

Red Shirts narrowly defeat St. Mary's Huskies

by Pete Gichuru

UNB opened the 1983 A.U.A.A. season explosively last weekend, picking up four valuable points as they beat St. Mary's Huskies 3-2 on Saturday and massacred the Acadia Axmen 9-0 on Sunday, both at the Chapman Field.

The Shirts finally managed to reverse the trend against the Huskies after three consecutive losses to them, with a team including 7 rookies. The game, watched by about 100 spec-

tators, was played during constant, drizzling rainfall which didn't encourage fast flowing soccer. Neither team was able to dominate at the start. The Shirts have been practising daily for two weeks, but their offense still needed match experience in order to build up on understanding.

Both teams were close following corners, but it was UNB who opened the scoring in the 35th minute when rookie David Foley headed the ball in following a free-kick from Larry Courroisier. The goal probably demoralized the Huskies,

for the Shirts added another goal five minutes later, when the ball ricocheted off Courroisier into the net, giving his team a 2-0 half-time lead.

Tom Donovan, a powerful striker, played during the second half in place of Steve Mackey, and made the score 3-0 after 53 minutes with a long range shot which beat Costa Elles, the S.M.U. goalkeeper.

U.N.B. were relaxed with their comfortable lead, and this resulted in Huskies' George Latrou reducing the deficit after 61 minutes, scoring after he was left un-

marked in the penalty area. Rough play crept into the game at this point, resulting in Latrou getting a yellow card from the referee. It was Latrou who scored the

Huskies' second goal though, after 72 minutes with a superb header from a wing cross, leaving Francois Thibault in the Shirts' goal with no chance.

Huskies tried their best to get the equalizer, but missed all their chances, and the Shirts' hung on to their lead for an important win.

Latrou and midfield dynamo Geoff Agostini were outstanding for the Huskies, while All-Canadians Courroisier and Joe Turpin were outstanding in the UNB defence.

Soccer team destroys Acadia

Strangely, the game got off to a slow start, and at half-time there was not too much difference between the two teams. The cool weather was perfect for soccer and both teams used the ground ball. Mike Foley hit the crossbar following the day's first corner, but no goal resulted.

Shirts' coach Gary Brown substituted Donovan for Mackey in an attempt to break the Acadia defence. It seemed to have the

desired effect, for Steve McCaig scored with a shot into the roof of the net in the 35th minute. A couple more chances followed, but at half-time the score remained 1-0.

Peter Carpenter replaced David Brown for the second half. David Foley started the goal-guide in the 59th minute, knocking the ball in from close range after Acadia's goalkeeper, McMitt, had fumbled it. Three minutes later

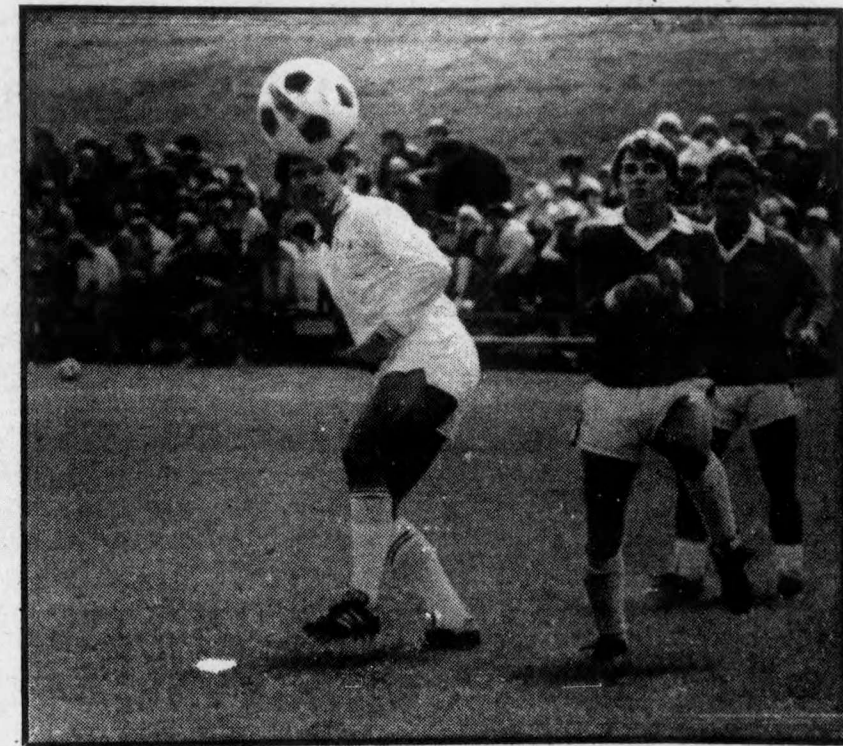
Donovan scored with a powerful header from a McCaig corner.

Two more goals followed within six minutes. Donovan and Carpenter somehow found themselves all alone with the ball in the Axmen's penalty area, and Carpenter poked it in.

The fifth goal was the result of Mike Foley's determination. McMitt parried his header, but Foley scored from the rebound.

By now the Axmen were a totally demoralized group, and on the rare occasion they managed to break away, they ran straight into the UNB offside trap.

Larry Courroisier scored perhaps the best goal of the afternoon in the 65th minute, running from midfield on a beautiful pass from Donovan and placing



Tom Donovan and the awesome UNB team destroy Acadia

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the ball into the net.

The enthusiastic David Foley scored his second after 72 minutes, running in to chip over the goalkeeper's head.

It was left to Carpenter to end the scoring, shooting in off the far post after 78 minutes and collecting an Andy Wilson pass on the

edge of the penalty-area four minutes later, to unleash a low shot past McMitt, and completing his hat-trick.

It's difficult to choose outstanding individuals from the game. The entire Shirts' unit played well, but the offense in particular clicked during the second half



Top: Tom Donovan and Peter Carpenter do their

thing. Right: Acadia says it all.



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