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BASKETBALL

Reds split weekend set with Panthers



Mark McGinnis/*The Brunswickan*

UNB's Mike Kierstead nets two points this past weekend versus UPEI.

By Mike Dempsey

Two different Varsity Reds teams played against UPEI last weekend. And I'm not talking about men's and women's.

Both the men's and women's team looked disorganized and sluggish in their opening games against the Panthers on Friday night but then both rebounded to beat the Panthers handily on Saturday afternoon.

In Friday's opening contest, the women looked lethargic against the undermanned Panther squad who only dressed eight players, four of which were rookies. While the Reds did show some flash at the offensive end of the court, they mostly seemed disorganized and over-matched by UPEI's intensity.

"(Today) we were playing awful defense," said Reds' guard Bev Kennedy. They just out-hustled us, simple as that."

The Panthers, who held a three-point lead at the half, were able to lengthen their lead thanks to a strong performance by veteran forward Kate Myron and dominant rookie Catherine Walters. The two players finished the Panthers' 73-59 victory with 13 and 10 points respectively. The Panthers were lead by guard Katie Andrews who poured in 21 points. UNB was lead Kennedy, who scored 19 points in the losing cause.

In the second half of Saturday's rematch, it was clear that the Reds had something to prove and that the Panthers were quickly running out of gas. The opening half had seen much the same happen, as did the day before, with the Panthers out-hustling the Reds and the Reds not helping their cause by shooting an ugly 20.7% from the field. Down by 13 at the half, the Reds came back to the floor a different team. After closing the gap to 10 points in the opening minutes, the Reds went on a 11-0 run to take their first lead of the game, 52-51. Point guard Holly Jones led the way with 17 points while Kennedy and Sarah Melvin added 16 and 15 points each.

The Panthers, who were plagued by foul trouble throughout the game, fell victim to their short bench and weren't able to stick with the Reds who took the game 77-72 to even their season record at 1 and 1.

"We knew that we had to step up our game (in the second half)," said Kennedy. "We weren't playing our game, we didn't want to come out of the weekend losing both games. We just wanted to go hard."

The men's team had much the same problem as the women's did. They were outplayed by the Panthers team on Friday and seemed disorganized at both ends of the floor. The Reds committed ten turnovers in the opening half, which led to 15 points for the Panthers. UPEI rode that advantage to a 46-38 lead at the end of the first half. The Reds battled back to trail by only five, five minutes into the second half but the Panthers responded late in the game, repeatedly hitting their free throws and sending the Reds to a 91-86 loss.

"(Today) we got blocked a half-dozen times because we didn't attack the basket," said Reds coach Thom Gillespie. "We were fading away, we were not going to the rim. If we would attack the basket, good things will happen."

Saturday's rematch was a complete turnaround from the previous day. The Reds used a balanced attack to outpace the Panthers. Only two of the Reds' ten players did not score in the opening half and the team shot an amazing 55% from the field in the first half. That output translated into a commanding 55-32 lead at the end of twenty minutes of play.

In the second half, it was much the same story, with the Panthers looking tired and the Reds continuing to pour in the points. Up by as much as 42 points in the second half, Gillespie used the opportunity to play with his line-up and get everyone involved in the scoring. Five Reds scored in double figures for the Reds, including Mike Kierstead who led the team with 17 to go along with his team-high eight rebounds. After the final buzzer mercifully ended the rout, the Reds had scored 102 points as compared to 70 for UPEI.

After the game, Gillespie was pleased with his team's turnaround but also pointed to another reason for the lopsided score. "There was a little bit of a sense of urgency (after Friday's loss)," said Gillespie. "We wanted to come out (Saturday) and play basketball to succeed, not to fail. Our effort was much better (on Saturday) but I also think that they kind of ran out of gas."

Both the men's and the women's teams will see action this weekend at home against Acadia. The women open the day on Saturday at noon at the Aiken Centre with the men following at 2pm.

Scoreboard

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Soccer (Men's)

UNB 1	vs	WATERLOO 1
UNB 2	vs	UBC 3
UNB 1	vs	SMU 5

Basketball (Women's)

UNB 59	vs	UPEI 73
UNB 77	vs	UPEI 72

Basketball (Men's)

UNB 86	vs	UPEI 91
UNB 102	vs	UPEI 70

Hockey (Men's)

UNB 2	vs	SMU 3
UNB 7	vs	ST.FX 7

Volleyball (Women's)

UNB 0 vs SMU 3
16-25, 17-25, 22-25
UNB 3 vs UPEI 0
25-18, 25-20, 25-18

Volleyball (Men's)

UNB 3 vs MUN 2
18-25, 19-25, 25-19, 31-29, 15-7
UNB 0 vs MUN 3
22-25, 17-25, 18-25

Hockey (Women's)

UNB 3 vs UdeM 2

Cross Country (Men's)

UNB finished 13th.
Individual results:
Adam Stacey 40th (34:10)
Matt Stacey 56th (34:41)
Matt Goss 71st (35:09)
Jay MacDonald 83rd (35:33)
Jamie Seaby 87th (35:46)
John Lofranco 88th (35:47)
Permitted to participate:
Kara Grant 31st (19:27)

Reds Schedule

Friday, Nov. 16
Hockey (M) vs ACA 7:00 @AUC

Saturday, Nov. 17
Basketball (W) vs ACA 12:00 @AUC
Basketball (M) vs ACA 2:00pm @AUC
Volleyball (M) vs DAL 7:00pm @ LBG
Volleyball (F) @ACA 6:00pm
Hockey (M) vs DAL 8:00pm @AUC
Swimming @ DAL

Sunday, Nov. 18
Volleyball (M) vs UdeM 3:00pm @LBG
Volleyball (F) @UdeM
Swimming @ DAL



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Civil Engineering student Peter Wedge crosses the finish line after winning the National Cyclo-cross Championships which were held recently in Edmonton, Alberta. An event he has dominated for the past five years.

