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Red Shirts Miss Play-Offs

-Coach Brown Not Dissatisfied

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When coaching a team like the UNB Red Shirts, you need more than determination and skill. You need a coach like Gary Brown. Coach Brown has been coaching the Red Shirts for the past 17 years. This year was a good year for Coach Brown and the Red Shirts, but not a fortunate one. Tough competition and injury plagued the team. This year saw a team of 24 strong soccer players under Coach Brown's guidance.

Since the team was playing with a handicap, Coach

Brown was not dissatisfied with their play. Due to injuries, two main strikers were out of this season with broken legs. Coach Brown had to compensate this by mixing up the line-up. With the injury to Ross Knodell, the team was not in a good position. Ross was a key focal player in the striker position. He was a scorer. At the end of the season he was still only playing 70% of his potential.

Still the team played well and with their own style of play. They didn't try anything spectacular. They dictated the

style of play. Their strong offense was one of their better techniques. They made soccer a fun sport.

Coach Brown is looking forward to next year. Unfortunately, he will be losing the talents of Geoff Harvey. Geoff has been doing a spectacular job in goal tending for the Red Shirts all season. Next year, Chris Miller will probably take over in net. Also, it is uncertain if team Captain Stewart Galloway will return to the line up next year or not.

"I'm always recruiting," replied Coach Brown when

asked about prospects for next year. However, for the time being, he plans to work with his present group. There are a lot of rookies on the team this year. He's hoping to increase the team's depth and build the foundation for a good team next season.

Thanks is extended on behalf of Coach Brown to the fans for their support over the past season. The players appreciated it and hope it will continue. He's looking forward to a great season next year and hopes to make the final.

Good luck next season Red

Shirts and Coach Brown!
SOCCER
STANDINGS
(West)

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
MUN	7	4	2	23	18	16*
MTA	7	5	1	28	19	15*
UNB	6	4	3	27	12	15
PEI	5	7	1	20	19	11
UDM	1	11	1	14	33	3

(East) * Advance to the Play-Offs

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
STF	9	2	2	37	11	20*
SMU	8	2	3	29	10	19*
DAL	7	4	2	24	14	16
ACA	5	4	3	13	15	13
UCB	0	12	0	6	70	0

Ironmen in Playoffs

From 1983-1987, the UNB Ironmen have maintained a tenuous hold on Eastern Canadian University Rugby honours. Since the revival of the championship in 1983, the Ironmen amassed four years of victories over such varsity powerhouses as McGill, Bishops, and St. FX for cup

honours. Sunday, October 30 saw the end of this impressive record at the hands of St. Francis Xavier.

The Ironmen compete in the Senior Men's First Division section of New Brunswick rugby; their only varsity competition comes but once a year in the major universities title. St. FX

plays in Nova Scotia under the same regulations as UNB does in this province.

The Ironmen lost to the X-men 22-6 in Sackville on Sunday, in an extremely physical game. UNB has played an equally difficult game the day previously against the Fredericton Exiles

to finish their regular schedule. The Exiles battled UNB to a 7-7 tie, allowing the Ironmen to advance ahead of Fredericton into semi-final action this Saturday. The annual Exile/Ironman rivalry cost UNB dearly. Eight-man Robert Scott left the match at half with a seperated shoulder; in-

side center Dave Daley managed just ten minutes of play before he, too, was carried from the field. Lock forward Garry Guest, the mainstay of the Ironman second row, would suffer injuries which would eventually require corrective surgery.

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Athletes of the Week

Third year Red Bloomer, Lynn Christiansen, 21, from Montreal, Quebec, has been chosen as the Female-Athlete-of-the-Week. In a tournament at Laval University this past weekend, Lynn started her season off very well. In an opening round loss to Brock, the third year Education student contributed 8 points and 12 rebounds. Then the Bloomers rolled through the consolation side with Lynn being a standout; 21 points and 20 rebounds in a 93-42 win over Carleton and 15 points and 9 rebounds in a 60-55 win over Ottawa. According to coach Claire Mitton, "Lynn was our most consistent player this weekend. Her rebounding and scoring definitely was a nice start to the 1988-1989 season."



Mark Sokalski, a second year Red Devil, from Senneville, Quebec, has been chosen the Male-Athlete-of-the-Week. The 20 year old, second year Arts student scored three goals in a loss to Dalhousie in the consolation final of the University of Maine hockey tournament this past weekend. Coach Rick Nickelchok has noticed a steady improvement in Mark's play this season and is glad, "he has once again found his scoring touch because he is a needed part of our offense."



Molson's Athletes of the Month

For the second month in a row, Carla Reeves has been honored as UNB's Athlete-of-the-Month. The male recipient for October is Red Shirt Goalkeeper Geoff Harvey.

Carla, a fifth year field hockey player from O'Leary, PEI, led a late season charge by the Red Sticks, to host the AUSA championships. Her scoring and leadership contribution was awarded with the presentation of UNB, AUSA, and CIAU Athlete-of-

the-Week for the week ending October 16. At the AUSA banquet, Carla was honored as an AUSA all-star for the fifth consecutive year. In addition, the CIAU has honored her for the third year with an All-Canadian selection. Coach Joyce Slipp says, "It is a satisfying way for Carla to end her five year career at UNB.

Geoff, 25, from Hartland, NB, impressed enough people with his goaltending perfor-

mances at Dalhousie (2-0) and Acadia (2-0), to not only be awarded UNB's Athlete-of-the-Week, but also the AUSA and CIAU Athlete-of-the-Week for the week ending October 2. The fourth year Education student kept the Red Shirts playoff hopes alive until the final weekend. His presence on the field acted like an extra defender for the Red Shirts. Coach Gary Brown was pleased with Geoff's performance this season.



(L to R) Geoff Harvey - UNB Red Shirts, Mark Francis - Molson's, and Carla Reeves - UNB Red Sticks.