UNB SPORTS

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Low Scoring Battles at Chapman Field

by Mark Savoie

The UNB Red Shirts continued their drive for the right to host the AUAA Soccer Championships with two strong performances at Chapman Field last weekend. On Saturday, the Shirts shut out the Dalhousie Tigers 1-0 and then the next day battled to a scoreless draw against the Acadia Axemen.

The Red Shirts began the weekend slowly. The Dal Tigers were all over the Shirts for the first twenty minutes, and in the fifth minute rang a corner kick off the cross bar. After surviving this scare and others in this first few minutes the Shirts seemed to wake up, dominating the Tigers throughout the rest of the game.

The UNB pressure finally achieved fruition in the 41st minute on a long header by Stewart Galloway. Galloway accepted a pass from Male Athlete-Of-The-Week Jamie Oakes and headed it over the Dal keeper into the empty net.

The second half also had the Shirts dominating play. However, despite several good scoring opportunities they were kept from further scoring by the Dalhousie squad. In the final ten minutes, Dalhousie finally mounted some pressure, but keeper Geoff Harvey didn't face any real challenges and the Shirts held on for the win.

Acadia travelled to Fredericton hot on the heels of a victory over the Mt. Allison Mounties the day before. As a result they needed only a tie against the Shirts to gain ground over the Dal Tigers in their fight for the final playoff spot in the East Division. Accordingly, they played without thought of a win and were more than content to accept a tie. This was particularly evident at the game's conclusion when the Acadia keeper let out with a cheer celebrating the result.

Throughout the game Acadia used their strong midfield to stifle any UNB pressure towards the goal. However, their style of play also prevented them from mounting any offensive threats. Thus the game was played almost entirely at midfield with little action around the goals.

This weekend the Red Shirts host the Memorial Beothuks for two games. The first of these will be tomorrow at 2:00 PM and will be followed by Sunday's game also 2:00 PM. Both games will be played at Chapman Field.

Jamie Pollock sat this weekend out. This made it five games in a row since injuring his knee against Mt. Allison. His knee is healing nicely, according to Coach Gary Brown, but it was deemed safer to sideline him for another weekend to make sure that he is fully recovered for the playoffs.

photo by John Hanscomb

Todd Slaney swoops in on Acadia's keeper

Red Harriers

by Tim Lynch

The only remaining cross-country meet for the UNB Lady and Red Harriers is the AUAA championship at St. FX, October 28. It is then that both teams hope to improve upon last weekend's showing in Halifax where the host Dalhousie squads captured first place in both the women's and men's divisions. Each UNB team finished second.

Lady Harrier Michelle Cormier placed second overall in the women's division. She was closely followed by fellow Harrier Felicia Greer who was fourth. Lucy Smith of the Lady Tigers finished first overall. Rounding out the top ten were three more UNB runners. Tracey Shanks was eighth, Gisele Gallibois finished ninth, and Heather Eagle placed tenth. The Lady Harriers' point total was 33 while Dalhousie runners managed a 22 points over the five kilometre race.

Rod Clarke placed third in the 10 KM men's race to lead the Red Harriers to their second place showing. They had a 50 point total while Dalhousie had only 36. The race was won by Allen Bard of Moncton. Garn Pomeroy was the other UNB runner to place in the top ten. He finished in seventh position. As well, UNB's Bill Shiel and Brad Daniels placed fourteenth and fifteenth, respectively.

The Dalhousie squad has been the dominant team thus far this season. Heading into next weekend's AUAA meet, they are considered to be the favorites. The Red and Lady Harriers will be training hard next week so that they may lay claim to an AUAA title.

Red Sticks Battle for First

by Kelly Craig

Last Wednesday, the UNB Red Sticks went to Moncton to battle the UdeM Blue Angels. In what was expected to be an easy win for UNB turned out to be a battle for a tie.

The UdeM Blue Angels took an early lead against UNB. It wasn't until the second half of the game that UNB came back to tie it at 2-2. Joan Robère and Angela Cormier scored a goal a piece in the second half to tie UdeM.

This weekend will see the Sticks take on two of their toughest opponents. Saturday, the team travels to St. FX.

On Sunday, UNB will travel to Halifax to take on the St. Mary's Huskies. St. Mary's is presently ranked second behind UNB in the AUAA league. This game will be a big game for both teams as the winner of this game will undoubtedly have home field advantage for next weekend's AUAA's. Last season SMU barely got by UNB for the AUAA title so home field advantage is important to both teams.

UNB has played SMU twice before and both games ended in a tie. Both teams will be at their best and will be looking for a win. Presently, UNB is ranked number one in the AUAA. Their record stands at 5 wins, 0 losses, and 4 ties. St. Mary's is hot on their heels and this game could be the deciding game. Should UNB travel to St. Mary's for the AUAA's, the girls will have to be at their best. St. Mary's plays on an astroturf surface which usually causes problems for UNB.

UNB's final regular season game will be played on October 24 at Moncton. UNB will play the UdeM team at 4 PM in Moncton. This is an important game for Moncton as they are playing for a spot in the playoffs. UNB will undoubtedly have to be at their best this weekend if they hope to gain home field advantage in the AUAA's.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Michelle Cormier, from Fredericton, NB has been chosen as the Female Athlete-of-the-week. Captain of the Lady Harriers cross country team, AUAA all-star, and a recent member of the New Brunswick Summer Canada Games Team '89, Michelle helped propel her team to a 2nd place finish over the weekend at a meet hosted by Dalhousie. Michelle, herself, place 2nd in the conference in a time of 10:02 over the 5km course, showing that rapid progress is being made. According to coach Hull, "Michelle is serving notice that she and the Lady Harriers are going to make life difficult for the opposition. This was her finest race in two seasons."

Jamie Oakes, 21, from Woodstock, NB has been named the UNB Athlete-of-the-week. The fourth year Physical Education student had a strong defensive weekend for the soccer Red Shirts as they won one game: UNB 1 over DAL 0, and tied another: UNB 0, ACA 0. Jamie plays left full back and has not been beat by any winger in the league to this date. He is one of the reasons the Red Shirts have such a low goals against average. According to coach Brown, Jamie's weekend was, "a quality performance with poise."

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