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Slow start for men's soccer

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The UNB Varsity Reds Men's Soccer team started their season where they finished last year, shut out by the Dalhousie Tigers on the artificial turf of Wickwire field. While the V-Reds lost last year's AUAU title game on a last minute shot, in Saturday's game Mike Green was able to deny the Tigers for a 0-0 final.

The scoreline was the same the following day against Acadia. Once again the UNB scorers were denied, while Mike Green was again on form to allow UNB to escape with half the points. Coach Gary Brown described his performance, which include a save on a penalty kick, as outstanding.

The importance of these saves is in part due to a quirk in the AUAU

schedule. With the championships held in mid-November and training camps opening the 1st of September, there is not enough time to play a complete set of home and home fixtures. To solve this problem, UNB plays the teams it has the longest journey's to only once a year (the home team alternates from year to year) for double the points. With the potential for 8 lost points before really having his team straightened out, Brown seemed satisfied to have his team return with four.

Brown is looking for more improvement as the V-Reds return home to face the Mount Allison Mounties and Saint Mary's Huskies this weekend with another 6 points on the line. He sees a lot of the teams problems coming from the summer league which many of the players play

in, and the short period of time between camp opening and the first game which meant that most of camp was spent assembling the team.

"We have to practice on picking up the pace this week and try to get on with our style of game."

The style is dictated by where the team hopes to be by the end of the season.

"If we're looking to play in bad weather [the championships are in November] you can't be moving the ball around the backfield and setting things up in a lazy manner like you do with a big field. Basically get the ball down the field as effectively as possible and get a shot on goal and let's not be too fancy about it."

The team face Mount Allison on Saturday and Saint Mary's Sunday. Both games start at 3pm this weekend.

Women's Soccer: two points

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In their inaugural season the Varsity Reds women's soccer team, reached the AUAU playoffs. With a strengthened side, the V-Reds' goal is now to wrestle the AUAU crown from the Dalhousie Tigers.

It was against the Tigers that UNB began their quest, the first of two four point games against perennial powerhouses. [For a full description of why four point games exist, please see the men's soccer story] The V-Reds escaped with two points from their 0-0 draw. While coach Miles Pinsent was pleased with the way the team played, he thought his team deserved more than two points.

"[Dalhousie] didn't have a shot on net and we had three or four good scoring chances. They consider themselves lucky, I'm sure." There were other positive aspects. "I was

pleased to see how well the girls adapted to the turf game as that's where the AUAU as well as the CIAU championships are going to be played."

With only two AUAU venues surfaced with artificial turf (SMU's Husky Stadium & Dal's Wickwire Field) the V-Reds have little experience on it. "It was a lot quicker but on the other hand, you knew exactly where the ball would bounce. I think we took to it quite well," was captain Steph Steel's opinion.

The following day the V-Reds headed to Wolfville, to face the Acadia Axettes. Despite a tougher battle, the score was the same, a 0-0 tie. "Acadia was a good two way game, again they had one scoring chance. They had a lot of possession but they didn't create a lot of scoring chances. In the second half we opened it up and created 3 or 4 good scoring chances," said Pinsent, who was particularly pleased with the

teams defensive play.

The V-Reds are currently preparing for this weekend's games at home against the Mount Allison Mounties and the Saint Mary's Huskies, where another 6 points are on the line. With only two significant losses from last years team, Pinsent has significantly strengthened the squad, adding depth at most positions. This has led to improved practises.

"The atmosphere is a lot more healthy this year than last year because last year the starting 11 knew who they were because they were so much better than the rest and so the practises tended to lose some intensity. This year playing is up for grabs so everyone is showing up ready to put their best performances into practice."

To see if they can translate their practice intensity into AUAU points, Chapman Field is the place. IPM is the time, on both Saturday and Sunday.

QMJL exhibition games



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The Moncton Wildcats and the Halifax Mooseheads of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League squared off in a pair of exhibition games over the weekend at the LBR. In Saturday night action, Halifax

downed Moncton 5-2. The Wildcats rebounded on Sunday to post an 8-2 victory over the Moose. Moncton's record improves to 2-2-1 while Halifax has a preseason record at 4-5.

These two teams have five head-to-head match ups prior to the regular season. Last season the Moosehead finished 30 points ahead of Moncton.

Fredericton native David Carson had 40 goals and added 35 assists for Halifax last season. Carson has 4-5-9 in six exhibition games and following the weekend games he intends to attend AHL Portland Pirates training camp as a walk on. Currently he is one of 16 returning players still at the Moose training camp.

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