Sports Shorts

UNB Cross Country

Both the men and women's cross-country teams took part in the AUS Championship this past weekend at Saint Mary's University.

In the overall team scores, the UNB women finished sixth overall. Chandra Dehaan had the top performance for UNB, finishing 24th. Lesley Ross, Carla Murphy, Julia Brothers, and Fonya Irvine also finished with respectable placings.

For the men, both Adam and Matt Stacey were once again the top runners for UNB, with Adam finishing ninth and Matt in 13th. Asaf Rashid finished the race in 19th place overall, while Jason Bonar, Chris Gairns, and Jason Bond also had good finishes for the Varsity Reds.

The men took an impressive third place in the meet.

Ontario's Guelph University will be hosting this year's CIS Nationals on November 13.

Women's Hockey

The UNB women's hockey team skated to another loss on Hallowe'en night, falling to St. FX and finding themselves looking up in the standings.

Although a lopsided victory, UNB seemed to play with more passion and intensity than we saw in their season opener.

"We were able to skate with them for most of the game," UNB forward Meghan Ward said. "Our goal is to improve after each game. We played better tonight than our first game but didn't get the result."

With five goals in the first period by an aggressive St. FX side, the game was out of UNB's reach. Natalie Harvey scored at the 17:36 mark of the first to make it 4-1 but the St. FX answered that with one of their own a minute later, restoring the four goal cushion.

Despite a strong second period, three quick goals by St. FX early in the third forced reality upon the women. Elizabeth Arbeau netted one for UNB midway through the third and Harvey found twine for the second time at the 12:18 mark but it was too little, too late. 11-3 was the final.

What the heck's a Gee-Gee?

An in-depth and colourful look at team names from Ottawa and Memorial

by Melanie Ho and John Rieti
Canadian University Press

University of Ottawa Gee-Gees

OTTAWA (CUP) - There's a song that Carleton University likes to teach their frosh about the University of Ottawa. It starts, "What the fuck's a Gee-Gee?" Well, Gee-Gee seems to have a plethora of meanings. It's been said that Gee-Gee is meant to stand for the words garnet and grey, the official colours at the U of O. It doesn't get much simpler than taking the first letter of a school colour and making it into the official name.

The second story is that a Gee-Gee is the first horse out of the stable, the horse that is our school's mascot. Apparently, the term came from the early 19th century, when a child would say "Gee up!" in order to get a horse to start moving.

It's unfortunate that we don't have a polo team as part of our school's varsity program. However, the story that the Gee-Gees originate from horse racing makes the teams sound more athletic, implying quickness and skill.

If the meaning of the word "Gee-Gee" stopped there, we could all get behind our school and be thankful that we aren't the U of O Beavers or Chipmunks.

But wait, the definitions don't stop there. After a colleague looked up Gee-Gee at www.urbandictionary.com, we found that Gee is Irish slang for female genitalia. I suppose that you could make any word into something of a slang, but when you apply this last definition of Gee-Gee to the infamous Carleton song, you have to ask: Shouldn't you already know who the garnet and grey are?

- Melanie Ho, *The Fulcrum*

Memorial University of Newfoundland Sea-Hawks

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CUP) - Memorial University of Newfoundland's sports teams have not always been called the Sea-Hawks. Originally, our teams were called the Beothuks, named after the Native people of Newfoundland that were wiped out by Europeans.

Eventually this was deemed offensive, quite understandably, and Memorial searched for a new name. Seeing how Newfoundland is surrounded by sea, and hawks are a cool looking bird, the two were paired for simplicity and the cool factor.

There are a few problems with the name. First of all, the blatant rip-off of the Seattle NFL team name. But then again lots of teams do this, and I guess being called something original like the Gee-Gee's could be much worse.

I don't even understand how a Sea-Hawk can be related to athletics. Yes, hawks are cool, mainly cool because they can fly really fast. But, as high as some basketball players can jump, it's still far from flying. And as for the sea part, I don't think it was added to make our competitive swimming team feel important.

One of the most interesting things about the Sea-Hawk title is that there isn't even a huge hawk population in Newfoundland. Also, the majority of hawks live inland, rather than on the coast. Newfoundland's coastal birds are typically turrs, puffins or even eagles. On one walk along Newfoundland's prized coastline, one is more likely to see a bald eagle than a "Sea-Hawk."

I don't see Memorial athletics changing its name anytime soon. And hey, why bother? Sure, it's unoriginal, and sort of inaccurate, but it could sure be worse.

- John Rieti, *The Muse*

What's the funniest thing you can think of? Got it? Good. Now I don't have to think up a witty ad to make you join *The Brunswickan*.

