

Reds second place performance impresses Laval

Laval University volleyball organizers were so impressed with the play of the UNB women's team that they have extended an invitation to the 'Reds' to attend next year's tournament.

The 'Reds' travelled to Quebec City last Friday to compete with nine other Quebec teams in Laval's

Rouge et Or Invitational tournament placing a well-deserved second behind the strong Sherbrooke A team.

The ten teams were divided into two sections, the 'Reds' being placed in the B section with Laval, Montreal International, Sherbrooke B and Rive-Sud.

During the one-day round-robin competition each team played two games against every other team in the section. The top two teams from each section met in semi-final play Sunday morning, and the finals were played the same afternoon.

In the first match of the

tournament, UNB split with Laval University, losing the first game 12-15 but winning the second handily at 15-8.

The 'Reds' then met Sherbrooke B and easily won the first game 15-6. In the second game however, the 'Reds' were very disorganized and lost 9-15.

Laval met Montreal International in an exciting match splitting games with Montreal and setting the stage for the 'Reds' now famous comeback win.

The 'Reds' stood 2-2 with four games to go, two games against the up and down Rive-Sud team and two against the favoured Montreal International. Laval was 4-2 with an easy match, while Montreal stood at 5-1 with only their games with the 'Reds' remaining to make the semi-finals the 'Reds' needed to win all four of their remaining games.

Rive-Sud proved to be up for the UNB match and showed surprising service strength, taking a commanding 14-7 lead. The 'Reds' gained control at this point and never looked back-winning 16-14 and impressing the Laval spectators. The second game went quickly as the 'Reds' went on to a 15-2 win.

The UNB-Montreal International match was the climatic match of the day however, as the 'Reds' needed both games to make the semi-finals. Movement on the court was "excellent" according to 'Reds' coach Kawa Celdoma. Play was consistently good with many amazing and excellent recoveries by both teams. In the final analysis however, the 'Reds' had hit harder

and with greater accuracy, winning both games 15-10, 15-3, and becoming the popular dark horses of the tournament.

In Sunday morning's semi-final Sherbrooke A continue their unbeaten streak by defeating Laval University two straight games. UNB also won their semi-final - two straight over the Jonquiere team, then met Sherbrooke A Sunday afternoon for the championship.

Things did not go well for the 'Reds' from the start as Sherbrooke jumped to a 13-0 lead. The UNB team was obviously nervous playing against such a strong, experienced team. But the 'Reds', although they did not move as well as they had in previous matches, played respectively well and demonstrated to the volleyball fans that UNB can spike just as hard as the next team.

The final scores of 15-4, 15-6 do not reflect the true picture of the match. Sherbrooke A was an exceptionally good team and were defending champions of the tournament, but they are also a club team and have more years of playing experience than the 'Reds'. In the final analysis, it was the experience that won the match.

The 'Reds' play host to U d M this evening in the West Gym and tomorrow both Reds & Rebels are hosting their annual UNB Invitational Volleyball Tournament. Final game time for the women's section is at 4:00 and the 'Reds' are expected to be in that game.

Red Rebels show strong at Laval

By RODDY MACKENZIE

The Red Rebels, UNB's men's volleyball team, began their second-half schedule with a strong showing in the fifth annual Laval University Invitational Volleyball Tournament held in Quebec City last weekend. The tournament was an eighteen team affair involving some of the top volleyball teams in Eastern Canada.

The Rebels, who returned to Fredericton Jan. 2, in order to prepare for the tourney, finished fourth in their six-team division with a 4-6 record. They were edged out of a playoff berth in their final match as they were beaten 15-3, 15-11 by Host University of Laval, who finished at 5-5 in the same

division.

"The guys just ran out of gas in that last match," said Coach Mal Early after arriving back in Fredericton Sunday night.

"They played extremely well all day but just had little left in them after playing four other strenuous matches in the last eight hours."

Early was pleased with his player's efforts in their five matches, as they showed improved technique and executed their offense "exceptionally well" considering they hadn't worked on it in some time.

The Rebel's coach added "we were beat only in size and power and the fact that our blockers were not used to working against

opponents who hit down the line so often."

In their other matches, UNB lost to Sherbrooke Senior A (National finalists last year) 12-15; 6-15; split with Montreal Hocheloga Senior B 16-14, 7-15; downed Ottawa Union Patch A 15-8, 15-7; and split with Jonquiere 17-19, 15-12.

Next action for the Rebels is this weekend as they host the UNB Invitational, featuring some of the top teams in the Maritimes. The tournament begins Saturday morning at 9:00 and concludes with the finals set for the West Gym at 5:30. On Wednesday they host Universite de Moncton, followed by matches on Friday night and Saturday against Dalhousie and Mount Allison.

