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## V-Reds take on Ontario

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The V-Reds may appear to have stumbled in the recent Laval tournament, dropping two of three games, but Coach Clint Hamilton seemed relatively pleased with his team's efforts that past weekend.

"We beat [the University of] Guelph, who are a high ranking team. That's one of our biggest out-of-province wins," Hamilton said. After a heated contest, UNB emerged victorious with a score of 75-71. John Kreiner continued to rank as one of the team's top players, scoring 22 points, "and Brian Scales showed tremendous leadership down the stretch," stated Hamilton.

But the contest against Brock University, traditionally a strong team, proved disheartening. "We let down in the first half and ended up down 15 points at the half," Hamilton explained. "We gave up 51 points in half a game and our average has been 65 points for a whole game. But we crawled back in and had a chance to win." UNB pushed the match to overtime where they were stopped short, 104-102.

Coach Hamilton mentioned that during the Guelph and McMaster University games, the V-Reds were subjected to much more physical play than they would have liked. During the 75-65 loss to McMaster, the entire starting five fouled out. "Fouls were a big problem [for us]," Hamilton stated. "Actually, we had 80 fouls over the last two games."

Although Hamilton noted some strong individual V-Red efforts, the

team did not produce a leader this past weekend. "We didn't have anyone play three consistent games ... I'd like to witness a commitment to offensive and defensive principles. We also have to reduce the turnovers," Hamilton said, in reference to the team's 40 turnovers versus Brock.

But Hamilton has put the weekend defeats in the past and looks ahead to the rest of the exhibition season, citing his primary goal as, "We want to get prepared to play in the AUSA league."

The V-Reds next action will be next weekend when they host the UNB Invitational Tournament in the Aitken Centre on November 10 and 11.

Hockey

## Boland a long way from the Rock

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Trevor Boland broke George Wood's all-time UNB goal scoring record with his 69th goal last Wednesday. The 24 year old winger has returned to UNB for his fourth year of eligibility to complete his MBA after working for MUN last year.

"It felt pretty good [breaking the record]. I wasn't thinking about it, I didn't know until I read about it in the paper. It's something nice to have, I guess." He was also appreciative of the plaque, which incorporated the record setting puck. "I was kind of surprised when Jim [Born] came out on the ice. It was a nice gesture." Boland also picked up Athlete of the Week honours for his work in the V-Reds AUSA openers, two goals against UCCB and a goal and pair of assists against St.FX. "It was a nice way to start the season."

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As the exhibition season continued, it remained unsympathetic to the V-Reds as they lost all three games in Quebec City this past weekend. But the fact remains that the regular season has yet to commence and the women are definitely showing promise.

UNB tipped off against the Université de Laval Rouge et Or in a rematch of the Fall Classic championship game, which the V-Reds had lost 66-55. Although their recent match ended much closer than the first, 74-72, UNB still could not defeat the tournament hosts. Bonny Munn tallied 18 points to lead her team while Shelley Ryan

scored 13 and hauled down ten rebounds in the loss. Heather Grasman also contributed greatly, chipping in 12 points and charting 14 caroms. "Heather Grasman had a very good game against Laval, the best game offensively and defensively I've seen her play in a long time," said Coach Joyce Slipp.

UNB then brutally fell victim to the University of Winnipeg Wesmen in their second contest. The game was lopsided from the very beginning and the V-Reds did not possess the ability to keep pace with the opposition as they lost by 30 points. Winnipeg has captured the national championship in each of the past three years, obviously holding a psychological edge over their competition. "We didn't play

very well that game at all," Slipp honestly admitted. "We all around just didn't play very well [against Winnipeg], which is kind of surprising because we did well against the other two teams that were there, and both of them beat this team." The women committed 34 turnovers and shot below 50% in both field goal and free throw categories.

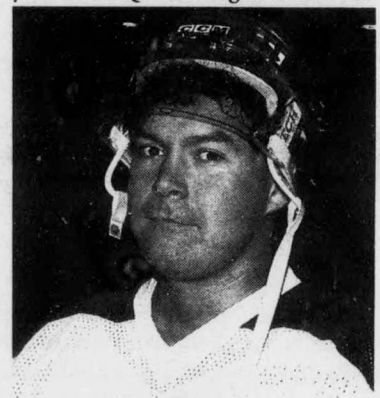
The University of Toronto Varsity Blues eked out a one point victory over UNB to send the V-Reds home 0-3. In the 77-76 loss UNB rallied behind Munn's 20 point total and the precision three point shooting of a hot handed Erin Savage. Attempting and knocking down all five of her three point attempts, Savage poured in a total of 19 points. "Erin shot well against Toronto and I'm trying to convince her to shoot more. ... She's just not used to it, [but] she's got a very nice shot," Slipp said.

Munn was appointed to the tournament All-Star team as a result of her impressive individual performances. But team-wise, Coach Slipp still noticed a couple of problems over the weekend. "We still got to work on the conditioning part. Definitely we're a lot shorter. Both Winnipeg and Toronto started three six-footers against us; we only have one on our team. That made it particularly difficult to play against them. ... But I don't think that our height really affected us. We realised that we had to block out better and we had to do a better job on defence."

The lack of exhibition victories does not phase Slipp either. "It's an opportunity to see some players play because there's seven rookies. I'm not really looking at the win-loss part of it. ... I'm looking to see what combinations we can put together," Slipp said.

The V-Reds will not see action again until next weekend when they travel to Halifax for the Dal Tourney on November 10 and 11.

Boland's hockey career has spanned four provinces. After starting at home in Newfoundland playing Junior, he moved to Saskatchewan to play Tier II with the Notre Dame Hounds. From Notre Dame he was drafted into the QMJHL by Hull/Verdun. After three years in the Quebec league he enrolled



Trevor Boland  
photo by Mike Dean

at UNB in the fall of 1991 to start his AUSA career.

Since his return Boland has been working well with centre Toby Burkitt. "I'm happy to have Trevor back playing with me again and we're clicking. Hopefully we can keep it going all year," said Burkitt.

Boland thinks that the 95-96 V-Reds compare well with the past few years. "We have one of the better teams since I've been here, but it's a young team so it's hard to tell. Ask me after Christmas."

As for his role on the team, "As one of the older players on the team I'm trying to play a leadership role. We have a lot of guys from Major Junior who will have to adapt the league. I've also got to get some goals on the board, ... in an offensive role."

Boland's V-Reds are currently ranked as the number three team in Canada, a ranking that they could not have expected were it not for Boland's golden goal scoring touch.

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