

UNB Athletics introduces Charity Challenge

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The UNB Varsity Reds hockey team officially unveiled a new program "Varsity Reds Charity Challenge" which will benefit 11 local charity groups.

"We're very excited about this program and this is a way to give back to the community," said UNB Athletics Director Clint Hamilton.

"It's definitely a win-win situation and we're very pleased that we help build the awareness of these local charities," said Athletic Advancement Officer, Marcie Nixon. "As well it increases the people who will see our product (the hockey team)."

"I think that it is a perfect partnership for an organization such as the Boys and Girls Club because of our many recreational and educational programs can prove the very ideals that varsity athletics involves with its student athletes," said Miles Pinsent of the Fredericton Boys and Girls Club, which provides a variety of educational, recreational and nutritional programs for children up to 18 years of age.

Erin McCabe, the Communications and Public Relations Co-ordinator at the NBAHA also felt that it was a good partnership.

"In the past the university has been great with Canadian hockey week and getting out to events and assisting the local youth with events with promotions," said McCabe noting the Fredericton Youth Hockey Association (FYHA) has been



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The new UNB Mascot "Reddy" The Fox stands with the Varsity Reds Charity Challenge PT Cruiser

involved in promotions at the university in the past.

Pinsent also believed that the joint venture would give more exposure to what the Boys and Girls Club does in terms of activities.

"I think that support in the community can come from a number of different sources such as volunteers, fund raising events like the Varsity Challenge, through donations, increased registrations in our programs," said Pinsent.

The NBAHA, the provincial body for amateur hockey, will contact the various different local minor hockey associations and will sell the tickets and will benefit

from it.

Nixon explained that each of the charity groups would get 500 tickets, which they would be responsible for selling and in return they would receive a portion of the ticket sales. These tickets are different than those available at the Aitken University Centre, so anyone interested in these tickets would have to either contact the individual charities or else contact the UNB Athletics Department.

"Each charity would attract a different group so they're not all adults or students that will be coming as some of the charities are dealing with children," said Nixon.

UNB Field Hockey cleans house against UPEI



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UNB Field Hockey was on fire this weekend. The team played hard, aggressive games and swept UPEI 5-1 and 5-2 in a weekend series at home. Renee Poirier lead the way for the V-Reds scoring three goals in the first game and two in the second earning herself Athlete of the Week Honours.

UNB Ironmen Rugby off of suspension and back in Action

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The Battle of the Hill resumed again this year as the UNB Ironmen Rugby team faced the St. Thomas Tommies in both A and B divisions. Splitting this season's games versus STU these games are strong contenders to be showcases for the NBRU University final. The traditional rivalry between the STU and UNB ruggers came to a boil in both matches as STU and UNB players were sent off the pitch for foul play. Referee Alan Gray utilized the new 'sin-bin' rule which allows a referee to award 'yellow' or 'red' cards to players who seriously infringe on the rules of the game. A yellow card will send a player off the pitch for 10 minutes of the match while a red card will send a player off for good, with no substitutions allowed for either penalty. This card system has definitely improved the flow of play in the game and kept players on their toes to not commit unnecessary penalties.

In A side action UNB were able to demonstrate their strength in both its forwards and backs during their first meeting with St. Thomas. A closely knit pack dominated the Tommies which lead to team and club captain Nick Taylor scoring the match's first try. Among the back field, Justin Penney stood out as he scored two tries. Scrum-half Jeremy Nibogie would complete the scoring with a penalty kick and a conversion. STU were able to tally up one try and two penalty kicks to make the

final 20-11.

Two weeks later, as STU and UNB faced off again it was STU who would leave with the win. UNB lost by six points as STU edged UNB 31 - 25. The second match was a forwards' game, with all of UNB's tries coming from the pack. French flanker Ben Villien scored twice, while prop Matt Barry, flanker Jason Hadland and hooker Nick Taylor each scored once. With the UNB back field seeing little ball and the STU scrum seeming to get the best of UNB, wheeling the Ironmen pack and therefore stealing valuable possession, the Tommies were able to capitalize on UNB's mistakes and score when it counted. The UNB back line seemed to lack organization in defense as STU ran their fullback well throughout the match to make or break the gain line. UNB also took needless penalties in the final minutes which sealed their fate as the Tommies were able to score when the Ironmen were a man short. In order to claim the NB championship and have the chance to win back to back Maritime University Championships, the Ironmen will have to sort out their defense and place kicking, provide a stable platform to supply the backfield steady ball and most importantly maintain their discipline throughout the rest of their matches so as not to attract any more unnecessary penalties.

With many returning veterans from the team which defeated the Acadia Axemen to claim 1999's University Maritime A Division

Title, and a host of up and coming talent, the Ironmen have the talent and potential to repeat last year's historic win. In the A division UNB is tied for second with STU both at 2 - 2 while UPEI sits in the #1 spot.

