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Sports Wire

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Charla Currie, Field Hockey

UNB's female athlete of the week is Charla Currie from the Varsity Reds field hockey team. The UNB co-captain from Summerside, PEI, was named to the CIAU All Canadian 1st team and the CIAU All Tournament XI team. Charla scored the winning goal in UNB's win against Waterloo to advance to the semi-finals. "Charla had an outstanding tournament. She firmly established herself as one of the premier players in the CIAU," stated coach Stacey Bean. UNB finished in fourth position in the six team tournament.

Jeff Andrews, Hockey

UNB's male athlete of the week is Jeff Andrews of the Varsity Reds hockey team. Jeff is from Oshawa, Ontario and is a first year BBA student. This past weekend UNB was defeated by Dal 6-3 and beat Acadia 5-4. Jeff scored a goal against Dalhousie and went on to score two goals and an assist in their win over Acadia on Sunday.

RESULTS

Field Hockey - CIAU

- UNB-1, Waterloo-0
- UBC-3, UNB-0
- UVic-6, UNB-0
- UofT-2, UNB-1

Men's Soccer - AUSA

- UNB-3, SMU-2 (semi-final)
- Dal-1, UNB-0 (final)

Women's Soccer - AUSA

- PEI-2, UNB-1 (quarter-final)

Women's Cross Country - AUSA

- Dal-29
- UNB-53
- StFX-73
- UdeM-88

Men's Cross Country - AUSA

- Dal-37
- MUN-40
- UNB-68
- UdeM-86

Hockey

- Dal-6, UNB-3
- UNB-5, Acadia-4

Women's Volleyball

- UNB-3, SMU-2
- SMU-3, UNB-1

FIXTURES

Men's Basketball

- November 10 @ UNB Invitational - Aitken Centre
- November 11 @ UNB Invitational - Aitken Centre
- November 12 @ UNB Invitational - Aitken Centre

Women's Basketball

- November 10 @ DAL Tourney
- November 11 @ DAL Tourney

Women's Volleyball

- November 15 @ Main Gym (7:30 p.m.) vs. MTA

Hockey

- November 15 @ Aitken Centre (7:30 p.m.) vs. STU

Field Hockey

V-Reds finish 4th in Canada

Five players named to All-Canadian teams

by Peter J. Cullen
Brunswickan Sports

After attending the CIAU tournament in Toronto this past weekend and competing against the best teams Canada has to offer, the Varsity Reds field hockey team returned home bereft of medals. But despite the disappointing end to such an excellent year, UNB still boasts extraordinary individual accomplishments, a flawless regular season record and an amazing spirit that exists both on and off the field.

As the league leaders in the AUSA, the V-Reds were seeded fourth in the national championships. With one victory and three losses, the women hit that designated mark in the six team tourney hosted in Toronto's frigid Lamport Stadium. "When it comes to CIs the team that gets the break is the team who wins the game. We had a tough time getting a break," stated Coach Stacey Bean. "It started when Kim Richard went down with a knee injury... The knee damage was more serious than had been suspected so she couldn't play at all. She's one of our top three players right there." Bean also pointed out that UNB's mistakes over the weekend were more profound with the elevated competition at the national level: "We have three, four, maybe five lapses throughout the game... and in this type of tournament [if] you have those types of lapses, they'll cost you." In addition, it was obvious the V-Reds were not entirely comfortable on Lamport's artificial turf.

In their first match of the tourney, UNB conquered the University of Waterloo Athenas 1-0. Throughout much of the first half Waterloo seemed to control the game tempo as the majority of the first 35 minutes were played out in UNB's defensive zone. However, the Athenas were denied any points because of the formidable net presence of goalkeeper Krista Harris, and the defensive determination of Charla Currie. Harris stood stoic during the flurry of offensive attacks by Waterloo, while Currie



Despite their efforts, UNB ultimately lost their bid for the bronze.

Photo by Judson DeLong

demonstrated through her aggressive play why she is possibly the best defensive player among university athletes.

UNB dominated the second half with much stronger offensive vitality. Shonaugh Coles continuously established herself on offence, and assisted in providing several scoring opportunities. Stacey Goguen's defensive prowess also factored greatly as she stripped the ball from the opposition a number of times throughout the tournament. But UNB's top two goal scorers teamed up to score at the 17 minute mark. Capitalizing on one of the squad's few penalty corners, Dianne Rogers set the ball for Currie, who in turn blasted a shot towards the Waterloo goalkeeper. The echo from the ball pounding the back of the net resounded throughout the stadium. The Athenas remained persistent for the rest of the contest, constantly challenging Harris' skill. In the last minute of play Waterloo stormed into UNB territory and directed a close shot towards the V-Reds net, only to be kicked away defiantly off Harris' right pad to preserve the win.

But UNB encountered something in the following two games that they had never

experienced throughout their dream season: losing. The University of Victoria, last year's champions, and the University of British Columbia repeatedly denied UNB from storming the offensive zone. Both teams' short, crisp passes and their ability to shut down UNB's clearing attempts resulted in shutout victories for the British Columbian teams. Perhaps the largest factor in UNB's defeats was the playing field surface. The other conferences play their regular season games on artificial turf, the same terrain that exists within Lamport Stadium. Throughout the 3-0 loss to UBC and the 6-0 drubbing against UVic, it was apparent that the V-Reds had difficulty accustoming themselves to the playing surface. The ball often hopped over their sticks and rolled out of bounds. The penalty corner passes also posed a problem as several attempts were thwarted by the bouncing ball. Bean denoted the lack of turf practice as rather significant: "Our girls played really well. They just need more turf time, and that's all it comes down to... It's a concern of mine, certainly. I just have to think of a way that we can get more turf time [next year]. But we played as well as we could have under the circumstances."

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Men's Soccer

Soccer Reds robbed of crown

by Murray Thorpe
Brunswickan Sports

The Men's AUSA soccer championships were held this past weekend at Dalhousie. The Varsity Reds beat SMU (the one in Halifax not Dallas) in the first game 3-2 and then played to a 1-0 loss to Dalhousie in the final. When asked about the weekend, Coach Gary Brown said, "we were all healthy and you have to play like champions to win."

The games were played on Edel grass, an artificial akin to AstroTurf. Only Dalhousie and St. Marys have such pitches. The advantages of artificial turf is that it drains well, the bounces are predictable and the ball runs true. This results in a faster game and favours those teams with the finesse players. The drawbacks are that "through balls" get away and are harder to track down by the player on the receiving end of the pass and tackling is

harder. Rugs burns and sore hips may result from sliding on the turf.

The first game, on November 4, against St. Mary's was a see-saw affair that went back and forth with UNB eventually taking over. Coach Brown figured, "SMU thought they had it won when they went up 2-1 in the second half." But UNB fought back and their efforts resulted in the win.

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