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Red Shirts place second in AUAA's

By Sean Dockrill

The UNB Red Shirts played with heart in the AUAA soccer tournament last weekend. During a frustrating regular season the Shirts could do nothing but tie their opponents. "We were getting worried about all those ties," said Co-Captain Patrick Zwicker, "but beating Mt.A was the boost." UNB finished their season with a record of 6 wins, 6 ties, and 0 losses, but 4 of those wins came from their last four games. These 4 victories launched the Shirts into the AUAA's with enthusiasm and enabled them to acquire the home field advantage.

This advantage was slight due to the equal talent of all the teams that attended the tourney, but it was enough to knock off Acadia 1-0 in their first match on Saturday and put them into the finals. Dal proved to be victorious over Mt. A and thus would play UNB for the AUAA championship. Dal went on to win the tournament 2-1, but UNB's determined effort kept them into the game up to the final 6 minutes of the match.

UNB controlled Acadia. Peter Tran started the scoring for the shirts seconds before the first half whistle sounded. Using his uncanny ball control to delude an Acadian defender, Tran dragged the ball over the eighteen yard box onto the

penalty spot. From here he struck the ball off of the defender and into the net. This enabled UNB's formidable defence to control the Axemen, and shut them down for the remainder of the game. The final score was 1-0 for UNB.

The Dalhousie Tigers came out growling for their territory against the UNB Red Shirts. They seemed to dominate much of the beginning of the first half and scored on a set play from a corner kick fifteen minutes into the half. UNB, however, remained undaunted and tied up the game early in the second half. Kevin Thompson pounded in a shot from an indirect kick just outside the eighteen yard box. This tied the game up and put hope in both the hearts of the fans and the players of UNB.

Hope was not enough. UNB held on until the sixth minute mark of the game. It was at this point that the Shirts succumbed to the mounting pressure created by the Tiger offence. A desperate pass from the Dal left winger some how alluded Red Shirt defender Mike Abbot and was drilled in by Dal's centre halfback. The game was over; Dalhousie won two-one.

Red Shirt coach Gary Brown was voted AUAA coach of the year for his exceptional job of forging the shirts into a well balanced team.



Patrick Zwicker burns this Axeman; BAD.

Mark Bray photo

Red Sticks fourth at Nationals

by Allison Clark

The UNB Red Sticks did not win a national title at the CIAU Championships in Halifax on the weekend, but they played hard and have earned respect and recognition throughout the Canadian field hockey community.

Finishing fourth overall, UNB started off on the right foot by defeating tournament hosts, the Saint Mary's University Belles 3-0. All-Atlantic, All-Canadian Josette Babineau scored all three goals and was named player-of-the-game for UNB. Game two for UNB got underway at 5:15 when they met the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds - the defending CIAU Champions. UNB appeared to dominate but the contest finished in a 0-0 draw. AUAA rookie-of-the-year, Philippa Moore was named player-of-the-game for UNB.

The number one ranked University of Toronto finished second in their pool because they were upset by the Univer-

sity of Victoria. No one expected U of T, the tournament favourite, to lose twice in a row so it was considered an edge for UNB to be facing U-Vic in semi-final action.

UNB was down 1-0 in the early part of their semi-final face-off with U-Vic. Josette Babineau tied it up four seconds before the half - she made a beautiful scoop shot over the heads of Viking defenders on a corner. The second half saw intense action; there was many close calls for both teams. Krista Thompson, UNB's goalkeeper, performed extremely well under the pressure and managed to keep her net clean for the remainder of the game. Coach, Donna Hornibrook gives her defence "full marks" for an outstanding effort. U-Vic was fast and had excellent ball control. Heather Kyle, tightly and efficiently marked a tough U-Vic inner; Philippa Moore played with an injured ankle; Nancy Peppler, the veteran anchor of UNB's defence, was strong and consistent; and Wendy Gal-

lant's speed really helped on the wings. Tanya Whalen also made a great contribution to the team defensively - the long-legged half back rushed hard on corners and prevented U-Vic from capitalizing on penalty corners.

UNB and U-Vic finished in a 1-1 tie that forced them into overtime. After two grueling fifteen minute halves the score remained tied. Five strikers were chosen from each team in an attempt to decide the contest through penalty strokes. After an exhilarating, physically exhausting game it all came down to a very marginal difference between these two superior teams. The tedious pause between strokes caused unbelievable suspense as the attentive spectators watched patiently. After strokes the teams were tied at 3 goals a piece. The tiebreaker was sudden death penalty strokes in which each team chose one striker. The Vikings shot first and succeeded putting tremendous pressure on UNB. UNB missed and fell to a dis-

appointing 4-3 loss. Krista Thompson was named UNB's player-of-the-game. Donna Hornibrook said she felt good about the tournament in spite of UNB's disheartening loss to the University of Victoria. "We strived to have a shot at the national title and the loss to U-Vic in the short term was psychologically and physically devastating but as it turns out we were there". The

University of Victoria went on to win the national championship. Hornibrook feels the Red Sticks showed both character and discipline at the CIAU tournament. They will gain confidence from playing such a close game against the new national champions. They have proven they can play in the big leagues. The Red Sticks performed well in a

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Athletes of the week

Female

Josette Babineau of the Red Sticks field hockey team is female athlete of the week. Josette was instrumental in defeating SMU and leading the Sticks at the CIAU's, eventually placing fourth. She was named 1st Team All-Canadian, CIAU Tournament All-Star, AUAA All-Star, and MVP for the AUAA. Josette is a 3rd year Business student from Moncton.

Male

Jeff Munn of the Red Harriers Cross-Country team is the male athlete of the week. Jeff placed seventh in the AUAA Championships and was the fourth Harrier to cross the line. Jeff's finishing kick enabled UNB to come from behind and defeat Dalhousie by six points to win the AUAA title. Jeff is a 2nd year Business student from Moncton.