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# **Compton tears up the field** Reds win first game of season

## VARSITY BRIEFS

#### Former Red Shirt Dies

Former Red Shirts striker, Malcolm John Lightfoot died on October 4 at the Saint John Regional Hospital. Lightfoot was born in Manchester England and was a graduate of Saint John High School

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where he received the Athlete of the Year Award. He attended UNBSJ and UNB Fredericton where he received the Player of the Year Award 1992 and 1993. He was active in all sports but excelled in Soccer, playing for



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the Red Shirts in 1992-93, a Level One Soccer Referee, and coach of the Provincial Girls Under Nineteen Soccer Champions of 1994. (see story on page 1)

#### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

#### Stacey Gallant, Field Hockey

Stacey Gallant of the Varsity Reds field hockey team is this week's Female Athlete of the Week. Stacey, a third year BPE student, was named Pepsi Player of the Game in their game against UPEI on Friday. The Varsity Reds defeated the Panthers 3-0 Friday, and 3-0 on Saturday. Stacey scored two goals during the weekend's contest and coach Hornibrook stated, "Stacey is having her best season thus far with the Varsity Reds and is playing with both confidence and maturity".

#### Pat Byrne, Soccer

Goaltender Pat Byrne of the soccer team is this week's Male Athlete of the Week. From St. Lawrence, Newfoundland, Pat is a 5th year BSc Engineering student and in his fourth year with the Reds. Pat made some key saves in their 1-0 win over Mt. Allison on Sunday and was named Pepsi Player of the Game for his efforts. Coach Brown stated that "Pat played his best soccer ever for UNB this weekend"; UNB shut out Mt. Allison for their first win of the season.

Women

Colby 17

Bates 49

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#### RESULTS

**Cross Country** 

Matthew Compton couldn't be more soft spoken, modest and shy. Despite these endearing qualities, the freshman forward with the Varsity Reds soccer team has been tearing up the

by Bruce Denis

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field this season. Compton netted two goals in his first two games to establish himself early as an impact player in the AUAA.

Coach Gary Brown says "Matthew is one of the few players who have made a smooth transition from high school soccer to the AUAA." Last year, the Montague, PEI native

hammered home some 20 goals to lead all high school players in the province. However, soccer was not part of his de-

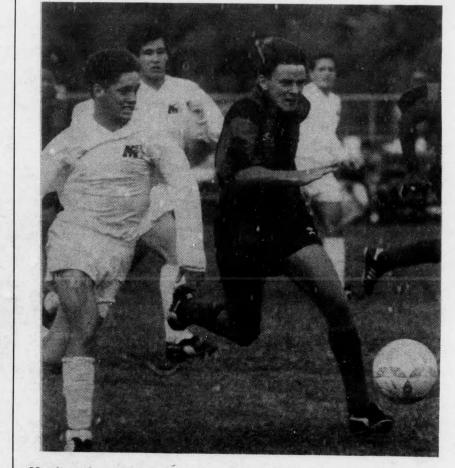
Brown noticed the a gem he had on his hands. Obviously, the team has become somewhat of a priority for him.

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Still a tender 17 years old, Compton claims he comes from a fairly athletic family. His younger sister shares his interest in soccer and is actively involved in the sport back home.

When asked about his early expectations with the team, Compton says "I didn't expect to have

much success here. I didn't even expect to start. I had just planned to try out." So how does the glamorous AUAA





Niyi Adekoya holds off a Mt. A player faster game here. The veterans on the team have helped me alot. They've made me feel at home."

> The team hit an unfortunate 4 game slide to start the season but Rheal Leblanc notched the lone goal

last weekend against the Mount Allison Mounties to give the team their first win of the season. The Reds were missing the service of Dawlt Kebede who was red carded last week and therefore received an automatic one game suspension. The victory bodes well for the future. The team now has a two week break to regroup before facing the 2-3-1 UPEI and Memorial standing at 0-4-2 in the final two home games of the season, both of which are worth four points each.

Rumours are abound that these two games will see the return of last year's MVP Gray Zurheide after missing the first half of the season with a broken foot. Zurheide hasn't started to practice with the team yet although he is off crutches.

But where does this leave Compton? "I'll move to the wing and he'll play in the middle. He's an impact player. The team will benefit from him. I'm looking forward to playing with him. From what I hear, he's a great player. I should learn alot from him."

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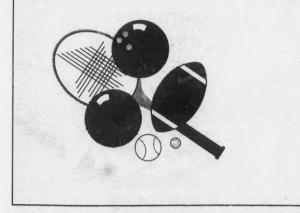
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#### THIS WEEK IN UNB SPORTS

Saturday, October 8 Field Hockey vs St. Mary's at 4:00 Cross Country at Dal

#### Sunday, October 9 Field Hockey vs St. Mary's at 12 noon



# Matthew Compton gets past a UdeM player. Photo Kevin G. Porter

Computer Science student had already AUAA is alot quicker. You don't have

cision to attend UNB this year. The compare with high school ball? "The been accepted to the University before alot of time with the ball. It's a much

### by Maria Paisley **Sports Editor**

familiar spot - that being first in the league.

They had been in second Chapman Field. place prior to the win over UPEI and they overtook the idle St. Mary's Huskies who were in first. Shonaugh Coles, Stacy Gallant, and Charla Currie each added one for the Reds to defeat the Panthers 3-0 on Friday. The Reds finished a perfect weekend

by a shutout of the Panthers on Saturday with goals travelling to Halifax for from Charla Currie, Tammy The Varsity Reds field Jewer, and Dianne Rogers hockey team is back in a to move into first place. Krista Thompson was in will play on the artificial goal for the Reds at both turf at the Huskies Stadium The Reds shutout the games. These two teams on Saturday at 4pm and UPEI Panthers over the will meet again October 22 again Sunday at 12 noon. weekend and regained the and 23 for UNB's final first place in the AUAA. game of the season at

The 3-0-1 Reds will be their final away games of the season to take on the St. Mary's Huskies. The teams



Compton and his teammates now face two weeks of intense training before embarking on what will be the most important weekend of the season.