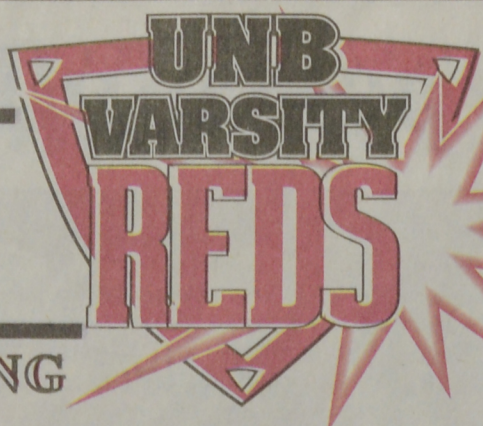


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Reds tie AHL Flames prospects

UNB ties Saint John
Flames 2-2 in exhibition
hockey action

by Jeff Smith

What better way to start the year than by earning a tie against an American Hockey League team?

The UNB Varsity Reds men's hockey team did just that as they skated to a 2-2 draw in a hard fought game against the Saint John Flames prospects in exhibition action.

UNB hopes that the game sets the tone for the year as they will be hosting the CIS Men's National Hockey Championships next March 20-23.

The Reds earned the tie with strong goaltending by rookie Reg Bourcier. The former pro played just over half the game and was the key to maintaining the tie in the third period as Saint John doubled UNB in shots.

Proceeds from the game went towards KidSport, a fund administered by Sport New Brunswick. KidSport is designed to assist children of families facing financial obstacles to participate in community sport programs.

Saint John opened the scoring at 7:02 into the game as Steve Hildenbrand slipped the puck past UNB's Gene Chiarello on the power play. The Reds tied it at one as Craig Soke slid the puck through the five-hole of Flames goalie Brent Krahn. Assisting on the play were Todd Alexander and Eric Demers in front of the crowd of approximately 1000. The fast paced first period ended with Saint John out-shooting the Reds 15-11.

Both teams started the second period off with some good scoring chances but it was the Reds who broke through at 11:05 on the power play. Ryan Burgoyne snapped the shot over the shoulder of Krahn on an unassisted goal.

UNB switched goalies near the half-way mark, which allowed Reg Bourcier to get his first chance in nets as a



Cindy Brown/The Brunswickan

Eric Demers, of the UNB Varsity Reds, waits for a pass and a chance to score against the AHL Saint John Flames. The fast-paced game ended in a 2-2 tie, which makes the prospect of winning a National title good for the Reds this year. UNB hosts the National tournament in March at the Aitken University Centre. The Varsity Reds continue exhibition play tonight at the AUC, when they host UQTR.

Varsity Red. The 22-year old had an awkward start as the referee made him switch his regular "cat's eye" mask he had planned on wearing, a CIS rule violation, with a regular cage before he was allowed to enter.

Boucier gave up his only goal of the game as the Flames tied it up just minutes later, as Derek Toninato accepted a long pass and scored on a breakaway as he exited the penalty box.

For the remainder of the game, it was Boucier who stole the show as he made a number of great saves in the third period and overtime to earn the Reds the tie.

"I just wanted to be there and give my team a chance to win the game. We had our chances. It was definitely a good step to take," said Bourcier.

When all was said and done, the Reds were out-shot 46-27 but showed

they could match the play of an AHL team with grit and determination.

"I thought both teams competed hard," said Flames coach Jim Playfair. "I think the fans were treated to a high intensity game. There were lots of scoring chances, lots of banging and crashing. Neither team is up to the speed to where they want to be, but I thought it was a pretty spirited effort." When asked what he thought of the

game, Reds' coach Gardiner MacDougall had this to say, "I thought that it was a really good tempo, and if you scripted it from both coaches viewpoints, that's probably what you're looking for."

The Reds host last year's CIS silver medalists, the University of Quebec at Trois Rivières Patriotes this Friday night at the Aitken Centre with a faceoff set for 7:00 pm.

UNB men's soccer team lose in weekend play

Midfielder Duncan Gillis
out for the season after
freak accident

by Nathan White

Things are looking bleak for the UNB Varsity Reds Men's Soccer team.

After losing midfielder Duncan Gillis to a freak injury earlier in the week, the team proceeded to tighten its stranglehold on

the West Division basement by losing both of its matches on the weekend.

