

Hockey

The defence rests for the V-Reds

by Neil Duxbury
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The Varsity Red hockey team let in 10 first period goals as their pre-season record dropped to 0-2 with losses against UQTR and UdeM.

Rookie Jeff Andrews got the V-Reds off to a fast start Saturday afternoon, scoring after just 1:58 against the visiting Patriotes from the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières. Straight from the face-off Patrick Genest levelled the score for the Patriotes, and they never looked back. UQTR's speedy wingers exposed the UNB defence's weaknesses on several occasions and by the end of the period the V-Reds were trailing 6-1.

Despite valiant efforts throughout the second period, the V-Reds were only able to get one goal back when Toby Burkitt's pass found newcomer Damien Bloye behind the Patriotes' defence. Bloye was unchallenged on his way to goal and calmly found the corner of the net.

The start of the third saw Newcastle's Gary Ryder take Frank LeBlanc's place in UNB's net. Ryder was given a warm welcome to university hockey by the Patriotes' offence, who placed five of nine shots into his net for a final score of 11-2.

Monday night's encounter with last year's National Champions, the UdeM Eagles Bleu, gave UNB coach Danny Grant a chance to see the remainder of his roster, with both Naylor brothers suiting up, along with Scott Muscutt and Lesley Reddon. Again the game started poorly for UNB. In the first 10:28 four goals found their way past LeBlanc, while only Trevor Boland made his mark on UNB's score sheet. Reddon took over between the pipes for the remainder of the first period, turning away all seven of the shots she faced, while Andrews' goal took one off the deficit.

LeBlanc returned to his post at the top of the second as UdeM attempted to increase their lead. Through the second the teams traded scores, with Andrews getting his third of the weekend and Luke Naylor his first (and probably only) goal of the season.

UdeM looked to have the game put away when they stretched their lead to four at the top of the third. However, the V-Reds persevered and were rewarded with goals from Billy Wright, Chris Nadeau and Dax MacLean, to bring them within one of UdeM. However, they were unable to get the tying

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her two races this season. Phillips also acquired a personal best at the UdeM Open and was rewarded by being named UNB's Female Athlete of the Week.

The remainder of the women constitute a formidable force. Melanie Spinney and Beverly White contributed greatly to the team's overall point total. Meghan Roushorne started the season as a great prospect, finishing second at the Presque Isle meet; however, she slipped to 11th in Moncton this past weekend.

Again, the unimportance of the regular season must be stressed. Still, despite the men's efforts, they seem unlikely to defeat Dal or MUN at the AUAA Championships. If the women produce what they appear to be capable of, Coach Randall could still have his CIAU dreams come true.



This was not the first, nor the last, time that goalie Frank LeBlanc looked behind himself last weekend.

photo by Maria Paisley

goal and the Eagles Bleu finished them off with a goal in the last minute.

Coach Grant commented on his first week with the 95-96 team. "We started off with 39 players and now we're down to what the team is. I'm quite pleased, even if you look at the first game. It wasn't very successful but we played much better in Moncton [Shediac] yesterday, [Monday] but still lost 9-7. I saw some good things. I think we improved 40-50% on the first game."

Grant also commented on the difficulties which the more rigid enforcement of the rules had brought on. "It is very difficult to get an indication of what is going on team wise. It's very hard to even get a line on the ice as you're either killing penalties or on the power play." In the Moncton game, 122 minutes of penalties were called, including 40 of the 'neutral zone fouls' of hooking and interference.

Looking towards this weekend's

games Grant spoke of UCCB. "Certainly they're not one of your top teams ... but we have to be ready to play." He also saw some similarities when looking towards Antigonish. "[St.FX are] a lot like us. They're going to have to rebuild around their losses like we had to around [Todd] Sparks and [Derek] Cormier." It was recently discovered that the V-Reds can add the skilled Naylor brothers (Luke and Ted) to the list of players they must replace, as both players have decided to sit out a year in order to gain eligibility at another university.

Both St.FX and UCCB played in the Father Kehoe tournament last week. St.FX beat both UCCB and STU to lift the title while the Capers beat SMU in the consolation final. The Capers enter the Aitken University Centre at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night for the V-Reds' first AUAA encounter, while the St.FX match-up is Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Top seven career At Bats in MLB		Top six single season Runs in MLB	
1. Pete Rose	14053	1. Billy Hamilton, 1894	192
2. Hank Aaron	12364	2. Tom Brown, 1891	177
3. Carl Yastrzemski	11988	2. Babe Ruth, 1921	177
4. Ty Cobb	11434	4. Tip O'Neill, 1887	167
5. Stan Musial	10972	4. Lou Gehrig, 1936	167
6. Willie Mays	10881	6. Billy Hamilton, 1895	166
7. Brooks Robinson	10654		

Men's Soccer

Gurung a standout

by Peter J. Cullen
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As he dismounted from his bicycle outside of the soccer field, Kamal Gurung appeared very ... well ... short. Short for a soccer player, that is. But neither Gurung's height nor his chronic back ailments restrain him from competing on the UNB Varsity Reds soccer team. Nor did they hinder him from becoming last week's Athlete of the Week.

Originally from Nepal, but raised in Singapore, Gurung is currently a long way from home. But one large factor exists for the transition to Fredericton, and that is economics. "The main reason I'm coming to UNB is because of the fees," Gurung said. "For international students it was the second cheapest university in Canada, next to Memorial." In fact, the move to this province was totally a blind leap. "I didn't know anything about UNB when I came here. Nothing about New Brunswick, actually."

Currently in his third season on the team, the 24-year old Business student has certainly found a home here with his soccer ability. As a result of soccer's immense popularity in Nepal and Singapore, Gurung can boast several years of rigorous conditioning. "I've been playing it all my life. From where I come from, it's the thing to do. Everybody plays soccer. It's like the national sport ... [but] it's really not. Everybody treats it that way, though," he said.

When asked about his field position for the V-Reds, Gurung chuckled, saying, "Well, that's funny because I've played everywhere. Except for goalie, being so short and everything." His di-

versity and experience result from the many years he spent with teams in his homelands. "Everywhere I've been I've played soccer for clubs, teams, organized leagues and whatnot. In Singapore, I was with the Division 1 league team. It is sort of like a semi-professional league and I came up through the youth program that they had there," he commented nonchalantly, seemingly playing down the amount of skill required to compete at that level. "And when I went back to Nepal, I played for the Royal Nepalese Army team. Then I decided to come to Canada, and, well, you know the rest," he said, smiling.

Holding his bike while speaking, and sporting a UNB Soccer jacket, short black hair and an earring, Gurung's height remains the most noticeable

physical feature of his appearance. Soccer stands as a sport consisting of predominantly tall athletes, so Gurung's size, although only moderately shorter than his team-mates, is sort of an oddity. In fact, Gurung brought up the matter himself during the interview. "I've never re-



Kamal Gurung
photo by Kent Rainville

ally seen myself as having a disadvantage just because of how I'm built, and how tall or how small I am," he explained. "Soccer is played on the ground so you don't really need a huge size. You just need to know how to adapt to the situation."

Gurung indeed knows how to adapt to situations. After playing positions such as offence and midfield, he now prefers to play defence with the team due to his health. "I have a chronic back

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