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V-Reds face 10:30 wake-up call

Sports Editor

Not surprisingly, the UNB Varsity Reds have jaunted through the AUAA season with a perfect record. Perhaps the biggest surprise is that they allowed four whole goals against during their games, or maybe it was that they were actually trailing at the half in one of their games. in a season where they have systematically dismantled both SMU and UPEI en route to their undefeated season

The latest victim of this dominance was the St. Mary's Huskies last weekend, who dropped two games by a pair of 3-0 scores. Goal scorers on the weekend were Rebecca Wright, Jody LeBlanc, Shonaugh Coles, Charla Currie, and Jolene Bourgeois with two. Currie's goal ties her with teammate Dianne Rogers for the league scoring lead with seven goals on the season.

These were UNB's first two games on artificial turf since the regular season began, although they have been having weekly practices in the West Gym in order to simulate turf conditions. As a result, it did take the V-Reds some time to adjust to the unfamiliar surface. "They were just getting used to the speed and whatnot, but they outplayed St. Mary's for the most part," commented coach Stacey Bean.

For the second game of the weekend, the V-Reds were forced to add a torrential downpour to the list of conditions which they had to face. Nevertheless, their play did not suffer. "You could see it was a visible improvement from the first day to the second," explained Bean. "I mean, the first they

didn't even play that bad. They played well the first day, so they played extremely well the second."

This weekend UNB will be serving as host for the AUAA field hockey championships. The semi-final will be between UPEI and SMU at 3:00 p.m. at Chapman Field. UNB will meet the winner of this contest 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, also at Chapman Field. Although UNB These are small concessions, however, are prohibitive favourites to repeat—yet again-as AUAA champion, Bean is trying to keep her charges focussed on the task on hand. "I hope we've built up our confidence over the season," she said, "but we still have a game to play. They don't just hand whichever team the plane tickets to go to CIs [CIAU championships in Toronto]; you have to play the game and win it first."

> The V-Reds have just one injury at present, that being Kim Richard. Richard suffered a knee injury against SMU last weekend, and is doubtful for the AUAA finals tomorrow. Stacey Bean is hopeful that Richard will be ready to play at the CIAUs.

The only realistic danger that the V-Reds have to face is the possibility that field conditions will deteriorate to the point that either UPEI or SMU will be able to overcome the talent imbalance they face. Chapman Field will be rolled this weekend to help it recover from the soccer games held there in the rain last weekend. However, if it rains on the weekend then the field will get sloppy and the V-Reds will not be the hugely overwhelming favourites they are at present. Overwhelming favourites, yes; but hugely overwhelming favourites, no. "I think there's sun in the forecast," hoped Coach Bean on Tuesday afterWomen's Soccer

eds suffer first loss

Brunswickan Sports

This past weekend the Memorial University of Newfoundland Sea-Hawks women's varsity soccer team were in town to play the Varsity Reds at Chapman Field. On Saturday the conditions were ideal for playing soccer, with no precipitation at all. UNB capitalised on most of their scoring chances for a 4-1 win.

The first half saw the ball go off the cross bar at both ends a total of three times. MUN seemed to have the majority of the scoring chances but did not have the finishing ability that UNB so clearly showed on this day. In the 31st minute Leslie Hachey stung MUN for the first marker with a left-footed strike into the corner of the net. The score was 1-0 at

At the start of the second half UNB wasted little time in increasing their lead, as Leslie Hachey once again used her left foot to put the ball past the MUN keeper a second time.

Shortly afterwards MUN was given a penalty kick as the V-Reds brought down a Memorial player inside the 17 yard line. The MUN player took advantage of the spot kick and buried the ball behind a sprawling Karlene Bishop. This would be the closest the Sea-Hawks would get.

At the 19 minute mark Bea Scholten headed in a lovely crossfrom Leslie Hachey. Leslie Hachey then completed her hat trick by heading a cross from Tammy Mallais into the bottom corner of the net. Fifteen minutes later UNB had another scoring opportunity, but this time it was not converted, as Paula Morley just pushed it wide of the MUN net. As in the first half, MUN had more scoring chances than



THE V-Reds ran away with a 4-1 win, but MUN won the second contest 1-0.

UNB, but the V-Reds showed some excellent finishing.

UNB had one yellow card during the game and lost no players due to injury. Nina Brokopp was dazed by a blow to the head at the 34 minute mark of the second half, but continued to play.

The second half of the double header took place on Sunday. Even though the Memorial players were many miles from home, the drizzle, clouds, and rain must have made them think they were back on the Rock. On this day they were to beat UNB by a score of 1-0 to even up the weekend series at a win a piece.

Memorial scored their only goal—the only one they needed—at the six minute mark of the first half. UNB's defence was beaten and keeper Karlene Bishop could do nothing to stop the ball clearly labelled for the back of the net. MUN had more than half of the scoring chances, as they had had in their loss of the day before. However, the goal post was the closest UNB came to scoring on this day when

photo by Maria Paisley Leslie Hachey pounded a ball off of the metal woodwork.

UNB's defence appeared weak at times but the play of both Karlene Bishop and Nina Brokopp kept MUN to only one goal. Both Leslie Hachey and Tammy Mallais had good chances but the ball was not going in for them. MUN preserved their win by playing defensive soccer, handing UNB their first loss of the season and of their brief history as a varsity team.

When Coach Miles Pinsent was asked about the games, he said, "I don't think the players showed up with the same kind of attitude and it reflected in their play." The players did not play to their level as the day before. Leslie Hachey was shadowed in both games by a Memorial player. However, Pinsent did not feel that Leslie's 'shadow' or the rain were factors in their loss. The V-Reds go directly from this loss to their toughest weekend of the season. They will face Dalhousie and Acadia at Chapman Field for a pair of four point



