

Two defeats for Red Shirts

The spirit was willing but the connection was weak. Or something like that. Two sunny, cold fall days spelled two defeats for the Red Shirts. Saturday, Dalhousie blanked the Red Shirts 1-0, and on Sunday St. Francis Xavier edged the Red Shirts 3-2. It seems that UNB is having an early season slump in spite of their previous good showing.

UNB got off on the wrong foot on Saturday by having to change their white jerseys to red so as not to blend in with Dal. Not that there was any question of who was who since Dal controlled the action most of the way through. The ball was in the air too often during the first half, a mistake since the Dal players were taller for the most part and had the advantage in heading it. The lone goal came in this half when No. 13, Chris Coleman shot from the 18-yard line and the ball sped past the goal keeper inside the right post. Several other attempts by Dal challenged the abilities of Red Shirts goal keeper Winston Ayeni who managed to prevent them from scoring.

Despite a lacklustre performance in the first half, the same team was fielded in the second half. This time there was better ground control of the ball, and UNB started pressing. Dwight Hornbrook took the ball down the

wing from the 15-yard line, passed to Cletus Ntsike, who conveyed it to Dania Ebenezer - it actually went in the net and was called a goal, but was subsequently called offside since three men were in an offside position. Unfortunately, this was the closest UNB got to scoring, in spite of numerous attempts on the net.

A late substitution saw Pierre El-Khoury in for George Wood and Bill Buggie for David Stringer, but the Red Shirts needed to get past the strong defense of their opponents who were marking them very tightly. Dania and Cletus came close on several occasions, but were unsuccessful. Perhaps UNB had underestimated Dal's strength. In any case, it was a clean game, but not an exciting one for spectators.

Sunday held more optimistic hopes; the Red Shirts were in more of the action against St. Francis Xavier, but failed to turn their luck around. An early goal scored by Dania Ebenezer, assisted by Eddy Hansen got things rolling for UNB and this in spite of the fact that they were playing against the wind. Hansen provided a strong defense throughout the game. However, St. Francis came back with a marker, lobbing the ball with the wind past the Red Shirts goal keeper out of position. At this



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point the score was a good reflection of two evenly matched teams.

The second half got underway with a 1-1 tie, followed soon after by another goal for the opponents. UNB came right back with a rush-in from the kick-off and a goal from Dwight Hornbrook.

However, another score from St. Francis Xavier was not matched by UNB, who were not using the wind to advantage, and missing star halfback, Pierre El-Khoury, who had earlier left the team, the second capable player to have done so this year.

Hopefully this is not an indication of the rest of the season, or that UNB is going downhill after having been on top. Maybe stronger direction from the bench will show up in more team spirit and determination from the players, and get them to live up to their potential.

UNB ends second in cross-country meet

The UNB Red Harriers cross-country team was in Presque-Isle, Maine last weekend for their second meet of the year. Five teams from Maine along with UNB competed in the 10,000 m (6 1/4 mile) cross-country race. Although UNB won this meet last year, a greatly improved team from Orono, Maine proved too strong for the Red Harriers, as they swept to a first place team finish with 19 points. They captured the first 3 places along with 6th and 7th.

UNB finished 2nd amongst the 6 teams with their total of 67 points. U of Maine in Presque Isle was third with 137 points. The top finisher for UNB was once again Doug Haines who finished in 5th place with a time of 31 minutes 55 seconds. Haines won this race last year (not Peter Richardson as reported in last week's Bruns. Richardson finished 2nd to Haines

last year).

Finishing 2nd for UNB in this year's race was Joe Lehmann who placed 8th overall with a time of 32:13. The 3rd UNB finisher was Jacques Jean placing 11th overall with his clocking of 32:43. Ralph Freeze was the 4th counter for UNB, finishing 18th in the race with a time of 33:35 while Martin Brannon, the final counter for UNB crossed the line in 34:48 to place 25th overall.

Looking good in 32nd place was UNB's Nancy Freeze the only girl entered in this year's race. Freeze was the winner of the women's section of this race last year and appears to have scared off the opposition for this year. Freeze finished ahead of nearly half the men in this year's race (58-60 were entered) crossing the line with a time of 36:44 which works out to a sub 6 minute mile

pace! This calibre of running places Freeze amongst the very best female distance runners in Eastern Canada.

Finishing behind Freeze in 33rd spot was UNB's John McCarthy with a time of 36:52. These top 7 UNB runners will be representing

UNB in a very big meet being held in Plymouth, New Hampshire, tomorrow, Oct. 7th.

Finishing 8th for UNB was John Hilder who placed 37th with a time of 38:11 while Gerald Skillen, the final UNB runner,

placed 52nd with a time of 42:07. Out with an injury was Peter Richardson who hopes to begin competing as soon as possible. The team travels to Plymouth today along with coach Mel Keeling.

Good luck Redsticks

By C. JOYCE LEONARD

The UNB REDSTICKS hosted two games last weekend finding victory in both. The field hockey team now holds a record of five wins and one loss. So far the season has been quite rewarding for this talented young team.

On Saturday the UNB redstick defeated Dalhousie University 3-2. The game was exciting as it went into overtime periods. The redsticks got off to a slow start only to have Dal get a goal in the first few minutes of play. Not to be discouraged Laurie Lambert, a quick freshette halfback from Quebec, came back with a nice goal from the top of the circle. Later in the game Lambert scored her second goal to tie Dal, 2-2. In the overtime period Carolyn Gammon put the ball in the net to produce the final and winning goal of the game. Marleigh Moran, goalie, was kept on her toes to

help UNB maintain their lead. It is quite possible the redsticks may see Dalhousie in the final play-offs.

Sunday afternoon the redsticks demonstrated their skills in front of twelve New Brunswick high school field hockey teams. These young athletes were impressed with the fine play between St. Francis Xavier and UNB. The outcome of this game was UNB 2 St. F.X. 0.

Carolyn Gammon scored the first goal off a perfect handstop from a penalty corner. Beth McSorley added the second with a quick shot during a battle in front of the St. F.X. goal mouth. Marleigh Moran posted the shut out for UNB.

This Wednesday UNB will host Mount Allison University at 4:00 on Chapman field, Mt. A. is out for revenge after UNB's victory over them earlier in the season.

There won't be any turkey for the redsticks this Thanksgiving as the team is travelling to Newfoundland to compete in two games against Memorial University. Good luck redsticks!

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MALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

JOE LEHMANN

This past weekend Joe finished 8th in a field of 60 at the Univ. of Maine (Orono) Cross Country meet. This meet is traditionally very strong with UMO being an excellent cross country team.

A native of Owen Sound, Ontario, Joe has been a top cross country runner for UNB over the past 3 years.

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

NANCY FREEZE

A member of the UNB cross country team for the past number of years, Nancy has consistently performed well in a male dominated sport.

This past weekend she finished 32nd in the Univ. of Maine cross country meet and in doing so was better than nearly half the men entered.

A native of Cornwall, PEI, she is now married to Ralph Freeze, also a cross country runner.