last weekend with 2-1 and 8-0 victories against Mount Allison and the University of Moncton, respectively.

On Saturday UNB travelled to Sackville to take on the Mounties. The Red Shirts began the game by displaying good execution of play but suddenly at the fifteen minute mark the Mounties got a break as Lynn Hall went in all along and scored the first goal of the game. This seemed to stun the Red Shirts as their composure broke down resulting in play that was far less than their potential. The half ended 1-0 for Mount Allison with no real visible signs of change.

The Red Shirts however, were not content with letting this game finish without a fight and started the second half determined to get back into the contest. This spark was probably kindled by team captain, Ed Hansen. His efforts and encouragement to the other players seemed to rub off while his improvement of play was also passed on to the others. The Red Shirts now began to press more tenaciously and then at the twenty

minute mark they were awarded a penalty shot as a result of one of their players being brought down in the penalty area. Ebenezer Dania made no mistake in putting the ball in the net to give the Red Shirts that all-important first goal, and the equalizer. This goal gave UNB the taste of victory as they continued to chew at the Mountie defense. Ten minutes later it was again Dania who scored for the Red Shirts to give them the lead. The team held on successfully to beat the Mounties for the second time in a row this season.

On Sunday the Red Shirts were back at home to play the Universite de Moncton in the season finale. The beginning of this game contrasted the previous day as the Red Shirts started off at a slow pace and allowed the Blue Eagles to bring the play to them. It was not until about the fifteen minute mark of the first half that UNB began to play effectively. This was due in part to the insertion of new players into the lineup, as it took time for the newcomers to get with the others. UNB had some close shots at the Moncton goal with near misses by Dwight Hornbrook and Robbie MacFarlane. At the thirty-five minute mark it was MacFarlane who set up George Wood for the first goal of the game.

This first goal proved to be the hardest for the Red Shirts to register as six minutes later they proceeded to collect three more in a time span of only three minutes. The first came off an indirect free kick in which Alaisdar Graham passed to Dwight Hornbrook who unleashed a booming shot into the net.

One minute later Hornbrook again scored. This time he dribbled the ball within range and shot at goal. Although the goalkeeper was able to get a piece of the ball, it had enough steam to barely cross the goal line. Once again only a minute elapsed before UNB scored again. George Wood showed excellent ball control down the right wing and made a beautiful cross into the middle to Bill Buggie who timed his run perfectly to head the ball into the net. The half ended with the score 4-0 in favour of UNB.

The second half began with more substitutes being put into the game for UNB. These players wasted no time in showing their abilities on the field. UNB continued to press and at the thirteenth minute mark Alaisdar Graham scored from a penalty shot in which the goalkeeper had no chance in getting to. At the thirty-one minute mark Wood again carried the ball down the wing with authority. This time he took the ball towards the

net himself and scored his second goal of the game and his seventh of the season with a good shot. Wood played a great game in both ball control and in setting up others in front of the net. Six minutes later Peter Spicer took a good pass from Malcom Rogers to give the Red Shirts another goal.

Robbie MacFarlane rounded out the scoring for the game and season with probably the most theatrical goal to date. MacFarlane clung to the post with one hand and swung around to tap home the ball after a near miss by Spicer. The final score of the game was 8-0 for UNB.

As a result of winning the protest of last week's game against Memorial, and the subsequent abandonment of the game, the Red Shirts accumulated an undefeated season with nine wins and two ties to their credit.

Tomorrow the Red Shirts play in the AUAA playoffs with a semi-final game against the Dalhousie Tigers. The game kicks off at 2:00 p.m. at College Field and if they win, will play the championship game on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

For those numerous fans who attended the AUAA's two years ago at College Field and remember the excitement generated, this year should prove to be just as exciting, and with hopefully better results.

For those who were not there two years ago but have heard since about how great the games were, now is a chance to experience the thrill yourself.

AUAA PLAYOFF SCHEDULE:

Saturday: Game 1 St. Mary's vs Memorial 12:00 noon
Game 2 UNB vs Dalhousie 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: Championship: Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 2 1:00 p.m.

FINAL REGULAR SEASON RED SHIRT STATISTICS:

G	W	L	T	PCT	F	AG	PLACE
11	9	0	2	.909	31	3	1st

SCORERS:

NAME	GOALS
George Wood	7
Ebenezer Dania	5
Greg Kraft	4
Dwight Hornbrook	4
Pierre El-Khoury	2
John O'Brien	2
Peter Spicer	2
Malcom Rogers	1
Tim Hicks	1
Robbie MacFarlane	1
Alaisdar Graham	1
Billy Buggie	1
Total	31

G. Keeper: Gs Ag. Ave. Shutouts

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Athletes of the week



Stewart Fraser

Male Athlete of the Week
Another graduating student, Stewart Fraser, is the male athlete of the week. The Physical Education student from Moncton has been one of the greatest players ever to wear a Red Bombers football uniform. He finished his university career last weekend with 7 receptions for 77 yards to lead the AUAA with 34 receptions and 448 yards. This is second in the nation for 1979. He has been selected for the fourth year in a row as All Conference flanker and is a nominee for All Canadian from the AUAA.



Joyce Leonard

Female Athlete of the Week
Joyce Leonard tops off 4 outstanding years as a Red Stick Field Hockey player by being selected as this week's female athlete of the week. This past weekend in the AUAA Championships, Joyce set up the winning goal against SMU to advance the Red Sticks to the finals against Dalhousie. The 21 year old from Renforth, N.B. again was a dominant player in the game which saw Dal win 1-0 in a double overtime. Joyce graduated this year in Physical Education.

Red Devils

The Red Devils have just completed a very successful and highly competitive pre season schedule. Every game showed a much improved team over last season. As an example, last year in exhibition play the Red Devils lost to the University of Maine 10-1, 11-1. This year the scores were 3-3 and a 6-5 loss in overtime.

There is little doubt that much of the improvement in the team stems from a solid defensive corps. The inspired play of returnees Rod Pike, Kevin Daley and Craig Crawford have provided the type of leadership needed by new Red Devil defensemen Claude Grenier

Dave Wright, Dave Bluteau and Mike Goodfellow. The always steady and often spectacular play of Ken MacLean in goal will give the Devils a strong defensive unit. Backup goaltenders Scott Brogan and Kevin Rockford are certainly capable of stepping in at any time to replace MacLean.

The top line for the Devils in pre season has been Sid Veysey at centre, John Kinch at right wing and Gary Agnew at left wing. They have compiled a total of 30 points in 5 exhibition games with Veysey leading the team with 5 goals and 8 assists. Several other forwards have

put in solid performances as Coach Don MacAdam has been using several different line combinations. Centers Brian Craig, Vaughn Porter and Rick Doucette have worked well with different winger combinations. Wingers Bob Toner, Gordie Burns, Dave Kent, Phil Handrahan all put in strong performances.

The Red Devils open their AUAA season this weekend at home on Saturday against Acadia. This game will be the only game played in the Lady Beaverbrook Rink. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Sunday the Devils host SMU at the Aitken Centre at 2:00 p.m.

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Coach Don MacAdam takes a break from practise with the two alternate captains Philip Handrahan(left) and Sid Veysey(right).