

Sports



— VARSITY NEWS —

UNB on the road again

Reds flex collective muscle abroad this weekend

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Three of UNB's most visible teams will be visible on campuses other than ours this weekend. The men's basketball team will be traveling to Ontario for an engagement in the Frank Tindall Tournament at Queens University. The women's basketball team will be participating in the Laval Classic, and the hockey team will be tending the ivy in clashes against Brown and Harvard universities.

Clint Hamilton, coach of the men's basketball entry, will be looking for revenge against Bishop's University at his team's tournament. They lost to Bishop's by only two points last weekend. Also at the tournament will be Sir Wilfrid Laurier University and host Queens.

"The tournament gives us a chance to see our kids play and do some more assessing," said Hamilton. "It's also our last chance to prepare for

the star of the season, and to get our rotations down."

Coach Hamilton feels that the four teams at the tournament are all evenly matched and that the Varsity Reds will be able to compete well against them.

The women's basketball team will face three good teams at the Laval Classic. Competing against them will be the University of Ottawa, the University of Toronto, and host Laval University. Toronto was particularly strong last season, and is expected to field a powerful team this year as well.

Rookie coach Pauline Lordon wants her team to avoid the intimidation often felt by AUSA schools against out of conference competition. "We definitely have the ability to play with any of these three teams," said Lordon. "I just want us to play with a little bit more aggressiveness, and with a little more confidence."

"I want us to do well. I don't like setting win or lose goals, but instead

performance goals. If the girls meet their performance goals then we'll do well."

The hockey team will have their work cut out for them against Brown and Harvard. Coach Mike Johnston is excited about this opportunity. "It's a chance to play quality teams in front of a lot of people. By playing such high calibre competition this early in the season our players will realize how much they have to improve."

Johnston will be asking his team to play with an intensity not normally seen in an exhibition matchup. "We haven't had the results we expected, so we must treat these games as if they were regular season."

Neither Brown nor Harvard is of the same calibre as UNB's NCAA hockey opponent of last year: the University of Maine Black Bears and phenom Paul Kariya. As a result Johnston feels that the Varsity Reds have a good chance of being competitive in both of their games.

— VARSITY BRIEFS —

Hockey team downed

The Varsity Reds suffered a 6-2 loss to the Udm Blue Eagles last Friday. Two goals by rookie forward Jean Francois Gregoire helped lead the Eagles to their first win of the season. Mike Cavanagh and Derek Cormier scored for UNB. The Reds sit in third place in the MacAdam division with a 1-2 record. They head south this weekend to face off against Harvard and Brown in two exhibition games.

— ATHLETES OF THE WEEK —

Bonnie Hale, Women's Basketball

Bonnie Hale of the Varsity Reds Women's basketball team is this week's Female Athlete of the Week. Bonnie is a fourth year Education student from Truro, NS. "Bonnie played very consistently this weekend. She had two very good games" says coach Pauline Lordon. She was one of the top scorers in both of the Reds' games this weekend in the Fall Classic tournament.

Marc Aubé, Men's Basketball

This week's male Athlete of the Week is Marc Aubé of the Men's Basketball team. Marc is a third year Bachelor of Science student from Dorchester, NB. Team MVP for 1992-93, "Marc continued where he left off last year; providing us with a consistent minutes, valuable scoring and big rebounds" says coach Clint Hamilton. Marc was named tournament All-Star, averaging 15 points and six rebounds per game.

— THIS WEEK IN UNB SPORTS —

Friday, October 29

W. Volleyball hosts UNB Invitational
Men's Basketball @ Queen's
Women's Basketball @ Laval
Hockey @ Harvard

Saturday, October 30

W. Volleyball hosts UNB Invitational
Soccer vs. MUN (2:00 pm @ Chapman)
Cross Country @ AUSA Championships
Men's Basketball @ Queens
Women's Basketball @ Laval
Hockey @ Harvard

Sunday, October 31

Field Hockey @ AUSA Championships
Women's Basketball @ Laval

Wednesday, November 3

Hockey @ STU (7:30 pm @ LBR)

— RESULTS —

Soccer	Hockey	Field Hockey
SFX 6 UDM 2	UDM 6 UNB 2	SMU 1 PEI 0
ACA 1 MTA 0	UDM 9 MTA 5	SMU 0 PEI 0
DAL 5 UNB 0	SFX 8 SMU 3	
MUN 3 SMU 1	ACA 11 UPEI 5	
SMU 3 MUN 1	STU 4 MTA 1	
MTA 1 DAL 0		
ACA 3 UNB 1		
SFX 3 PEI 1		

— BASKETBALL —

Reds gain respect at tourney

Men, women usher in new era with solid performance

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If last weekend's play was any indication of things to come, then UNB basketball fans have a season to look forward to. While the men came away with a weekend split, the women finished the tournament undefeated.

