

# SPORTS

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## Red Sticks extend streak

by Julie Frits

The UNB Red Sticks put out a strong effort this past weekend to bring St. Mary's to their knees, thereby clinching top spot in the league for the season. The Huskies, ranked second in the league going into the weekend, were the only team UNB had yet to face. Although they weren't certain of what to expect on Saturday, UNB fought hard and managed to pull off a well deserved win. Obviously nothing can get the Red sticks down.

Saturday's game was a close one, with both teams playing well defensively. Most of the play was battled out in midfield and the UNB offense didn't have many chances to break in and score. However, the Red Sticks kept the pressure on and eventually the Huskies grew tired and allowed Josette Babineau to get one past them. One was all it took. St. Mary's couldn't get it back, and

Sheila Bell recorded yet another shut out.

On Sunday, the Red Sticks changed their tactics somewhat. Joan Robere who had been very tightly marked on Saturday, was brought out into midfield so that she could get in on the play. The team also used more short passes and played closer together than before. This enabled them to move the ball around the tight defense of the opposition and, with some great offensive plays, keep the ball in the Huskies zone.

Red Stick's coach, Donna Hornibrook was really pleased with the way things came together on Sunday. "It was our best defense all season". She said, "It was our best effort all year!" Hornibrook also added that she thought Robere did an excellent job of bringing the ball forward into the play. Babineau, Darlin Walsh and Tanya Wahlen each had singles to give UNB a 3-0 win.

Although the Red sticks are

doing great so far this season, they still have a long way to go.

This weekend, the team travels to Moncton on Saturday and then to Halifax for a Sunday afternoon game against SMU. UNB's last game against the U de M Blue Angles took place on Thursday, October 5, when the Red Sticks had two goals from Babineau and one from team captain, Nancy Peppler to give the team a 3-1 win.

In Halifax, where the AUAA's will be held, the Red sticks will play for their first time this year on the SMU turf. However, many of the girls have played there in previous years and coach Hornibrook is actually hoping to use the SMU field to her own advantage. "You don't have all the bumps and crevices," she says, "It takes all the guesswork out of the game."

If UNB can continue to play as they have all season with

lots of intensity and skill, there is no doubt that they will do well against any opponent they face.



Josette Babineau showed no mercy for opposition

## Do or die for Red Shirts

By Sean Dockrill

UNB Red Shirts left for Mount Allison and then went to UPEI last weekend in search of a clean sweep. Instead, they found themselves swept off the turf, both at Mount A. and at UPEI.

The Shirts started Saturday's game in slow fashion against the Mounties. Early in the first half they allowed No. 9, Scott Saywell to slide through their defense not once, but twice in the first 20 minutes of the game. This allowed the Mount A. squad to lay back in a defensive shell for the rest of the game. This, however, did not stop UNB from having their scoring chances. It is the

same old story repeating itself over and over again. As Ross "Spiderman" Knodell puts it, "Again-we couldn't capitalize; we had the chance but it just wasn't there." The "it" that Knodell was trying to describe is that finishing touch that just seems to elude the Shirts.

Knodell, who is now ranked among the top four goal scorers in the AUAA league with 6 goals, still could not pump any goals in the net. Mount Allison ended up winning the match 2-0 in a game that left both the visiting UNB Varsity Mania fans and the players alike frustrated.

The game in UPEI echoed the one in Sackville. UNB

tried to play the game of catchup, but it just didn't work. UPEI slipped the first goal past the Red Shirt goaltender, Trevor Shaw. Then, the Panthers misfooted a pass and UNB's webbed wonder, Ross Knodell tied up the score.

However, the Red Shirts just couldn't come back. They had scoring chances but they still couldn't capitalize. Hopes for victory ended when UPEI sniped in corner kick. UPEI won the match 2-1.

Shirts Rally Back!

The Shirts are trying to maintain their second place standing in order to stay in the playoff race. In order to do so

they must win every game left. They started to accomplish this in Wednesday's game against Moncton. The Shirts rallied back from their two-loss slump over the weekend by defeating Moncton 2-0. At first it appeared that the no-score syndrome would repeat itself again. The redundant scenario didn't break itself until 15 minutes into the second half, when Ross Knodell pelted in a

penalty shot. Dave Brown finished the scoring off by slipping the ball through the massed Moncton defenders about 10 yards from the goal line.

The Shirts renew action next weekend in a do-or-die effort against the No. 1 ranked Acadia team in the Eastern Conference on Saturday at 3 pm. Then they travel to Dalhousie, where play resumes at 1 pm.

### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

UNB's male athlete of the week is once again Rorri Currie of the Red Harriers. Rorri continued his domination of the AUAA Cross Country circuit with his 4th consecutive victory in as many races.

Rorri, a senior National Team member, captured his fourth win as he placed the Red Harriers to a second place team finish on Saturday at the AUAA meet hosted by University of Moncton. Rorri covered the difficult 10 km course in a time of 33 min. 10 seconds, over 2 minutes ahead of his nearest competitor.

Coach Hull was very impressed, "as Rorri continues to display an exceptional consistency in his racing" and hinted that, "the Red Harriers are going to need performances like Rorri's as they attempt to defend their AUAA title on October 26".

Rorri is a 19 year old, transfer science student from UNB Saint John.

Josette Babineau of the Red Sticks is UNB's female Athlete-of-the-Week. Josette scored the winning goals in both UNB wins over Saint Mary's. Josette is one of the top goal scorers on the Red Sticks and put forth her best effort of the season as the team continued their winning ways, standing undefeated on top of the AUAA standings.

Josette, is a former AUAA all star and was a member of the 1989 Jr. World Cup team. Josette as Coach Hornibrook put it, "did a great job of distributing the ball as she controlled the game from her mid-field position," and added, "Josette is one of the most intelligent players she has ever coached."

Josette is a 19 year old, Moncton native.



Photo by Sean Dockrill

Red Shirts look tough against MT.A