The losses drop UNB to a record of 1 win, 1 draw, and 5 losses on the season.

Gillis was injured last Thursday. He cut his leg open for 50 stitches after sliding over the metal base of a corner flag in practice. He could only watch as his team returned from a hard-fought 1-0 loss in Moncton on Saturday, to drop a 4-1 decision to UPEI at Chapman Field Sunday.



Heather Hickey/The Brunswickan

An unidentified UNB men's soccer player is robbed of the ball in weekend action. UNB lost both games and dropped to a 1-5-1 record.

Gillis said UNB "played a lot better than the score showed", but again fell victim to defensive miscues.

"We're falling apart in the last 18-20 (minutes)", said Gillis. He also said that the squad is having a hard time working together, perhaps because of so many new players.

Even more heartbreaking was the fact that striker John Crossland missed a penalty kick against Moncton that could have given his team the draw. Crossland is just 2 of 6 from the spot this year, and has lost the confidence of coach Darren Cann, who had William Milner kick a penalty for UNB's lone goal Sunday.

With Gillis out for the year, and only 4 games left on the schedule, the outlook is not good. UNB must win all of its remaining games to even its record, and it will be an uphill battle as they travel to Halifax this weekend for games against Dalhousie and St. Mary's, the top two teams in the East Division.

UNB V-Reds Women's volleyball team start season

by Bruns Staff

The UNB Varsity Reds women's volleyball team is ready to start off their season after only one and a half weeks of training. The Reds will travel to Moncton on Saturday to take on the defending AUS

Women's Volleyball champions, the Eagles Bleu from UdeM. Moncton has captured three of the past four league championships while the Varsity Reds missed the playoffs last season for the first time in ten years. Game time for the exhibition match is 2:00pm at the CEPS. UNB will also travel to PEI on Sunday to take on the UPEI Panthers at 1:00pm. The UNB Varsity Reds will kick off regular season play October 18th-20th as they host the annual UNB Women's Volleyball Invitational. At the tournament, besides the host team, will be six AUS teams from Saint Mary's, Cape Breton, UPEI, Moncton, and Mount Allison.

UNB Caris Cougars weekend play

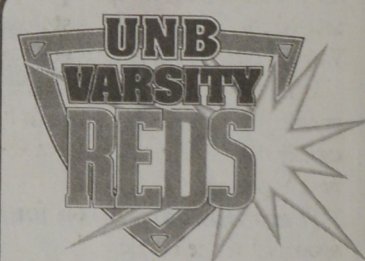
Cougars clinch first place
in Atlantic, set to host
Atlantic tournament

by Bruns Staff

After being rained out this past weekend, the UNB Caris Cougars travel back to Nova Scotia this weekend to complete their regular season.

UNB will play all three N.S. schools (Dalhousie, St. Mary's, and Acadia) to finalize standings in the Atlantic Conference. UNB's current 9-0 record has clinched them first place in the Conference standings and has given them the right to host the Atlantic Conference Championships October 12th and 13th at Royals Field.

UNB is looking to win their fifth straight Conference Championship and will be using the weekend as practice of the upcoming National Championships slated for October 18th-20th. For further information and schedule of games for the National tournament, see page 9.



Upcoming Schedules...

Friday, October 4th
UPEI @ UNB field hockey 4:00pm
UQTR @ UNB hockey (m) 7:00pm

Saturday, October 5th
UNB @ UdeM V-ball (w) 2:00pm
Cross Country Meet #3 @ UdeM
UPEI @ UNB field hockey 11:00am
UNB @ Dal soccer (m) 3:00pm

Sunday, October 6th
UNB @ UPEI V-ball (w) 1:00pm
UNB @ SMU soccer (m) 4:00pm
UNB @ SMU soccer (w) 2:00pm

Weekend scores...

Saturday, September 28th
Women's Soccer 0 vs UDEM 2
Men's Soccer 0 vs UDEM 1

Sunday, September 29th
Women's Soccer 0 vs UPEI 2
Men's Soccer 1 vs UPEI 4

Monday, September 30th
Men's Hockey
UNB 2 vs Saint John
Flames prospects 2

Look for up-to-date information about the Varsity Reds Fanatics program along with this symbol on the front page of sports in weeks to come.