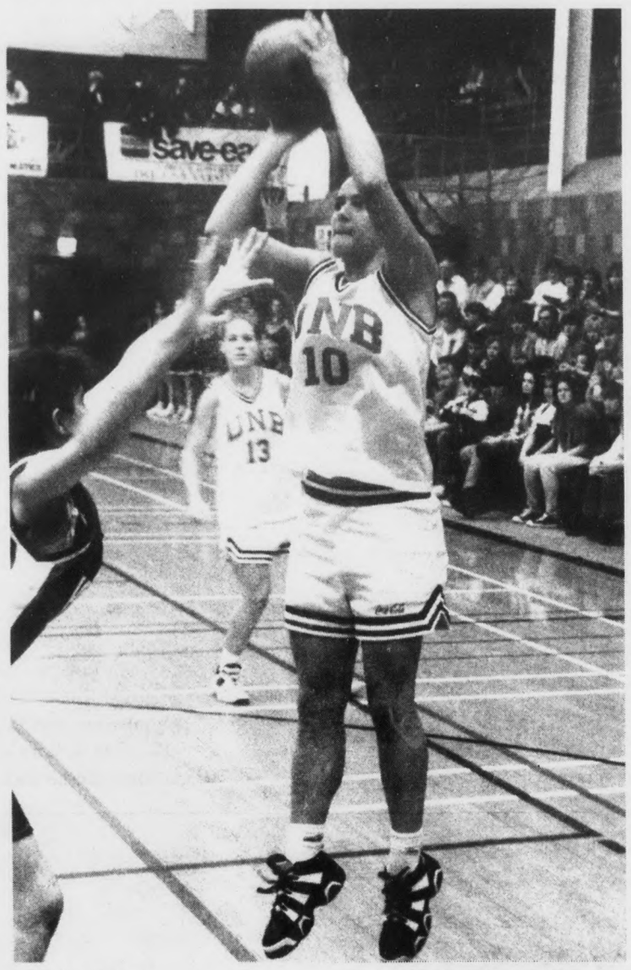
Women's Basketball

Better than a 3 point loss...

by Murray Thorpe
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Shelly Ryan. Photo Warren Watson

This weekend, the UNB Varsity Reds women's basketball team hosted the memorial Sea-Hawks and won both games by an aggregate difference of 33 points which is 16 more than the total of the margins of their last six losses. This is now four wins in a row for the Reds.

On Saturday, the Reds gave the Sea-Hawks a basketball clinic with a score of 94 to 66. The Reds had a 53.5 field goal percentage while MUN had a paltry 32.9. The Reds out-rebounded MUN 47 to 41. Erin Savage scored 17 and Heather Grasman scored 16 for the Reds while for the Sea-Hawks, Michelle Healey scored 14 points.

On Sunday, the Reds out shot MUN by a percentage of 50.0 to 35.2 but were out-rebounded 45 to 34. The field goal percentage seemed to be the deciding factor as UNB won 71 to 66. MUN had two opportunities in the dying minutes, but could not drain their shots. Player of the game, Shelly Ryan shot for 20 points for the Reds and Donna Retson shot for 15. For Memorial, Michelle Healey almost got half of MUN's total with 30.

After the weekend's action, the Reds have 1191 points for and 1202 points against. This is surprising for a team that is not going to make the playoffs. There is no playoff hope as SMU Huskies won the games they needed on the weekend to keep the Reds from going to Antigonish for the AUAA's.

When losing Coach, Douglas Partridge of Memorial, was asked after the game on Sunday to comment on the weekend's action, he said, "I can't even remember yesterday ... As Bobby Knight (Indiana Hoosiers) says if you coach long enough, you are going to get your butt beat every now and again ... today we played pretty well ... we outshot them (3 pointers), more free-throws, more rebounds ... we did everything ... we just didn't make our shots (field goals) ... we came in as the top defensive team (and until this weekend, in first place) in the conference and we didn't defend anybody ... we had a couple of chances to win the game ... I thought there was a couple of questionable calls down the stretch ... we got two good looks at the basket ... they didn't go down."

When Coach Partridge was asked about the first place team being beaten by a total of 33 points over the weekend by the last place team (who are now in second to last after this weekend's action), he said, "I don't think for a minute and we said (sic) it all year, New Brunswick is not last place talent. I think they are probably one of the best 4 teams in the conference ... us (MUN), Dal, SMU and UNB... just a tough spot for Joyce (Coach Slipp) to be in... first year, not familiar with the league, being out of it for a while. Now that she's getting used to it, they are starting to play very, very well. I think next year, they are going to be very, very good." Coach Partridge and the Memorial Sea-Hawks are now looking towards the playoffs in Antigonish while the Varsity Reds will finish off the season here against Cape Breton this weekend.

Make some noise

Wake Up Reds Fans

by Geraldine English
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Are you a Varsity Reds fan? Do you want to show your support at games? Are you willing to make a fool of yourself with noisemakers and face paints? Then you're just the sort of person the Rowdy Reds are looking for!

The Rowdy Reds are a new spirit group being organized by two members of the UNB cheerleading squad, Lindsay Brydges and Tammy Oram. The group's aim is to promote school spirit, show our Varsity teams that they have the fans' support, and increase the teams' own spirits. "We want people who are outgoing and willing to show their enthusiasm and pride in our school", says Brydges. "We need people to stand up and say 'I go to UNB, and I'm proud to show my support.'"

The first meeting of the Rowdy Reds, scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, was not as big a success as the organizers had hoped. Only two people showed up for the information session. Brydges blames the poor turnout partly on the fact that half of the one thousand page-size posters distributed over campus were printed with the wrong date. She also pointed out that this is a very busy time of year for a lot of students.

The Rowdy Reds are not letting the slow start get them down. They're hoping to be a strong presence at the womens basketball games this weekend. Anyone who's planning to attend the Varsity Mania game can sit with the Rowdy Reds for the game, and still be counted with their residence.

Several incentives are being offered to those who are willing to decorate themselves in team colors and scream like crazy. The first is half price admission to all home games. Another is a special "happy hour" at the Social Club where Rowdy Reds will receive deals on beverages while having their faces painted in red and black. Part of this Happy Hour deal includes the Rowdy Reds not having to wait in line at the Club after the games.

For now the group is concentrating on increasing attendance and enthusiasm at women's basketball games. They hope to become larger and more prominent on campus within the next year, and include men's basketball and soccer games in their agenda. Brydges has already begun speaking at Orientation '96 general meeting in hopes of gaining the interest and support of some new faces.

The players really appreciate the positive support and noise from the crowd. "A guy even thanked us [the cheerleaders] for our spirit and enthusiasm at the basketball games this weekend," says Brydges. Keep that in mind when you see the posters for the next Rowdy Reds event.





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