CROSS COUNTRY

UNB runs against the CIS

by John Lofranco

There's not much that can slow down the UNB cross country team. Not even a 4:30 am wake-up on Friday to catch a plane to the CIS championships in Sherbrooke. Not the coldest temperatures all season. Not the deepest mud, longest hills, nor the toughest competition. Perhaps the only thing that got in the way for the V-Reds this weekend was a lack of experience. And after what they went though in La Belle Province last weekend, they've certainly made up for it.

Guelph won the men's title, and Victoria took home the women's banner. Jerry Ziak of Victoria won the men's individual race, and Beth Wightman of Queen's won the women's race.

The UNB team finished 13th out of 15 teams, defeating only the University of Mantioba and Ottawa U. Still, for the most part, the men ran solid races. Adam Stacey was the top UNB finisher, completing the 10k course in 34:10, a decent time considering the conditions. His twin brother Matt was only 31 seconds behind in 56th spot. Rookie Matt Goss had a strong race as well, cutting through the mud in 35:09, good for 71st place, and 11th out of all first-year runners. Judging by this season's results, Goss is likely to move into the upper echelon of CIS competition as his career unfolds.

After only his second year of running, Jay Macdonald made his CIS debut, overcomeing some early cramps and jitters to take 83rd spot. Jay will definitely look back on this race as one to be chalked up to experience. With three years left of university competition, Jay stands to make significant improvements in the years to come.

John Lofranco had his best race of the season as he held onto UNB's fifth scorer spot for about 9,900m of the 10,000m course. After that, it was all Jamie Seaby, as the grizzled vet made up for a tough race with a powerful last lap, culminating in a kick to pass his fellow Ontarian in the final stretch. He finished 87th in 35:46. Lofranco was 88th in 35:47. Grant ran his last cross country race as a V-Red, fighting through the course in a time of 39:08. The team will miss these three charismatic old-timers next year, but hopefully the experience gained by the younger set will help them to see their talent blossom.

Although the women's team were not meant to have a representative at CIS, Kara Grant was granted a last-minute entry, based on her victory at the Pan-Am Pentathalon championships, which were the same weekend as AUS. Despite having to buy racing spikes an hour before the gun went off, and having put in over 45k of work in the pool last week, Kara aquitted herself quite well. She fell short of her goal of All-Canadian status, but she did have the best individual finish for a UNB athlete, coming in 31st on the 5k course with a time of 19:27.

This has been the most successful season for the UNB men in some time. The women are a young team and are taking the steps required to move from 4th to first, like the men did this year. The triple threat of first-year runners Evan Pemberton, Justin Young and Joel Henderson will be challenging

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SOCCER

UNB finishes fourth in Canada, second in Atlantic

Fourth consecutive year Ontario school has won title

by Jeffery Smith

The Varsity Reds men's soccer team finished their season this past weekend with a 5-1 loss to the Saint Mary's Huskies in the bronze medal game on Sunday at the Canadian university men's soccer championships in Halifax.

The Reds finished fourth in the country and second in Atlantic Canada.

In the gold medal game, Wilfrid Laurier edged the British Columbia Thunderbirds 2-1 to claim their second consecutive CIS title.

Maxim Pollack, the player of the game, was the lone scorer for UNB at the 70-minute mark and Matt Boulton led the way for the Huskies with three goals.

In their opening game on Thursday, the OUA Champions Waterloo Warriors and the Varsity Reds battled to a 1-1 draw under cold and windy conditions.

UNB opened the scoring in the 25th minute of the opening frame with UNB Player of the Game Willie Berrouard chipping the ball over Waterloo goaltender Alex Hearn.

The game continued to be scrappy with most of the play in the centre of the pitch and with very few scoring opportunities.

As the game was ending, the Warriors' Nicholas Klassen scored a cracker of a free kick from almost 30 yards hitting the top corner.

UNB managed to hold off the Warriors in the remaining minutes for the tie.

On Saturday, UNB needed the win against the BC Thunderbirds in their final round-robin game to advance to the gold medal final. The Thunderbirds went on to edge the Reds 3-2 with Steve Dickinson scoring the game winner at the 43-minute mark. Kjetil Vaage and Johnathan Crossland scored the goals for UNB. Crossland was also named Player of the Game.

HOCKEY

Strong start to season

by Tanya Dumaresq

UNB is 2-0 after their first two weeks of play in the AUS league's inaugural season the women's ice hockey.

On November 3rd, 2001 UNB officially opened their season with a convincing 7-1 victory over St. Thomas on the Tommies' home ice. Scoring for the Reds were Laura Gullison, Lynda Robinson (2), Allison MacNamara, Emily Watson, Laura Detenbeck, and Lori MacFarlane. Goalie Emily Hobbs put on a solid performance between the pipes.

Last Saturday the Reds hit the road to face a tougher Moncton squad for their second game of the regular season. The contest was scoreless until, with only six

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