Reds fall to SMU in tough season opener

UNB home opener exciting but disappointing

by Melissa McAllister

Robyn Jeffery scored the first and only goal in Varsity Reds Ladies hockey over the weekend as the Lady Reds fell 3-1 to the St. Mary's Huskies. The girls played hard in the season opener at the AUC but SMU was out to win.

The team, which has 11 new players joining the roster this season, started the game out strong. By the end of the first period, the teams were tied at 0 with shots on goal fairly even -for the Reds five and SMU seven.

It wasn't until the second period that the action started to happen. UNB's Jeffery opened up the scoring at the nine-minute mark. Jeffery, a first-year student at UNB, woke SMU up. 10 minutes later, Jennifer Dobbie, of the Huskies, came back with a goal assisted by Chelsea Gilbert and Lindsay Taylor.

At the end of the second the score was tied 1-1 and shots on goal were a little lop-sided, with UNB posting nine shots, while SMU had 30.

The third period saw both teams came out wanting more. SMU wasn't long getting their second goal of the game scored by Chasity Labillois, assisted by again Taylor and Gilbert.

The Reds were giving their all out there but with a little under a minute left in the third they pulled goalie Michelle Leblanc and SMU forward Gilbert scored on the open net ending the game with the Huskies in the lead, 3-1. SMU outshot UNB 38-16.

Player of the game went to Fredericton native Chelsea Gilbert who is in her first year at SMU. Gilbert had one goal and two assists and proved to be a player the Reds will have to be on the look out for.

Regular season action continues November 9th as the Reds take on STU at the Lady Beaverbrook Rink at 8:00 p.m. Their next home game is Friday, November 14th when the Reds will go up against the Mount Allison Mounties in an 8:00 p.m. contest.



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UNB's Michelle LeBlanc watches the rebound from a SMU shot as teammate Emily Watson tries to edge Lindsay Taylor away from the goal.

Perry scores two

The Reds will go on

by Josh Campbell

This past weekend, the girls of summer showed that they can be the girls of fall by tying UdeM 2-2 in the final minute of the second half. Natalie Perry of the Reds scored both goals, including the tying goal in the 90th minute of the game.

'This was a huge game for us," commented V-Reds coach Andy Cameron. The V-Reds were tied in the standings with UPEI, but due to UPEI's loss to Dal on the weekend, the Reds are playoff bound.

Moncton had single markers from Margot LeBlanc and Lise Bourgeois.

It was a clean game with no Yellow or Red cards awarded. Both goalkeepers kept the net free of most scoring opportunities.

It will be the first time in five years that the Women's team has reached the playoffs. Coach Cameron said that it was "a pleasant surprise, and the girls deserve it."

The AUS playoffs will be hosted by first place UCCB in Cape Breton this coming weekend Oct.31-Nov.2. Let's Hope the Girls can pull off some wins, and some tricks and treats for the fans in Cape Breton this Halloween weekend.

Tommies host UNB tonight in battle #1

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overtime heroics, and also had the big goal to tie it up against the Axemen late, salvaging the point for UNB. Lindsay is known for his timely goals, and MacDougall is glad his captain is "finding a way this year... that's good to see."

The way Young has fit into the league so quickly has been a pleasant surprise to say the least. "No question he's done well; anytime you get that kind of offense from a defenseman," commented MacDougall. "He sees the ice so well, it's just a matter of being consistent on his defensive part of the game as well."

Young also scored UNB's first goal against Dal, and has five on the season to lead the team. With their top defenseman, Kevin Werner, sitting out with a knee injury, the Reds have needed Young as a weapon, and will have to rely on him even more now that Rob Hegberg is out of the lineup.

Hegberg, who has had concussion problems in the past, cut his head open after a Darrell Jerrett hit on Saturday and is listed as day-to-day. Werner may return as soon as two weeks from now. "He's been really making good strides," said MacDougall.

MacDougall expects tonight's showdown against STU to be "an exciting game as they always are. We're looking forward to the challenge. They've got a top-rated team there, so we've got to play our game. But it's always exciting. We have to make sure we take care of our own end, especially in their rink."

The always-intense AUS could be even more competitive than usual this season, with 2 Atlantic berths at the Nationals up for grabs (UNB automatically gets a third as tournament host).

"We just know that teams will be that much hungrier trying to get one of those spots," says MacDougall. "As far as our own club, we know we want to go in to things the right way, and that's a matter of getting better as the year goes. We've gotten off to a positive start, but it's a new week up for us, so it's a lot of work to do this week," he adds.

The Contenders:
The Saint Thomas Tommies

Last year the Tommies went 1-2-1 in the regular season against the V-Reds and were outscored by a combined score of 22-17. The playoffs pitted the two teams against each other in the AUS semi-finals with UNB winning the best-of-three series two games to one, outscoring the Tommies 10-5.

St. Thomas head coach Mike Eagles is pleased with the way his team is shaping up in the new season; "We're pretty happy with the way things look right now. We have a strong group of returning players and we're pretty happy with the way the recruiting went this year, so we feel pretty optimistic."

While Eagles is pleased with his team's performance he does see things that could be improved upon. "We can probably play with a bit more structure, and try to be a bit more disciplined in our positional play."

