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Perfect 10: V-Reds tops in the nation

by Ed Bowes

The UNB Varsity Reds men's hockey team is still the top team in Canadian Interuniversity Sport, and they don't have plans of abandoning the top spot any time soon.

The V-Reds claimed seven of nine first place votes in the national media poll this past week to hold on to their ranking as the number one university men's hockey team in the nation.

The CIS Men's Ice Hockey Top Ten Committee is made up of media members from across Canada who vote to select the best overall hockey squad out of the four university conferences – Atlantic, Canada West, Ontario, and Quebec. Voting for the CIS Men's Hockey Top 10 is based on a 10-1 scale basis, with a 1st place vote worth 10 points.

UNB men's hockey Coach Gardiner MacDougall attributes the Reds lengthy stay at number one to a series of contributing factors.

"Being chosen as the top hockey team in the country really speaks a lot to the successful tradition built up here at UNB and the fans and businesses that support our cause," says MacDougall.

"Part of the decision would certainly have to do with our success last season. They are definitely going to look at the previous year and record while making their verdict. We have a solid core of veteran players who have the confidence of being national champions leading the way for our 10 new players who are definitely excited to have the opportunity to wear the red and black."

MacDougall feels a lot of the team's

Working to hold their top ranking, the V-Reds carried their 8-0-0 record into Nova Scotia for a pair of games against fellow AUS teams the Acadia Axemen, and the Dalhousie Tigers.

Friday night's action saw the V-Reds matched up against Acadia who sit at the bottom of the Atlantic conference with only a single victory this season.

Acadia looked sharp to start the game, and managed to match UNB's effort to leave the game tied at 2-2 after the first period. The teams split the second period with UNB's Denny Johnston scoring a shorthanded goal and Acadia's Philippe Bertrand answering back just two minutes later.

In the third period, however, UNB's dominance showed as they scored three unanswered goals to lock up the victory.

Hunter Tremblay notched the winning goal on the power play at 12:26. David Bowman, also with the man advantage gave UNB a two-goal cushion, before Joshua Hepditch put the final nail in the coffin with an even strength goal assisted by Dustin Friesen and Lucas Madill in the final minutes of the contest.

Saturday night saw the V-Reds taking on the Dalhousie Tigers, who are currently sitting just above the Axemen in the AUS standings with only three wins so far this season.

This was less a game and more of a thrashing as the Varsity Reds took the contest with a landslide victory 8-1, making up for a tight game against the Tigers at the Aitken Centre last weekend.

The floodgates opened in the second frame as UNB outscored the Tigers 4-0 and capped off the win in the third with three unanswered goals.

The real story of the game was a pair of UNB forwards who racked up an impressive eight points between them. Hunter Tremblay continued his torrid pace after joining the V-Reds from the

IRONMEN THREE-PEAT



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The UNB Ironmen RFC is once again the best university rugby team on the east coast, after downing Dalhousie in a tight game on Remembrance Day at College Field. UNB held off a late Dalhousie charge to preserve a 14-13 victory in a game that coach Roy Hickey simply called "great." For more coverage, see Sports, Page 7.

New Brunswick's a-cookin'

by Mitchell Bernard

For most tourists to the Maritimes, the lure doesn't just rest with whales and beaches anymore. It's an array of shrimp, mussels, scallops, and lobster – the seafood is a huge selling point for tourists.

An announcement last week by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) will encourage the growth of the culinary tourism industry of New Brunswick and the rest of Atlantic Canada.

Peter MacKay, Minister of ACOA, announced that the Government of Canada will provide \$200,000 for a new program designed to boost culinary tourism in each of the Atlantic Provinces. The funds will "help promote [the Atlantic provinces'] distinctive food and unique products," said Minister

MacKay.

Atlantic Canada has seen a rise in culinary tourism in the past few years. More and more tourists are searching for unique dining experiences, and Atlantic Canada is now offering more than ever. The funds from the Canadian government are acting as an appraisal for the hard work of restaurant owners in Atlantic Canada, in hopes that it will stimulate more growth for the future.

There is no doubt that New Brun-

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GSA Health Plan Questioned

by Naomi Osborne

It has been two years since the Graduate Student Association created a health plan that would cater to the specific needs of graduate students. The plan was expected to mirror the undergrad plan but at a cheaper cost. However, it is the second year into the plan and the rates have been rising because the plan is costing more than it was expected. Graduate student Colleen Dewis is concerned that with the rise of the rates every year, she will be unable to afford her prescription on her own.

"I submitted a claim for \$300 over a month ago and have been regularly following up and have heard nothing," said Dewis in an e-mail to The Brunswickian.

The health plan was intended to mirror the undergraduate plan but at a cheaper cost. The problem is that when the GSA shopped around for a provider they only went with one, Gallivan and Associates, who was not given a copy of the undergrad plan. They had no way of knowing what type of prescriptions the students are taking.

The interim president of the Graduate Student Association, Colin Curry, has his own reservations about how the plan was made.

"I was not a proponent of the plan in the beginning, where over the 2005-06 year, the GSA started looking for a new provider," said Curry. "However, the negotiations were not taken with the grad executive, they only talked to one provider, and they pushed the new plan without any knowledge of what the claims would be."