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INTER-CLASS HOCKEY

This Sunday, January 18 is the last week for regular season play. All leaders in each division are being pressed and depending on these final games leaderships can change. No one team is overly dominant in its section.

Every team goes into the 1st round of playoffs, which promises to be exciting.

INTER-CLASS FLOOR HOCKEY

Play resumed last Monday with eight teams active. In the Black Division P.E. 3 and Educ. picked up victories against For. 2A and For. 2 respectively by default. P.E. 3 leads the Black Division with a 3-0-0 record. C.S. is in second spot with 2-0-0. Educ. is alone in third 1-2-0 and For. 2 and For. 2A share last place with 0-3-0 records.

In the Red Division C.E. 5 whipped the Post Grads 12-3 and E.E. 4 and For. 4 battled to a 4-4 tie. For. 5, C.E. 4 and C.E. 5 share first place with 2-0-0, 2-0-0, and 2-1-0 records respectively. P. Grads are in second with a 1-2-0 record and E.E. 4 and For. 4 share last place with 0-2-1 records.

INTER-CLASS BASKETBALL

Regular season play finished just before the Christmas break. This Thursday, January 15, Round One of the play-offs starts. Round one consists of Inter-division play. Bus. 4 vs S.E., For. vs C.S. 14, P.E. 4 vs E.E. and P.E. 2 vs P.E. 3.

The winners of these games go into a Round Robin system as do the losers. The four strongest teams are expected to make it to the winner's section of the Round Robin. All competition is expected to be fierce and the games will be exceptionally entertaining as the Round Robin series matches even teams in both winners and loser sections.

INTER-RESIDENCE BASKETBALL

This year the Inter-Residence league has two divisions. One division, "A" which is heavily oriented to competition and the other, "B" to participation. All men's residence, excepting Holy Cross, have teams in the A division and there are five in the "B" Section.

In "A" division; Bridges, Harrison, MacKenzie and L.B.R. were victorious in their first games as Neville, Aitken, Jones and Neill fell as their victims. Harrington was inactive.

In "B" division, MacKenzie defeated Neville and Aitken won by default over Bridges House. Jones was inactive.

Play is every Sunday afternoon at the L.B. Gym.

INTER-RESIDENCE HOCKEY

The following players received suspensions all in the same afternoon. Jones House - J. Stockman, 3 games; C.F. Hunter, 1 game; D. Wood, 1 game; J. Mauiaux, 1 game.

Aitken House - A. Peach, 1 game; B. Chamberlain, 1 game.

MacKenzie House - D. Demers, 2 years (1975-76, 1976-77); B. Gould - 3 games.

Neill House - G. Yeomans, 2 games.

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PTS
Bridges	4	2	0	2	6
Harrison	3	2	0	1	5
Neill	3	2	1	0	4
MacKenzie	3	2	1	0	4
Harrington	3	1	1	1	3
L.B.R.	3	1	2	0	2
Neville	3	1	2	0	2
Holy Cross	3	1	2	0	2
Aitken	4	1	3	0	2
Jones	3	0	3	0	0

Blazers nip S.J. 3-2

The UNB Red Blazers, posted a close 3-2 victory over the visiting women's hockey team from Saint John last Friday night at the Lady Beaverbrook Arena.

Cathy Collins, Debbie McLoon and Sue Martin all registered markers for UNB. Debbie Cooper and Mary Harding replied for Saint John.

The Blazers had the edge in shots on goal, outshooting the Port City squad 21-15.

UNB coach Brian Savoy was pleased with his team's win but expressed his concern about the condition of his athletes.

"The holidays aren't good for any team in terms of conditioning," Savoy said following the game. "We're out of shape, but I plan to change that this week with practices."

Savoy felt the goaltending was good for both teams, but also recalled a number of shots rattling off goalposts.

It is likely the next opposition for the Red Blazers will come from some exhibition contests against Bishop College in Quebec.

Tennis club to UNBSJ

The UNB Tennis Club will be travelling to the UNBSJ Field House Saturday, Jan. 24, for an afternoon of recreational tennis. The new complex, considered one of the finest of its kind in the Maritimes, contains four tennis courts.

Those interested in participating are asked to contact Tony Mais at 453-4930. Previous tennis experience is not necessary. In fact, differing between novices and experts becomes difficult at this time of year, when the objective is simply to make contact with the ball, putting a serve in evokes stares of disbelief and two successive shots over the net warrants a standing ovation.

So if you would like to further your tennis capabilities by honing your skills in the off-season, this is your chance. A nominal charge of \$2 will cover transportation.

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