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COUGARS: IT'S A REPEAT

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hosts to three runs. The final out was recorded and UNB won 5-3.

The final game was a true nail-biter, and once it was all over, the team's character was summed up in one gesture. With tears rolling down his face, Mark MacNevin hobbled over to Sparky with his shin guards still on and the two hugged. Both of them knew that this was a once in a lifetime experience and their embrace looked like it was straight out of an emotional sports movie. What was said will likely remain between the two, but seeing that kind of emotion from the team leaders really shows how much this group of guys love this game.

With five starting players fighting injuries and ingesting enough ibuprofen to kill a small child, the team battled through pain and adversity to claim their second straight national championship. Playing in his last university baseball game ever, left fielder Mark Stromme severely injured his hamstring chasing a fly ball. Stromme was the only injured player physically unable to finish the game. Catcher Mark MacNevin had a similar injury, but was able to play out all seven innings because he simply refrained from running.

After the champagne shower and group celebrations, Mark "Sparky" Clark was all smiles for the first time all weekend. "It feels good every time," said Clark. "Some new guys have rings now and the veterans have two." This was Clark's third national title as a coach, and his style of managing is what has helped his teams succeed.

Clark's stoic and casual approach to coaching baseball has made him a beloved figure by all the UNB players. "He's the best coach I've ever had," said Norris Philpotts. Clark rarely raises his voice to any of his players, leads by example, and has a knowledge of the game of baseball that could easily land him a job managing in a professional setting. Clark keeps his players in the right state of mind to win, never lets them



UNB's Pete Shaw pitched another gem in Sunday's final as UNB Baseball claimed their second CIBA national championship in a row. The Cougars defeated McGill 5-3 in Montreal en route to the gold.

beat themselves, and manages to get players to reach their potential through respect and positive words.

While the players praised their coach, the coach had only good things to say about his team.

"These guys are student athletes who are playing for the love of the sport," said Clark.

The character displayed by this team during this tournament reflected exactly that. Players like All-Canadian outfielder Phil Brown, who were obviously physically exhausted, dug deep within themselves to win and call themselves champions.

"They're not varsity, they have to pay fees just to play. They get no benefits or scholarships, and this baseball program has a very high rate of graduation," said Clark. "They truly are deserving champions."

Journey to the championship

In round robin play, UNB took the first game, routing McGill on Trudeau field. Jake Waugh took player of the game honors after hitting a first inning grand slam. Pete Shaw pitched a gem that only saw a McGill player reach third

base once.

"Most of my life I don't get much in run support, but after the past few times I've pitched, I might as well be named Petey Run Support," said Shaw. He was giddy the entire game knowing he had such a big lead and translated it into an efficient victory.

Game two went with Jake Waugh taking the ball against the St. Clair College Saints. The Saints came out yelling loud and grinding out at bats. Waugh gave up two runs, and the Cougars could give none in support. UNB lost 2-0, make their third game a must-win scenario.

"UNB baseball - we love to do things the hard way," said shortstop Norris Philpotts sarcastically. Next up, they were scheduled to face ABU. A win and UNB would clinch a berth in the semi-finals.

Joel Violette arrived late to the tournament due to academic restrictions and started the game for UNB. The players were very confident with their ace on the mound.

The first inning began with

ABU second baseman Serge Vautour hitting a solo home run to give ABU a one-run lead.

Next inning, Jason Snow slapped a line drive directly at the ABU starting pitcher, hitting him directly on the hand which took him out of the game. This led to a lengthy stoppage of play as an ambulance was called to the field. By the third inning Violette settled down and the UNB bats woke up.

In the fifth inning, catcher Travis Gaudet reached second base and on a base hit by Jacob Smith got the wave around third base to home plate. The infield dirt had been bothering base runners from both teams all day, and Gaudet lost his footing rounding third base. Staying on his feet, he was unable to slide properly into home plate and collided with the ABU catcher. Gaudet immediately fell to the ground clutching his left knee and was carried off the field and eventually into an ambulance. Mark MacNevin immediately took Travis' place behind home plate, despite a nagging hamstring injury.