Drew Bledsoe is still ruining my fantasy life

The Endzone
Todd Spencer

I was so happy on Sunday to see the Buffalo Bills really take it to another team, defeating Arizona 38-14. So checking the scores, I was thinking to myself "Drew's Back!" So checking the stats, I find, despite throwing two touchdowns which gets the most fantasy points, he's thrown for a dismal 81 yards. The team scores 38 points and he gets only 81 passing yards. Unbelievable.

On a side note with that game, it might not be a bad move to pick up Willis McGahee at running back, who seems content on running over Travis Henry. Keep an eye on this situation.

Nice to see you folks weren't forced to heed my advice last week about Priest Holmes. This guy could break his leg and still manage to run for two touchdowns. Randy Moss played only a half this week too, so I'd be a little cautious with him in your lineups this weekend.

Peyton Manning has been my best first round pick ever, I'm happy to say. His time lost due to a lack of a running game, and Manning still managed close to 500 passing yards and 5 touchdown passes. Crazy. Its nice to have Marvin Harrison on the same team I might add, which I do.

Despite three interceptions, Vinny Testeverde had a nice game Sunday against the Lions, throwing 235 yards, three touchdowns, and running for one touchdown himself. The guy still has a lot left in the tank. Not the worst backup you could have on your bench.

Like many other team managers, you can't help but feel bad for Brett Favre. So many deaths in this man's family, then on top of that finding out his wife has breast cancer. My thoughts are with the family. He played a gutsy game this past weekend, and with his wife expected to make a full recovery according to some sources, he should still be a good fantasy option. He still has other things on his mind though, understandably.

I sat him this weekend, personally, and played Chad Pennington against the Dolphins, just to see how he would do.

I guess my tip this weekend would be to not be afraid to sit players if you aren't sure how they are going to do. The worst that can happen is you lose a couple of fantasy points, but at the same time, if the guy doesn't play, it gives you the opportunity to play somebody who will get a few more. That was my choice for Favre this weekend, and he proved to me he can still do what he does well, he'll be back in my lineup this week.

I really don't know what to tell you about the running backs in Minnesota. Moore, Bennett, and Williams all played, but all three saw minimal carries. Bennett did run for a touchdown, but it looks like they have no problem using a variety of backs, which isn't great news for fantasy managers.

Anyways, that's all I have this week guys. I had a hard time focusing on a topic, so I kind of jumped around a little.

If you have any topic suggestion for me next week drop me a line at *u4u1n@unb.ca*

UNB is tops in West

by Troy MacLellan

With a 2-0 win over the host St. Francis Xavier and a Memorial University win over Mount Allison, the UNB Varsity Reds men's soccer team will be on familiar ground on Saturday when they host the AUS championship for the first time in 15 years.

On Sunday, the men's team played on a windy and wet day against a St. FX team with nothing to lose, having been eliminated from the playoffs earlier in the season. In a chippy contest with questionable officiating, UNB again prevailed without their best effort.

The first half saw UNB play well, produce quality chances and come out on top with goals from Pappa Abekah and Eric Karozan at the 30 and 32 minute mark respectfully.

UNB keeper Adam Pischiutta stood tall and kept St. FX off the board for the win. He and the rest of the team were informed shortly after the full time whistle that Mt. A had fallen to MUN and UNB was tops in the Western Division.

There is no question that the V-Reds wanted to play at home. John Fish explains how playing at home makes a huge difference.

"…hometown fans, sleeping in our own beds, familiar pitch and not eating out are added benefits," Fish said. "We can use these things to our advantage."

Hosting also means that UNB will sit out Friday's action and wait for their Saturday opponent to be determined. UNB will play the winner of Friday's early game which sees MUN take on Mt. Allison. Game time is 2:00 pm.

UNB has been on fire over the second half of the season and I know they believe they can win this thing. If you believe they can, bring a blanket and something warm to drink to Chapman Field this weekend and cheer on the boys all the way to McGill for the Nationals.

Upcoming Games

Wednesday, November 3

Hockey
(M) UNB @ STU 7:00 PM

Friday, November 5

Hockey
(M) ACADIA @ UNB 7:00 PM

Soccer
(W) AUS @ EAST
(M) AUS @ UNB

Saturday, November 6

Volleyball
(M) DAL @ UNB 3:00 PM
(W) DAL @ UNB 5:00 PM

Hockey
(W) UNB @ U de M
7:00 PM
(M) SMU @ UNB 7:00 PM

Swimming
UNB @ DAL 1:00 PM

Soccer
(W) AUS @ EAST
(M) AUS @ UNB

Sunday, November 7

Volleyball
(W) ACADIA @ UNB 1:00 PM

Soccer
(W) AUS @ EAST
(M) AUS @ UNB

Basketball
(M) UNB @ New Hampshire

Monday, November 8

Basketball
(M) UNB @ Maine, Orono

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