

UNB teams have best season ever



Fans at College Field this year were treated to an exciting football season as the Bombers knocked heads with some of the best teams in the country.

It would be unfair to say that UNB did not enjoy a good season in sports this year. Of course there were disappointments, there were upsets and there were heart-breakers. All in all however, all teams that represented UNB in competition displayed never say die attitudes and good sportsmanship.

Out of 13 varsity sports, no less than six won Atlantic University Athletic Union (AUSA) championships and went on to represent the conference at national championships. Of the remaining teams, four were runners up, and one was third place finisher.

In the fall, the Red Harriers won the cross country crown and went on to finish fourth in the nationals. Two other teams went the entire season with only one loss on their records and were beaten out in the playoffs. The soccer Red Shirts lost their first league game, won the rest of their regular season games and lost in the championship game in double overtime. The

Red Sticks field hockey team had a similar fate.

The Red Bombers finally had a good year winning five of seven games for their best record in the last six years. For once, the football teams was able to play before sold out stands with one of the best attendance records ever.

After those disappointments, the spring season was morale boosting. The gymnastics team the Saltos, won the AUSA for the umpteenth year in a row as did the Beavers men's swimming and diving team. The Bloomers recaptured the honors that evaded them last year and losing only one league game all year.

The mentally tough Black Bears captured the wrestling trophy that went to Dalhousie for the last two years in a record setting meet and the Red Rebels won the volleyball laurels after going into the tournament in fourth place.

The Acadia women's swimming and diving team edged out the Mermaids with their national

championship team but because of their depth, the Mermaids were able to qualify six of their number for the CIAU's. The women's volleyball Red's were runners up to Moncton in the AUSA but were able to attend the national meet because U de M was the host team.

At the nationals, the Bloomers, Harriers, Reds, and Rebels were fourth, the Beavers were tenth the Mermaids were sixth and the Saltos and Bears were not given a standing as none were awarded in their sports.

In hockey what everyone expected to be another dull season turned out to be surprising as they defeated nationally ranked Moncton not once but twice to force the Eagles from the top ten.

The Red Raiders didn't win many games this year but they showed the stuff of which a UNB athlete was made as they played gutsily from one end of the season to the last.



Red Bombers Football

One of the biggest surprises of the year was the performance of the football team. Right from the start, the Bombers were out to win and win they did. Head coach Jim Born held what was reputed to be

the toughest football camp in the nation and in their first game outmuscled, grunted and groaned their way past the UPEI Panthers.

The next game was an upset victory as the Bombers devastated

the SMU Huskies for their first win over that club in seven years. In their next outing, the men from Fredericton slogged past the Mounties in the first of three Mud bowls.

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The Acadia Axemen burst Bomber bubble at College field as they capitalised on an injury to star quarterback Terry Cripotos early in the first half. Undaunted, the Bombers hit the road for a pair of trips to PEI and Mt. A.

At UPEI, the Bombers trailed the Panthers by a touchdown with 20 seconds left in the game when Chris McKenna plowed his way over the line to give the Bombers the win.

The Mt. A game was UNB's all the way as the Bombers went out to an early lead and kept it that way to the final gun.

Going into the last game of the season, the squad boasted a 5-1

record and they knew that there would be no tomorrow if they

dropped the game to the St. Francis X-men. The first of the game was a see saw battle, but then the Bombers became unglued and gave up a pair of touchdowns. The Bombers fought back but in vain as they went down to the Antigonish herd.

One member of the team was selected to the all Canadian team as a wide receiver, that being Stuart Fraser. Jacques Chartrain and Phil Battaglia were also named to the all conference picks and Battaglia was fourth round draft choice for the pros.

Red Sticks Field Hockey

Joyce Slipp, who coached the Red Sticks field hockey team for the first time this year said that she was sorry that they had to have playoffs. The fact that the Sticks lost only a single game in the regular season, made the finals of the playoffs and lost in overtime precipitated the remark.

The team played their first game, against national champions Dalhousie, with an impressive lineup of rookies and vets. Standouts Janet Miller Heather Howe, Pam Wiggins and Lois Scott were only some of the arsenal that met the Tigerettes. The eventual outcome and an upset victory for the Sticks.

The next game was against St. FX and the Sticks came out on the short end of a 1-0 score.

Undaunted, the Sticks went on to win all of their games prior to the league playoffs which proved to be such a disappointment.

The team will sadly miss some of the veterans on this year's team especially Janet Miller and Heather Howe, who were selected to the all conference team.

Unlike our other varsity teams, the Red Shirts spent little of their conference games 'warming up'. After their initial loss to Dalhousie (1-0) the squad won their next eight games in a row.

Having a hold of the first place position gave the team the honour of hosting the AUSA's. Dalhousie once again proved to be UNB's big opposition. With the finals remaining scoreless throughout, the two teams chose five players each to take penalty shots. Dalhousie came out on top with three of four shots counting, while UNB put in two of their shots. With the AUSA's sewn up, the Dalhousie team went on to take the CIAU title.



Red Shirts Soccer

The Red Shirts performance was not easy, according to player George Wood. After winning the Athlete-of-the-Year award, Wood said he was looking forward to "win the conference next year." The team is bringing in some new blood, which should go over well with the enthusiastic fans who broke attendance records this year.

Jim 'Golden Greek' Kakaletis was invited to try out for the Canadian Olympic team this year, an honour well-deserved for the enthusiastic star. Kakaletis had an offer to play pro soccer in Greece, but felt compelled to

finish his education. Unfortunately Kakaletis is finished his four-years at UNB, but with an outstanding performance put forth this year, everyone is confident about next year's team.

One of UNB's strongest teams, and yet one that received the least publicity, is the Red Harriers cross-country team. The squad travelled to Halifax to gain the AUSA title, and took fourth place at the CIAU's in Kingston, Ont.

The team entered the Eighth Annual Bates Invitational meet held in Lewiston, Maine. UNB held a loose fourth place in that meet, their first of the season.

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