

S P O R T S

Sports shorts

Soccer

The Red Shirts varsity soccer team opened their season last Sunday with a 4-1 victory over Mount Allison Mounties at Chapman field. Malcolm Lightfoot scored 3 goals for UNB while Ahmed Hoiamani added the other. Andrew Moyst had the loan Mt.A goal. The Red Shirts are on the road this weekend playing back to back games against Memorial University of St. John's, Newfoundland.

Cross-Country

Last weekend the UNB Red Harriers dominated the University of Maine at Presque Isle Invitational Cross Country Meet. Rorri Currie led the Men to a first place overall finish by setting a new course record in the 8 km run. His time was 24' 28", a full 1'21" ahead of the old record. Keith Fahey finished 4th in the same event while Mike Fellows made a valiant return to the team taking 5th place after being out last season with a leg injury. Bill Sheal finished 9th and Ian Washburn was 12th. Scott Sawler, Jeff Munn and Randy Colwell also finished the race. The Lady Harriers took second place behind Bowdoin College of Brunswick, Maine thanks to team effort. Despite failing to place a runner in the top 10, the Harriers had Shelly Robichaud in 12th, Tia Toner in 13th, and Suzanne Emery in 14th place. Other finishers were Jennifer Phillips, 20th, Cynthia Chow, 22nd, and Bindu Bittera 23rd. This weekend the Harriers are visiting Dalhousie University.

Field Hockey

The UNB Red Sticks kicked off their drive to repeat as AUAA field hockey champs last week with a four game series on the road against NCAA Division 1 schools. The team came away with a win and three ties. UNB defeated Brown 2-1 and tied both Harvard and Boston University 1-1. In New Hampshire against UNH the teams battled to a 2-2 draw. Leading UNB scorers was Josette Babineau with three goals followed by Kelly McCormack with two and Wendy Gallant with a single. This weekend the team plays their alumni in an exhibition match at noon on Chapman Field. Next Wednesday they are in Orono, Maine before returning to play St. Mary's next Saturday and Sunday. Both games are at Chapman.

This week in UNB sports

- Sat Sept. 19**
Cross-Country UNB at Dal
Soccer UNB at Memorial
- Sun Sept. 20**
F.Hockey UNB vs Alumni Noon at Chapman
Soccer UNB at Memorial
- Wed Sept. 23**
Field Hockey UNB at Orono, Me. 4pm

AUAA scoreboard

- Soccer**
- UNB 4 Mt. Allison 1
- Monacton 5 Mt. Allison 1
- UPEI 1 Memorial 0
- UPEI 3 Memorial 1
- Dalhousie 2 St. Mary's 0
- Acadia 2 St FX 1
- Football**
- St. Mary's 26 Mt. Allison 10
- St FX 21 Acadia 18

UNB athletes of the week

- Shelly Robichaud Women's Cross-Country
- Malcolm Lightfoot Soccer

Name change for UNB varsity sport teams

by Frank Denis

It's official.

In the next couple of weeks the University of New Brunswick will be scrapping all of its varsity team names in favour of one nickname across the board.

According to Physical Education and Recreation dean Terry Haggerty the move to one common name had "...been on the department's backburner since 1979."

The new name will be voted on by students and the Fredericton community at large. For the cost of one loonie, a vote will be registered for one of three choices. The three choices are; the Varsity Reds, the Red Lions, and the Falcons. The vote, if it is not a close one, according to Haggerty will be binding.

Haggerty states that such a move is to be made because numerous advantages are connected to it.

"We would better be able to market the name and school. Right now you see people walking around with the UPEI Panther on their clothing for example. There are a number of symbols out there that are associated with a particular school.

"For us having so many different ones, it is tough to run off large quantities of items. It's important that we have a symbol or a mascot that people can identify with."

UNB currently has 12 teams competing at the varsity level with each team using a different nickname. It is the only school in Canada that is using such a system.

As with any change, one would expect there to be a lot of opposition but Haggerty says that has not been the case.

"About 80% to 90% of the people that I have talked to have said 'Makes sense. Do it.' Student athletes, alumni club members and our own faculty have all approved it quite convincingly. Athletic director Jim Born has talked to the coaches and with one exception they were all in favour of it."

That one exception is Claire Mitton, coach of the UNB Red Bloomers basketball team.

"Speaking on behalf of our program, it is certainly a very rich in tradition team and has a lot of history behind it. Our basketball program across the country is identified as Red Bloomers and we've had a lot of success and to lose some of that identity, will hurt us more than anybody."

"It's also very unique here that each team has a different name. If we put a conscious and honest

effort into our marketing then we would be able to do the job that has to get done. But we don't do a good job of marketing. Who's to say a name change will allow us to do what we want to do?" says Mitton. "What we need is someone to do all that."

Hockey coach Mike Johnston disagrees with Mitton and thinks the change is a good idea.

"UNB has one of the best sports programs in Atlantic Canada and we want people to associate our program with excellence. To do that we need one name for our teams and not 12.

"Last year UPEI sold over \$200,000 in Panther merchandise. That's a lot of money and we would like to see those numbers here."

Mitton says that while she might not like the idea, she will go along with it.

"If we have to we'll change. We might not like it but you have to go along with it."

Which would you vote for:

UNB Varsity Reds

UNB Red Lions

UNB Falcons

New basketball coach appointed Hamilton replaces Wright

(UNBPRI) The University of New Brunswick in Fredericton is pleased to announce the appointment of Clint Hamilton as head men's basketball coach. Over 20 applications for the position were received from across Canada.

Mr. Hamilton comes to UNB from the University of Victoria in British Columbia where he was assistant coach. His previous coaching experience also includes assignments at Vancouver Community College; the University of British Columbia, where he was Junior Varsity Women's Coach; Laval University; and at a private school in Laval, Que.

At 6'6" Mr. Hamilton has an impressive background as a high performance athlete. He was captain of the University of Victoria basketball teams that played in the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversities Athletic Union) finals in 1990 and 1991. He was

also selected as an Academic All Canadian in 1991. While studying toward his bachelor of education degree at McGill University, he served for two years as captain of that school's basketball team.

Mr. Hamilton has achieved Level IV Certification from the National Coaching Institute and has worked closely with Ken Shields, coach of Canada's national basketball team.

He replaces Dr. Phil Wright

who has coached the Red Raiders for many seasons. Last season he guided the team to a 4 and 16 record good enough for seventh place in the 8 team AUAA league.

Born in Armstrong, B.C., at the north end of the Okanagan Valley, Mr. Hamilton plans to finish his master's degree in education at the University of Victoria in September. He and his wife Lorraine, expect to move to Fredericton by Sept. 15.

The Red Raiders first home game will be their Fall classic on Oct. 24