UNB took a 3-2 lead and they stayed ahead until the seventh inning. With two outs in the bottom half of the seventh, ABU tied the game and sent it into extra innings.

Phil Brown scored the final and winning run on an infield hit by Jacob Smith. Brown also took home player of the game honors. "We're a team with heart, we didn't give up and we earned our trip to the semis," said Brown.

Ryan Macdonald came in and sat down the ABU hitters in a row, ending the game. UNB won 4-3.

The semi-final game was against Durham College saw Ryan MacDonald pitching once again for UNB, this time as the starter. MacDonald was on a mission, averaging a strikeout an inning and lending verbal support to all his teammates when they were at bat. The team received an enthusiastic speech from their manager Randy Corey that echoed loudly through the clubhouse closed door. In the fourth inning, UNB scored four runs and did not look back, taking the game 6-2.

V-REDS RESULTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

UNB - 2

LAURIER - 3

UNB - 3

YORK - 1

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UNB - 44

CBU - 79

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UNB - 59

U WINNIPEG - 70

MEN'S HOCKEY

UNB - 3

UPEI - 4

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

UNB - 3

RYERSON - 2

UNB - 0

WESTERN - 3

WOMEN'S SOCCER

UNB - 0

UPEI - 0

MEN'S SOCCER

UNB - 0

UPEI - 2

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UNB - 60

U WINNIPEG - 64

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UNB - 69

UPEI - 83

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

UNB - 3

LAURIER - 1

WOMEN'S SOCCER

UNB - 0

UDEM - 1

MEN'S SOCCER

UNB - 0

UDEM - 1

UPCOMING V-REDS EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

YORK @ UNB

4:00 P.M. @ DON GRANT CLASSIC

MEN'S BASKETBALL

St.FX @ CBU

6:00 P.M. @ ERIC GARLAND

LEE ACADEMY @ UNB

8:00 P.M. @ ERIC GARLAND

MEN'S HOCKEY

UNB @ DAL

7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

UNB @ CBU

1:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UNB @ UQAM

4:00 P.M. @ DON GRANT CLASSIC

MEN'S BASKETBALL

LEE ACADEMY @ CBU

6:00 P.M. @ ERIC GARLAND

St. FX @ UNB

8:00 P.M. @ ERIC GARLAND

MEN'S HOCKEY

UNB @ ACA

7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

McMASTER @ UNB

12:00 P.M. @ DON GRANT CLASSIC

MEN'S BASKETBALL

LEE ACADEMY @ St. FX

1:00 P.M. @ ERIC GARLAND

CBU @ UNB

3:00 P.M. @ ERIC GARLAND

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

UNB @ UPEI

1:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

MTA @ UNB

1:00 P.M. @ CHAPMAN FIELD

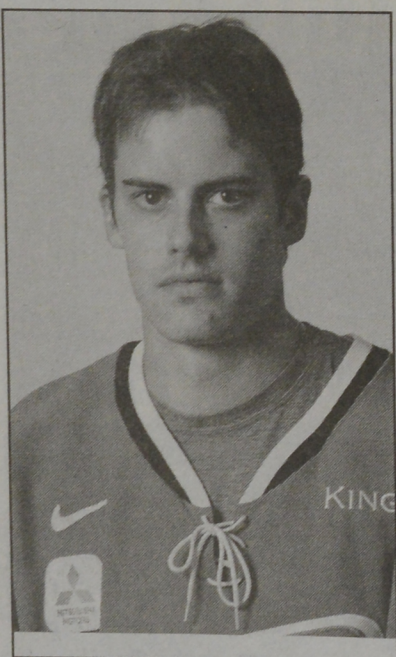
MEN'S SOCCER

MTA @ UNB

3:15 P.M. @ CHAPMAN FIELD

One-on-one with...

