

UNB Soccer Team Going for Gold

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This weekend sees the UNB soccer team going for gold in Toronto. For those of you who don't know; the Red Shirts are the only UNB team to have previously won a CIAU national championship. On Friday and Saturday the Red Shirts will be trying to make that two national championships.

Those who remember the 1980 winning team suggest that this team is more talented, more fit and just as determined as its predecessor. In fact the 1986 version of the Red Shirts has a lot going for it. For starters it has one of the best, if not the best coach in the business in Gary Brown who always manages to stay one step ahead of the players. For example on the morning of the final game in Antigonish last Saturday, and the day after a hard battle against St. F.X. the players were asked to rise for a light run at 7:30am! However, by the time the game started at



Coach Brown and His Men

Photo by Jamie Aitken

10:30am the team was well and truly awake and ready to play.

For the Red Shirts defence

their motto could be "if all else fails, don't worry, there's always George Lucas". During the final series Lucas made a string of excellent saves to keep the Red Shirts in the game. To cap things off he also managed to save three of three penalties to earn himself UNB, AUAA and CIAU athlete of the week award.

The defence itself is not in bad shape. They conceded only 5 goals in regular season play and haven't let one in, in the past 6 games. An excellent record considering the loss through injury of CIAU 2nd team defensive allstar Andy Wilson after only two games. Now Steve Harris and Peter Hilder command the center of defence. Hilder, known as Hooter, didn't enjoy his baptism in the vacated sweeper's

role. "It's too easy" he claimed, "I hardly got a touch". However, having played against the likes of UPEI and St. F.X. Hooter's attitude changed somewhat.

Defensively a team relies on its midfield as well. The right hand side of the pitch has been ably served by rookies Jamie Pollock and Ross Knodell along with second year player Alex Scholten. Pollock was a recent UNB athlete of the week and has continued to improve but probably the most improved player on the team is Knodell who has added consistency and confidence to his skill and athleticism. He was the first volunteer to take a penalty shot for the Red Shirts in the AUAA decider.

The Red Shirts haven't scored a lot of goals this year

by they have always been dangerous and have enormous potential. The understanding between offensive players has steadily improved throughout the season and as each game goes by the Red Shirts create more chances. The work of Fredericton rookie John Austin has done much to help out his partner Dave Foley who again leads the team scoring this year with 9 so far; Austin has three. Chris Hornibrook has given the team balance on the left side and he would love to emulate the success of his brother Dwight who was prominent in the team of 1980.

Two further reasons for the Red Shirts' success this year have been Stewart Galloway and Pat Sweeny. Their styles of play are largely complementary. Sweeny is the forceful tackler, the hardman of the midfield whereas Galloway provides the poise and finesse. Both are excellent headers of the ball.

One of the unsung heroes of the team is left back Richard Kelleher. After joining the squad to gain experience Kelleher has made the position his own.

When the talking stops and the playing starts it will all be up to the players. Here are some of their views on the championship weekend. George Lucas "Winning the AUAA's was excellent, anything else will be a bonus". Steve Harris "It's not every day you win through to this position now all we can do is give it all we've got and see what happens".

Gary Brown "Championship games are a battle, you've got to go out there and run for 90 minutes. If you relax you'll be beaten".



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK
(for the week ending Nov. 9)

Chris Pinsent and Alison Kent are the University of New Brunswick's Athletes of the Week.

Chris Pinsent, a 22 year-old Fredericton native, was UNB's top finisher at the CIAU cross country championships held last weekend at the University of Western Ontario in London.

He was 30th among the nation's top 60 runners covering the 3,000 meter course in a time of 34:46.6.

The Red Bloomers' Alison Kent is this week's female athlete of the week. She scored a total of 56 points and nabbed 17 rebounds during a weekend tourney at Guelph University.

The 21 year-old East Riverside native was impressive in UNB's two victories over Saskatchewan and Guelph. The Bloomers were defeated by Toronto and Brock in their other two games.

Alison is a 4th year Bachelor of Education student at UNB.

Bloomers play intensely

After a series of tune-ups with teams from Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan, coach Claire Mitton says her Red Bloomer's Basketball team is in gear and ready to go onto the regular season.

Last weekend the Bloomers travelled to Ontario for an exhibition game with Guelph and a tourney at the University of Toronto with Brock and Saskatchewan.

UNB netted 61 points to Guelph's 56 to win their first game. Bonnie McKenzie was impressive with 22 points as were Alison Kent with 16 and Pauline Lordon with 12.

The Bloomers then went into the U of T tournament facing Saskatchewan in their first game. With impressive defensive efforts, UNB defeated the Prairie team 60-49. again Kent and McKenzie were top scorers

with 18 and 14, respectively.

In their second game, against Toronto, the Bloomers could not come back from a 31-20 U of T lead at the half and were taken 64-56. Jane Williams was the team's point leader with 20 followed by Alison Kent with 17.

Again in the bronze medal game UNB had trouble in the

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