In the B division STU proved worthy opponents, also splitting the season's games with the Ironmen's B-side. The first match saw many UNB die-hards pull double duty that day, playing back to back matches. Having just face the Saint John Trojans in a men's B division game, Bill Micheal, Duane Farrell and Scott Olsen all started for UNB, while the Ironmen's A-side inside centre Brian "Killer" Crothers filled in for fly-half in the B match immediately following the A game. Farrell at no. 12 executed a scissors play which ended in a try, while scrum-half Alex MacLean ran the blindside for a sneaky try. Sebastian Ival, an exchange student from a particularly rough area of France, stormed into the try zone for a try while Crothers rounded out the scoring with a try of his own. STU were able to score two tries, both converted, which left the score in UNB's favour 20-14.

In the second meeting of UNB and STU 2nd XV's, STU were able to slip by with a 17-15 win. Although the Ironmen were grateful to have mainstay fly-half Andrew Schorn back in the lineup after a shoulder injury sidelined him earlier in the season, the Ironmen B side were missing a few key players and once again UNB ruggers had to pull double duty in back-to-back matches.



Indomitable Newfoundland prop Ryan Lanning started both A and B games, Matt Barry had to fill in for an injured front row player and eightman Chris Nowlan played nearly all of the second match after an exhaustive first XV game versus STU. 'Ever-ready' Crothers and an injured-but-still-game Jeremy Nibogie shared halves at scrum-half in their second match of the day. Lock Scott Olsen, a quiet and often underestimated player, ran through a half-dozen Tommies to rumble in end zone for a try. Olsen is a strong competitor for an A division spot in the engine room of the scrum. Winger Robert Partridge and flanker Kevin Plummer each scored a try, setting examples of how to take the ball at pace and

head for the try-zone. Schorn also ran the ball particularly well throughout the match, aggressively gaining territory for UNB. A lone conversion by the Tommies would be the margin of defeat as STU also scored three tries. UNB Hooker Geoff Bishop, hatched in Truro Nova Scotia, received Man-of-the-Match in both games against STU. Bishop, a red-headed fireball of a player, stood out as the best tackler of the team, often stopping STU pack members nearly twice his size dead in their tracks. Bishop is a strong candidate for the coveted Ironman of the Year trophy.

The Ironmen first XV will be facing UPEI this Saturday and the 2nd XV will be matched against NBCC.

UNB Hockey goes back to basics

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HALIFAX - It will be back to basics.

That is how rookie UNB Varsity Reds hockey coach Gardiner MacDougall sees it for his young team after the weekend when they lost both their road games, 4-2 to the St. Francis Xavier X-men on Friday and 9-3 to the Dalhousie Tigers on Saturday.

"There are some adjustments for the new players coming from junior (hockey)," said MacDougall, noting that it was still early in the season.

The two teams traded goals in the first period to end the first period at 1-1. Reds veteran Adam Redmond got UNB on the board. While the Tigers had to wait until the Reds finished killing a 5-on-3 penalty before they notched their first goal.

The Tigers came back in the second to capitalize on the power play to take a 2-1 lead. Dal took advantage of the power play, which had resulted from a checking from behind penalty, to fire two unanswered goals past Chiarello to take a 4-1 lead. With three unanswered goals from the Tigers and UNB's

coach looked to stop Dal's momentum by calling a time out. The strategy seemed to work—but only briefly as the Tigers hit the goal post before blasting two more goals, including a power play goal, past an unfortunate Chiarello to end the period with a 6-1 lead.

UNB came back in the third frame with rookie Lloyd Lafrance between the pipes. Lafrance didn't fair much better than Chiarello did before him with the Tigers two more goals only seconds apart giving them an 8-1 lead. This led to the return of Chiarello. The Reds continued to battle refusing to throw in the towel. UNB's Joe Gerbe was robbed from close in by Tigers net minder Harlin Hayes. Chiarello returned the favor robbing Dal from the point. Darryl McArthur slid one by Hayes to increase the Reds tally to two goals. The Tigers scored their final goal short-handed to give them a 9-2 lead. The Reds battled back and Calvin Watson scored their final goal with only 17 seconds remaining on the clock to end the game at 9-3 in Dal's favor.

There was a rather somber mood in the UNB camp following the game and MacDougall summed it up saying that they were very disappointed in the final outcome

of the game.

The previous night the Reds had played what MacDougall described as a very good club in the St. Francis Xavier X-men and the Reds had to settle for a loss there as well.

"The problem tonight (Saturday) was the defence and the special teams," said MacDougall. "I really feel the turning point in the game was in the second period when we took the checking from behind penalty and they capitalized on it."

Although MacDougall does see a few bright spots in the Reds future.

"Craig Minard was one of our key players in terms of leadership and there is also potential for our new recruits," said MacDougall noting two recruits, Jason Hegberg and former national team member Mike Zanutto.

MacDougall states that the expectations for the team this season will be to continue the hockey tradition at UNB.

The Reds will be hosting the Universite de Moncton Blue Eagles on Friday at and the UPEI Panthers will visit on Saturday for a matchup.



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