

Red Shirts struggle

by Sean Dockrill
 Disappointed? No . . . frustrated? You bet! This is undoubtedly the feeling that the UNB Red Shirts had after deadlocking the St. Francis Xmen, 0-0, last weekend at St. FX in their first official game. One frustrating element of the game was the playing conditions. The sun was out,

the temperature was perfect, and the wind was negligible, but the field was despicable. Well, maybe despicable is a little harsh. What are a few rocks, a couple of potholes, and a mountain in the middle of a soccer field to the extensive ruggedness of your average soccer player anyway. Nothing right, just mere

distractions.

Well, it certainly distracted the shirts in the first half. They decided to mimic their worthy counterparts, the Xmen, and play an elementary game of kick and run instead of their usual controlled, touch and go, style. This went on for much of the first half until UNB started to regain some

composure and blast some shots on the Xmen goal.

However, these were to be denied. Even after the second half when the Red Shirt machine began to really click and engineer some intricate efforts at the St.Fx goal, the Red Shirts would be denied. Xman Goal tender, Mr. Sensational, would be there to thwart the Shirt's attempts fifteen times.

Frustrated co-captain Patrick Zwicker explains his grief, "One minute left in the

second half, (Mike) Abbot hit me with a left cross. It would have been the goal of a life time, but it was their (the Xmen's) goalie day." Co-captain Mike, the Spike, Connelly would concur, "we went astray from our style of play in the first half of the game, but in the second half our mid-field pulled together.

We put fifteen shots on net. Their goalie was hot!"

Despite the fact that the Red Shirts were impotent on their first outing, Head Coach Gary Brown remained resolute. "I was very pleased at the performance that we had last weekend. The defence is great, the mid-field is excellent, and if you know anything about the game then you know that the offence is always the last thing that gels." The Red Shirts play a doubleheader here on Chapman Field this weekend. They play Acadia first at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, then they battle the Dalhousie Tigers on Sunday, September 22, at 1:00 p.m.

Sports notes

UNB Women's Soccer Club

On Monday September 16th, the UNB Women's Soccer Club (aka the Yeowomen) held their annual General Meeting. The Club was very impressed and encouraged by the turnout, but for those who were unable to attend and who are interested in playing soccer, a practise will take place on Sunday September 22nd at 2 p.m. at College Field. For more information, please call 450-6983

Red Raiders Basketball

Clock Operators and minor officials needed for "Red Raider" and "Red Bloomer" home basketball games.

If interested, please contact Dr. Phil Wright (453-4579) or Claire Mitton (453-4580) in Room A-120, L.B. Gym

UNB Badminton Club

UNB Badminton Club will be holding a General meeting on Friday, September 20th at the Lady Beaverbrook South Gym at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in playing badminton this fall are asked to attend.

UNB/STU Open Style Karate Club

Classes begin September 22. Accepting new members until October 13.

Membership is available to all UNB/STU students. All non-UNB/STU students at least 16 years of age.

Cost \$35.00 /term.

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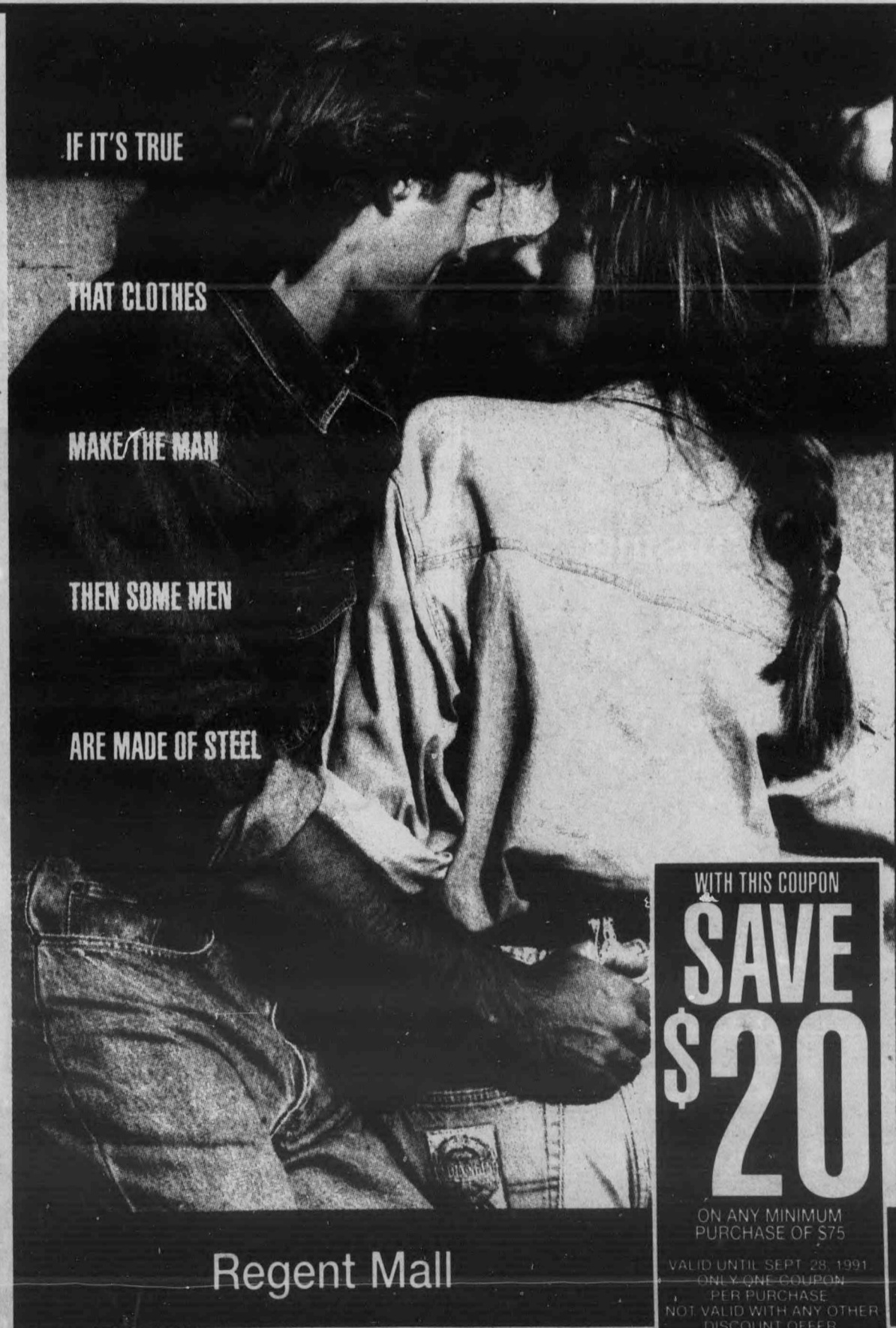
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