Kevin Henderson



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Sport: Hockey

Yr: 2

What is your desired profession?

To play pro hockey, work in sports management, or in marketing.

What is your favourite sport other than the one you currently play?

Football.

Do you have any nicknames?

Hendo.

What is the best piece of advice you've received from a coach?

Don't sell yourself short. Do what you do well and do it better than anyone else.

What's the one thing you can't go on the road without?

Gatorade.

Amber Gamblin



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Sport: Women's Volleyball

Yr: 1

Why did you choose UNB?

I chose UNB because it's in my hometown and I wanted to play volleyball.

What's the one thing you can't go on the road without?

My sweat pants, MP3 player, and cell phone.

What is your pet peeve?

People who leave shopping carts in parking places at the malls.

The place I've always wanted to visit is...

Australia because it's south of the equator and I've always wanted to go there since I was a little girl.

Soccer Briefs

Undefeated season snapped: Men's soccer squad lose first games of the season

The Varsity Reds Men's Soccer team suffered their first loss of the season over the weekend. UNB traveled to UPEI on Saturday to take on the Panthers. Despite a strong effort, the Reds were unable to finish their scoring chances against the fifth place Panthers. The Reds eventually fell 2-0 to UPEI to record their first loss of the season.

UNB surrendered its second loss in as many games on Sunday, when they were narrowly defeated 1-0 by University of Moncton. Going into the weekend with a record of 6-0-4, the V-Reds were only games away from an undefeated season. UNB still sits in top spot in the Atlantic division, one point up on Saint Mary's.

A first round bye in the playoffs will be on the line when the Reds conclude regular season play this weekend. Mt. Allison will be in town on Sunday when two crucial points are up for grabs. Although they can still manage a bye with a loss or tie, a win would seal it. The playoff tournament takes place in Sackville from Oct. 31

through Nov. 2. The first round quarterfinals are scheduled for next Friday, followed by the semifinals on Saturday. The Atlantic division champion will be crowned on Sunday, before heading to Nationals the following weekend.

Women's soccer lose and tie in weekend play

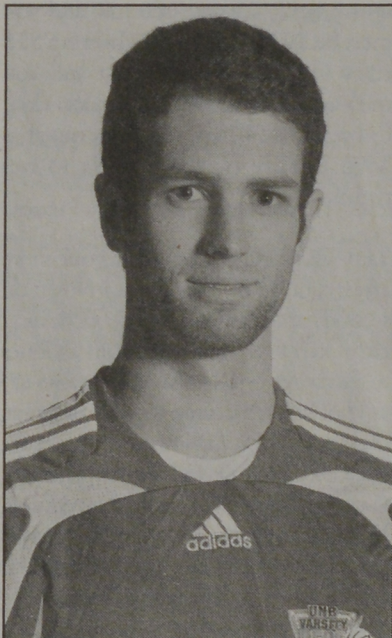
The V-Reds had yet another difficult weekend as they continue to build and grow their program. The women's soccer team tied UPEI on Saturday afternoon before falling to UdeM 1-0 on Sunday. The weekend losses puts the Reds out of playoff contention with a 1-5-6 record, as they head into the final weekend of play. The Reds will take on a winless squad from Mt. Allison next Sunday to conclude the season. UNB will be looking to end the year on a good note to carry them through the off season. Last year, the Reds finished with 12 points. A win against Mt. A would give UNB 13 points on the season, giving coach Andy Cameron a good sign that his team is continuing to build. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Chapman Field.

We're looking for feedback.

give us your thoughts on how we're doing. the good, the bad, and the ugly.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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Science

Men's Volleyball

5th Year

Riverview, New Brunswick



Sandy Chase/The Brunswickian

Shannon Donnelly

Arts

Swimming

1st Year

Halifax, Nova Scotia