

Rebels Volley to Victory

By KELLY CRAIG

Sunday, January 8, 1989 saw the Universite de Moncton Men's Volleyball team play the UNB Rebels here in Fredericton. The game took place Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm. The Rebels were right on target. They defeated the Moncton team three games to one. The UdeM team beat UNB in the third game of the match but lost the overall match 15-12, 15-12, 4-15, and 15-13.

A key player for the Rebels this past weekend was Claude Cullinan. Claude is a first year player from Fredericton, N.B.

He and the rest of the team pleased Coach Belanger with their consistent play. They are a young team that must play consistent volleyball to keep up this level of play. Team Captain for the UNB Rebels is Nathan Stairs. Stairs and the rest of the UNB team must play the highest level of volleyball possible to keep in the running.

The Rebels practice four times a week for two hours every practice. They total eight hours a week in practice time. Fortunately, the team is also playing with a healthy team. All starters for the UNB team are ready to play and very

healthy. The only injury on the team is first year player Darren Lee.

This weekend, the 14th and 15th, the Rebels are travelling to Halifax to take on the Dalhousie team. coach Belanger is hoping to take at least two games off of Dal. Dal is presently ranked 7th in Canada so UNB is hoping to keep Dal on their toes. Dal is a strong team that is well coached.

UNB is currently holding a 6-3 record and hopes to finish 12-6 on the season. Good luck to UNB as they travel to Dalhousie next week.



Reds Perfect on Weekend

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After a three week break from regular scheduled play, the Lady Reds volleyball team took to the courts in a two match series against the UPEI Panthers. The girls played Friday, January 6 and Saturday, January 7 at the Lady Beaverbrook gymnasium. The Lady Reds are under the leadership of Coach Alice Kamermans. Coach Kamermans has been with the team for 3 years with 2 years as head coach.

Volleyball action started Friday night at 8:00 pm. The match lasted about an hour and a half with the Lady Reds coming out on top three games to one. UNB took a booming start with a 15-2 first game victory. The rest of the match went 15-10, 16-14 for the Panthers, and 15-4, UNB winning. The Panthers put on an impressive 3rd game but were no match for UNB.

On Saturday afternoon, the Lady Reds took to the court once again for match 2 against UPEI. UNB made quick work of UPEI by beating them in 3 straight games; 15-10, 15-6, and 15-4 in the final game.

Coach Kamermans was pleased with the win but felt the girls can do much better. With a three week break in the middle of the season, the girls didn't have much

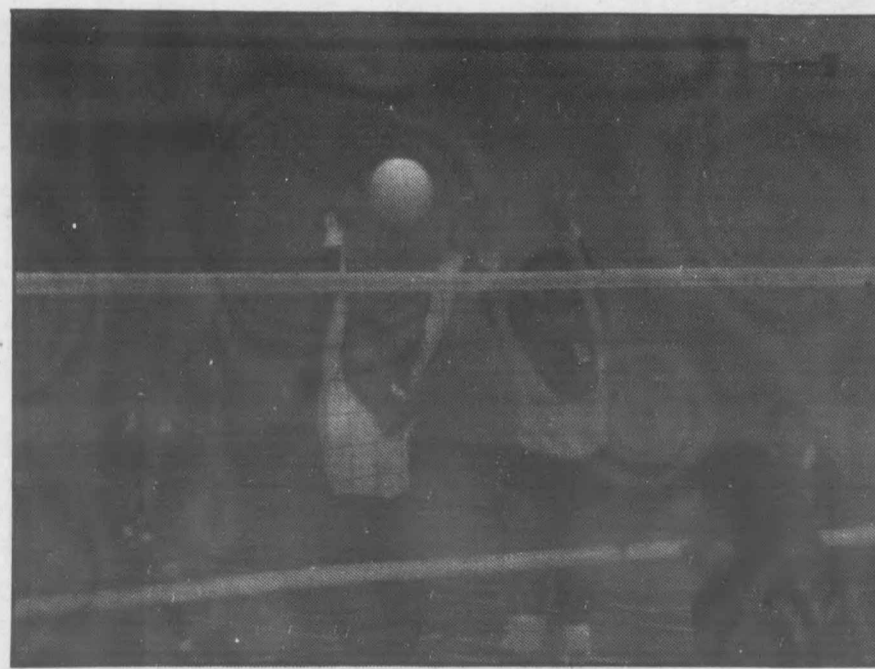
time to practice. They had only two practices before this match up with UPEI. Everyone's game was off and the girls didn't play up to their potential. Their concentration on the floor is somewhat off and they have to work harder at their game.

The girls practice 4 or 5 nights a week for about two and a half hours. During practice they work to quicken their plays and on the basics of volleyball. Mental preparation is also important in volleyball. The girls, before a match, talk about the other teams and their weaknesses and strengths. They concentrate on

the game itself which is as hard as playing volleyball.

In the games last weekend the Reds looked to Elaine Buck, Julie Campbell, and Lisa Pellerin to get the tempo going. These three girls had good games last weekend and showed their power and determination. Tammy Raynes also had a good blocking game for UNB.

This weekend the Lady Reds will be travelling to Acadia for two matches. The Lady Reds are looking for two wins to add to their record. Good luck Lady Reds!



The Drummers Beat

Well, Rick Nickelchok is not coaching the Red Devils any more. It is too bad that it didn't work out for Rick. I don't wish failure on anyone but a lot of people are glad that he is gone. It's too bad that it had to happen like it did. We can only hope that the Athletic Department has learned from this experience as well as Rick and this sort of problem is avoided in the future.

The team is definitely feeling better playing for new coach and old assistant coach Mark Jefferies. On Sunday the Devils obtained their second win quite convincingly 6-2 over Acadia. We can only hope that this continues against STU tomorrow in varsity-mania VII "The Revenge".

Moving on to more of a National Note: The Canadian Junior team had a disappointing time in encourage Alaska losing their final game to the Soviets 7-2 and getting knocking out of the medals. At least we didn't start a brawl and get ourselves and the Soviets Disqualified from the tournament because we weren't going to win the gold, unlike the what the Soviets did in '86. Plus how can a team that only has two returning players and has only practised for 6 weeks be expected to win the championships every year. We haven't done to bad winning it 4 times in the last 7 years.

The Super Series will be over soon and they are already talking about having another one next year with eight Soviet teams playing a total of 21 games, one against every NHL team. Is it interesting that they always come here and we never go over thier. It will certainly be interesting to see what Harold Balrad does.

I am going to kick the cat one more time. Should the school have one Varsity sports team name or should it stay the way it is. How about both. Since 6 teams already have the word RED as the beginning of their name why not have the remaining 4 teams add RED to their names. Then the school would have the one name of "The UNB REDS" and every team can keep its own distinctive name, but this is too simple!

Lastly, I hear the rumblings of the thought of bringing a football team back to UNB. This would be neat idea but I don't think the students or the administration could handle such a financial undertaking. It would certainly lift the spirit of the students as well as increase the schools exposure. But if it is to be done the students of UNB are going to have to realize that IF THEY WANT SOMETHING DONE THEN THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO IT THEMSELVES, because the administration is certainly not going to help. They can't afford it.

but then this is just my personal view.

The Drummer