The Tommies team features the top scorer in the AUS last season, winger Derek Campbell who had 15 goals and 29 assists for a total of 44 points during the regular season. Newcomers to St. Thomas include defensemen Charles Gill, wingers Lou Dickenson, Thatcher Bell and Brett Lutes, and centre Chris Cook. The most impressive of the newcomers is Bell, who scored 36 goals and 48 assists for 84 points in 71 games, playing for the Halifax Mooseheads in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. Aside from playing in the QMJHL, Bell was drafted 71st overall by the Vancouver Canucks in the 2000 National Hockey League Entry Draft.

The importance of the rivalry between the two schools is not lost on Eagles. "When I played pro hockey here in Fredericton I used to go to the St. Thomas-UNB games. So, I know enough of the history to know that it's a very intense, enjoyable rivalry that often times brings out the best, and the worst, in hockey. We're looking forward to a great season again hopefully with enjoyable games against UNB that are good, competitive, excellent hockey games."

Eagles also knows how tough of an opponent that UNB will be to face. "I feel like UNB is a very well coached team and we have to pay attention to them doing certain things, and be ready for what they bring to the table."

Coach Eagles believes the keys to victory for St. Thomas are "to execute our gameplan and be disciplined. That's pretty much the keys to winning any game. Just try to execute the things you want to do and then be disciplined on the ice, and score enough goals and get enough breaks to win the hockey game."

The Tommies currently sit in seventh place in the AUS with a record of 1-2-0-1 with three points, and with 13 goals for, and 17 against.

The Battle Begins

The Battle of the Hill is the first of three tough games in four nights this week for UNB, who will test their character and conditioning against St. FX and Saint Mary's on the weekend. Tonight's matchup goes at 7 pm at the LBR. The puck drops at 7 pm at the Aitken Centre for both weekend games.

Staying fit/eating right

by Cindy Smith

Following a work-out regimen is hard enough on your body. Not eating right and working out could be even more detrimental.

The Brunswickan sports section will be featuring an article on proper nutrition habits in the next couple of weeks, with a focus on eating right while being active in sports. The right food can even help you in your studies.

Going to a gym filled with firm bodies on a regular basis can be disconcerting when you're a little on the soft side. But you must continue a proper diet to be truly fit. The article will also focus on how to lose weight without starving or making yourself sick.

Be a part of it. Share your nutrition habits or experiences with the Sports staff via b-sports@unb.ca. You could even be interviewed for the upcoming article.

UNB men prove tough competition

by Cindy Smith

The UNB men's basketball team faced off against some tough competition this weekend as they hosted their tip-off tournament.

The Reds went 1-2 in the tourament, defeating the University of Maine in Friday's night game, 90-81, but falling to Acadia 70-63, and Carleton 68-67. All games were pretty close and showcased some UNB talent. If the Reds continue with this kind of play, they should be tough contenders in the AUS this year.

In the final game of the tournament, UNB just missed the win, as they really pulled together to match the Carleton Ravens point for point throughout the game.

UNB took an early lead in the first five minutes, but the Ravens battled back and passed the Reds before the 10 minute mark.

The Reds were determined to be left behind in the Ravens' dust, however. When the buzzer rang at the end of the first, Carleton only had seven point lead.

The game went back and forth in the second, with UNB breaking out for the second half, on a scoring frenzy. Carleton responded in kind, however, and built up their lead until they commanded the game, 14 points ahead of the Reds with only ten minutes left.

The Varsity Reds would not go down easy. The game ended in a disappointng one point win for the Ravens. If nothing else, the result points to the fact that UNB is a team that won't quit, no matter how beaten up they are.

Leading the massive offensive drive for the host team was Tom Spink with 21 points and Dan Goggin with 20 points.

In the tournament opener, the Reds faced off against the University of Maine at Marchias, beating them 90-81. Spink was also a scoring leader in this game, contributing 18 points and seven rebounds. Joe Thompson added 17 points, Andrew Munro had 14 points and six rebounds, and Doug Thompson added 11 points.

On Saturday, UNB matched up against Acadia, losing a hard fought 70-63 battle.

Goggin, Spink, and Thompson lead the Reds with 18, 16, and 11 points respectively.

In other games, Carleton defeated Acadia 78-55. Ryan Marrast lead Acadia with 12 points. The University of Maine fell to Carleton 96-64, and Acadia beat Maine by a 90-68 margin.

Spink and Goggin were also named tournament all-stars, along with Brian Finness from Acadia, Paul Larmand, from Carleton, and Bayi Handy from the University of Maine at Marchias.

The men will see more action on Thursday night when they are hosted by McMaster in a 12:00pm contest.

Athletes of the week

by Bruns Staff

Two swimmers have been named the UNB/Valley Graphic athletes of the week this week.

Both returning to the team from last year, Daniel Monid and Sienna Quirk both had solid weekends at the UNB Invitation swim tournament this past weekend.

Quirk is a fourth year marketing student from Trenton, Ontario and is in her fourth year with the Varsity Reds. Quirk earned three medals and had two CIS qualifying times. Quirk won the bronze medal in the 800 Free with a time of 9:24.09 which also qualified her for the CIS championships. She also won the silver medal in the 100 Free and the 200 Free.

Monid, a third year BA student from Mississauga, Ontario won three medals and had two CIS qualifying rounds as well. He the silver in the 200 Free with a time of 1:59.25, the gold in the 50 Free, and the gold in the 100 Free with a time of 52.59.

Monid's time in the 50 and 100 Free qualify him for the CIS championships in those events.

For more on this week's meet, see Swimming story on page 8.

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