On Friday night, Pauline Lordon made her coaching debut as the Varsity Reds got past a pesky Laval team, 69-60. Leading the way for the Reds was Laura Swift, who put up 14 points and grabbed 8 rebounds. Bonnie Hale was the spark from the outside as she connected for 12 points while also dishing the ball off for 6 assists.

Lordon got a strong performance in this game from her back court, which has been a question mark coming into this season. But she may have found the answer with the duo of Jackie Fleiger and Bridget Gamble. They combined for 15 points while picking up 12 assists. "Bridget really helped because of her speed, and Jackie did a good job because of her excellent ball handling ability. They worked well together and stayed focused and maintained composure" said Lordon.

In Saturday's matchup, the women steamrolled over the Bishop's Gators, 74-25. Laura Swift led the way again, with a well rounded game of 14 points, 5 assists, and 5 rebounds. Swift was pleased with the way her team played for their first games of the season. "I was really happy with how we played as a team - we really gelled together." And did they ever. With four players in double figures in each of the two games, the Reds reaffirmed the notion that they will be coming into AUSA play with a balanced attack. But as Swift states, the team is not quick to place expectations on themselves. "Of

course we'd like to make the final four in the AUSA, but I think our goals right now would be to look at every game as important, don't take anyone for granted, work hard, play hard, and if you do everything you're told, you'll come out on top."

The Varsity Reds men's team entered the gymnasium Friday night with new warm-ups, new uniforms, and a new look. After watching them play last weekend, it is safe to say that this team has the desire and the heart to become an extremely competitive team in the AUSA conference.

In their first game of the year, the Reds blew by Laval 109-81. Sparking the offense was first year player Stan (the Man) Mitchell, who poured in 16 points and picked up 5 assists. Marc Aube played an entertaining first half, scoring 14 of his 16 points, while shooting a perfect 3-3 from three-point range. And former Red Raider, Andy McKay, came off the bench to collect 15 points.

One of the most pleasant surprises in this game was the play of last year's walk-on, Joey O'Brien. After starting centre Keith Gibson got into early foul trouble, O'Brien came in and responded well. Picking up the slack underneath, he banged in 14 points and grabbed 5 boards. The Reds also got help off their bench from rookie Gord McNeilly. Scoring 12 points and picking up 3 rebounds, McNeilly showed he has the desire and athleticism to play in this league.

In Saturday's game, the Reds lost a heart breaker 96-94 to a tough Bishop's team. Hamilton states, "It didn't matter what we did in the first half, or who we played, the bottom line was we were not ready to play." As a result, they entered the locker room at half-time finding themselves down by 25 points.

During half-time, Hamilton appealed to the teams sense of pride, and the Reds came into the second half with a renewed intensity. But despite cutting the lead to 14 points with about 14:00 left to play, Bishops came back, and UNB found themselves down by 29 with only 9:00 to play in regulation. Hamilton then looked to his bench, and got the spark he needed. With the veterans sitting side by side, they watched as five new players to this year's team took over.

Rookies Jason Embelton and Gord McNeilly came through big for Coach Hamilton. McNeilly scored a solid 12 points, while Embelton stepped up to toss in 11, including a crucial three pointer with only minutes remaining. Craig Isley completed two important three-point plays down the stretch, and Mitchell provided some necessary offense. With only :09 left in the game, the Reds were only down by a bucket as McKay brought the ball up the court. With Bishops only left with three players in the game (the rest were fouled out), McKay attacked the team and put up a last second finger roll which fell off the front of the rim.

But as Hamilton states, "Down 29 with 9:00 to go, and to have a chance to win or tie on with the last shot, that's all you can ask from your team really, I mean that's saying a lot. I think the boys deserve a lot of credit for it."

Making the all-star team for the men were Stan Mitchell, and Marc Aube. Bonnie Hale played her way onto the women's all-star team, while Laura Swift captured tournament M.V.P. honors. A reminder that you can see both Varsity Reds teams in action on November 6 in their AUSA home openers against St. Mary's.