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First-year forward Hunter Tremblay (7) has made a huge impact on his new club, putting up 20 points, including a team-leading eight goals, in just 10 games played this season. He recorded two goals and four assists in two games over the weekend.

success can be credited to his players' work in the classroom.

"Our guys do a great job both on and off the ice. We have 18 players with a 3.0 GPA and the top attendance in Atlantic Canada. Our guys have earned everything; nothing was handed to them for free."

Accompanying the UNB men in the top ten media poll are the University of Saskatchewan Huskies, who remained in second place; the University of Alberta Golden Bears, who also held strong in their previous position; the Saint Mary's Huskies, who worked their way up two positions to hold onto fourth place, and finally the Brock University Badgers, who moved up four spots to round out the top five.

The Université de Moncton, the University of British Columbia, Lakehead, Waterloo, and Université de Québec à Trois-Rivières fill out spots six through ten.

Barrie Colts of the Ontario Hockey League, notching a goal and three assists in the winning effort. Meanwhile, Lachlan MacIntosh, the New Brunswick native and member of the 2006-07 National Champion Reds, scored a pair of goals and a pair of assists to help lead the Reds in the offensive spectacle.

With two big wins this weekend, UNB remains atop their conference with a perfect 10-0-0 record, 20 overall points, and are outscoring opponents at an impressive pace of 49-18.

The Reds will be in action this Friday, November 16 at home against cross-campus rival the St. Thomas Tommies at the Aitken center at 7:00 pm. The Reds are also in action the following Wednesday, November 21, as they take on the Moncton Aigles Bleus. Moncton will be looking for a measure of payback, after being downed by UNB on home ice in the National Championship game last season.

Bottled brew is here to stay: Res Life

Despite rumours that STU residences would be losing bottled beer, neither STU nor UNB have plans to revoke it

by Josh O'Kane

Glass breaks and people can get hurt. In fact, sometimes they do get hurt. That logic alone was good enough to justify removing glass beer bottles from highly concentrated areas like university residences, as some time ago, that happened.

Now, just several months after bottled beer came back, glass has started breaking again, and rumours began to fly that bottled beer would be gone once more.

Ryan Sullivan, Director of Residential Life at STU, says though the policy is under review, allowing bottled beer is not something STU Res Life would like to see changed. He says that given the number of students in residence versus the number of incidents of broken bottles, STU Res Life is actually very pleased.

Bottles were brought back to UNB last February and STU in March. Sullivan, who was in his current role as an acting position at that time, says there was a great deal of lobbying from students to bring bottles back.

"People were mentioning it," says Sullivan. "I knew at that time from their lobbying that there were also efforts at UNB, and of course, they were brought back in February at UNB. Once that

change happened we started looking at it more and felt that the timing was appropriate to make the change."

Recent incidents made the change questionable, however, leading to a review of the policy.

"There were a couple of incidents where bottles were broken, some allegedly thrown, but there is no debating that there were broken beer bottles. They were isolated incidents, but they were incidences that we felt warranted a review."

Sullivan also mentions that this is a campus-wide issue, and as such, he believes he would take a campus-wide approach to policy change.

"Whatever the policy is, will be the same for each and every residence. We started reviewing that. We were concerned, but we're also being patient with this. This is not a policy that we want to see changed."

The incidents that led to the review occurred at the off-campus residences at STU, though there have been some across the board. One of these involved a balcony at Rigby Hall, though Sullivan says he does not believe the balcony itself was the issue.

"One of the incidents did occur from a bottle leaving the balcony and arriving on the ground below the balcony, but the others were on the other side of the building."

Balcony access was just allowed this year at Rigby Hall, which several years ago was converted into a residence from a former motel.

Angela Garnett, Director of Residence Life at UNB, says that she wasn't even aware of the issues or the policy review at STU Res Life previous to her interview with The Brunswickian. She



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Incidents involving broken glass have become more prevalent since bottled beer has made a comeback, but not significantly enough for concern

says that the return of bottled beer to UNB has gone fairly well.

Even if STU were to ban bottled beer again, the policy would be individual for each university, says Garnett.

She says that "that wouldn't precipitate us doing it, just because they changed their rule. I think, at the moment, things are working reasonably well."

Garnett says that though there have been some incidents since the initial return, allowing bottle beer has been a policy abused by some but respected by most.

"I've heard of some issues, but nothing seems to be to the point where we're not able to manage it," says Garnett. "...I hope we keep it the way it is because most students appreciate it."

Sullivan says he is aware of the effort put in by students to bring bottles back and as such, believes the policy should

not be changed.

"There was a lot of work put into it by students," says Sullivan, "and there was a commitment there by student leaders that students would honor the process of being responsible with their bottles and their drinking. Overall, I think that, on both campuses, there's been a lot of success. On both campuses there have been isolated cases, and for that we have to take a look at it and review it, make sure that we reiterate to the firstly to students the severity of the issue if it were to continue. I think the message is clear that we want everyone to have fun and be social, and from what I can tell, the message has been received."

Sullivan has been Director of STU Residential Life since July, and both he and Garnett says they have tried to meet regularly, though have not had the time to do so since the start of the school year in September.

Ballroom Event

Winter Formal - Sat 17th

\$500.00 Prize Money - King & Queen Contest

2 for 1 Keith's Special - \$1.50 mixed drinks 11:00pm -12am (Iceberg Rum & Gin) & Banff Ice Vodka