Tough end to 1st Year at AUAAs V-Reds split with SMU

by Murray Thorpe Brunswickan Sports

This last weekend, the women's Varsity soccer team travelled to Wolfville, Nova Scotia, for the AUAA soccer championships. Their tournament ended abruptly with a 2-1 loss to PEI.

In their first year as a Varsity team, the Reds placed fourth in the regular season to qualify for the playoffs. For the AUAA championships, the Reds were seeded fourth behind Dal and Acadia.

During the season, they met PEI twice with one win and one tie. On this day, in the quarterfinals, however, it was the Panthers' turn. The field conditions were less than ideal because of the inclement conditions. In fact, the field where the game was supposed to take place, was so swamped that the game had to be moved to an alternate field, which was noticeably smaller than the fields on which any regular season game was played. Coach Miles Pinsent suggested that, "Both the wetness and the

smallness of the field made it difficult to establish a passing game." PEI had of course the same problems, but, on this day, the ball bounced their way.

Katie Black scored the lone marker for UNB. It was a shot from far out that went in because of the rain. UNB trailed 2-1 at the half. Coach Pinsent when asked to comment on his players, said "it was one of those days." He further added that, "the girls never got their game established. They were trying hard and it was just not coming together for us."

When asked to sum up the entire season, Coach Pinsent said, "we have a lot to be proud of over the season." "I thought at times, we played some good soccer and the girls worked hard for the entire season. I also remember the last two games of the season which were losses. That kind of keeps things in per-

In addition to the good points mentioned by Coach Pinsent, the Reds had four members on the AUAA women's soccer all-star team including Miles by Maria Paisley Pinsent as coach of the year. Nina Brokopp and Bea Scholten, neither of whom will be back next year, were named to the all-star team as a defender and midfielder respectively. Leslie Hachey was named to the team as a striker. Leslie Hachey was also chosen as a 2nd team All-Canadian.

In the AUAA tournament, Dalhousie won the championship with a semifinal win over St. Francis Xavier 1-0, settled by a shoot-out and then 1-0 over Acadia in the final. Dalhousie advances to the CIAU championships at Carleton University, November 9-11.

In the off season, the team will start indoor training in about a month. Miles Pinsent is organizing an indoor league for women from the Fredericton area. This will involve four or five indoor tournaments. The fact that the Red's season 15. ended with a disappointing loss, should not obscure a good season which showed that women's Varsity soccer at UNB is alive and well.

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It was a rough start for the Varsity Reds women's volleyball team.

UNB began their regular season at home splitting a pair with a strong blocking and digging team from St. Mary's. The Reds began with a 3-2 win on Saturday downing the SMU Hukies 15-10, 9-15, 15-11, 8-15, 16-14.

Chantal Martin led the Reds with 26 kills and five stuff blocks. Gail Toner had nine kills and Rachael Gordon had eight kill and three service aces. Martin was named AUAA Player of the Match for her

The Huskies proved to be a stronger team on Sunday with their blocking and digging. SMU rebounded and downed the Reds 12-15, 12-15, 16-14, and 10-

The Reds who have been the AUAA Champs for the past two years are currently working to rebuild the team. UNB and U de M went head to head

team and had also previously claimed

Photo by Maria Paisley

on Wednesday night in the Pit.

The Reds next home game will be Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30pm as they take on the Mt. A Mounties. This will be the Reds final home game for this half of the season.



V-Reds attack on offence Photo by Judson DeLong

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However, UNB did qualify for the bronze medal round versus the University of Toronto Varsity Blues. The V-Reds snapped out of their two game slump and proceeded to endure an excellent game. As in the first match against Waterloo, Currie enacted her great defence and Harris knocked down two Toronto shots early on. But the Varsity Blues managed to strike early, scoring their first goal at the six minute mark. The early deficit did not phase UNB as they evoked the spirit that helped dominate the regular season: Currie and Coles visibly pestered the Toronto team as they seemed to be everywhere at once; Tammy Jewer and Rebecca Wright were also prominent with their all-around contributions on both

University of Toronto goalkeeper. The game see-sawed back and forth throughout the rest of the match. However, with four minutes remaining

ends of the field. UNB rallied and

promptly tied the game on a perfectly

timed shot by Wright, past a sprawling

in the game the Varsity Blues slammed the door on the V-Reds' hopes for a bronze medal. Toronto established themselves on offence, and because of the screen in front of the net the Toronto shot eluded Harris. The V-Reds' medal chances were dashed as the game ended minutes later.

However, UNB did not go home empty handed. Currie, perhaps the best defensive player of the tourney, was appointed to the All Tournament XI

First Team All-Canadian status. Tammy Jewer was also elected as an All-Canadian along with CIAU Player of the Year, an award shared with a member of the University of Toronto squad. Jewer was the epitome of the team's dedication and determination throughout the tourney. Piñatas are struck less than Jewer, as she was continuously drilled by errant passes during the four games. But she constantly bounced back to resume playing. Rogers, who erupted for five goals in a single game against the University of Prince Edward Island near the end of the season, and Jolene Bourgeois, the UNB squad's Rookie of the Year, were selected as Second Team All-Canadians. "I think that's just a tribute to them, to our team and to our

program that we could have players so highly ranked in a tournament like that," stated Bean. Krista Harris garnished no awards, however - a true shame considering her spectacular play. "She's a gamer. She knew she had a job to do when she got here and she did a great job," Bean said, praising her goalkeeper's efforts.

Sporting a 1-3 record in the CIAU tournament, UNB did not produce the results expected of them. And with a number of players graduating from the team this year, Bean should have a greater challenge on her hands to capture a medal. But with more turf practice, and the CIAU experience already accumulated by the younger players, the V-Reds should still wield a strong, competitive spirit for next year's AUAA season.

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UNB's goals were scored by Gray Zurheide, Mattias Mangberg and Tony White. Coach Brown called Zurheide's goal a classic, "a world class goal that was a cannon from 30 feet out. This impressed the people so much that during the final game when he brought the ball down within scoring range, the crowd was quiet in anticipation. However, Gray was inches wide of the net on that occasion."

The final game, on November 5, was against Dalhousie. This game was scoreless for the first 89 minutes. In the first half, UNB had scoring chances and Dal

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played defensively while in the second 45 minutes the situation was reversed. UNB played excellent defence but had troubles putting the ball up-field.

Just when people were anticipating overtime, a Dalhousie player took the ball up the length of the field from a UNB throw-in deep in the Dal end and let a shot go at Mike Green. The ball took a funny hop and banged off the UNB keeper's shins over his head into the net. Coach Brown said, "Mike said that he was not able to read the ball and if he had the situation again, he would kick the ball away." A decision of not trying to trap a funny hop off of 'turf may have been easier to make with

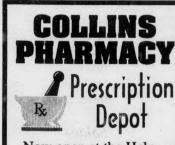
more top calibre soccer played on 'turf during the regular season. Coach year and continued through this year. all-stars. Paul Noble was league MVP and Brown's comment of Green's play was Having some players with an idea of Mike Green was named as the all-star Mike played brilliant. He is probably the best goal keeper I've seen, especially in covering crosses, ever in the AUAA."

When asked about the season, Coach Brown said, "It was a very successful season, however, it was too short to mould this team further. I was pleased with the team's development. The last couple of years have been dry with respect to getting into the playoffs. Although we are losing 5 out of 11 players including Gray Zurheide, there will be enough players with a taste of the playoffs left for next year's team. The team came on strong at the end of last what the playoffs are 'e will help us as we do it again next ear."

The off-season for the UNB men's soccer team will involve an emphasis on their academics with their own recreational fitness program as well as weight training and indoor soccer sessions. The players all join an indoor soccer team as well as a team in the senior league in the summer. Next year's training camp starts after the Atlantic soccer finals on the Labour Day weekend.

Dalhousie advances to the CIAU championships at Trois-Rivieres, November 9-

11. The AUAA just recently announced its team's keeper. With the Reds' progress over the last two years, good things can be expected for next season.



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