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MEN'S SOCCER FIRST IN AUS

Reds secure first round bye as they prepare for the AUS semi-finals this weekend at Mount Allison

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After defeating Mount Allison 1-0 in a thrilling match on Sunday afternoon, the UNB men's soccer team clinched top spot in the AUS. Now the Reds are just two games from being AUS champs for the second time in three years.

It was downright miserable outside when the Mounties arrived at Chapman Field. However, the teams played through the conditions and gave the crowd, who valiantly toughed it out, quite the game. UNB came into this match knowing they needed a win to ensure first place and they did not disappoint. The first half saw UNB using their size and speed to control the play and create offensive pressure, while their fullbacks resisted the quick Mt. A counterattack. However, they couldn't capitalize on their chances and it remained scoreless at halftime.

UNB came out with great intensity in the second half and poured on the pressure. They were rewarded in the 47th minute. Calgary native Nagib Miguel absolutely crushed a volley from just outside of the eighteen-yard box for his first of the year. Then the match turned into a rough affair, with plenty of fouls called, a couple of yellow cards and one red card to Miguel. The Reds turned away any Mt. A offence and won their seventh game of the year 1-0. The win was bittersweet as Miguel was a key member to UNB's success and will most likely miss the AUS Championship semi-finals.

"We are pleased to have secured first place and the corresponding bye into the AUS semi-final," said UNB coach Miles Pinsent. "This was a preliminary goal that the team had set in order to give ourselves the best opportunity to achieve our main goal, an AUS Championship."

The Reds finished the season with a



UNB chases a ball downfield against a Mt. A defender in the final game of season league play. UNB defeated Mt. A 1-0 to claim first place in the league.

league best 7-2-4 record, tied for first in goals against, and tied for second in goals for. Unfortunately, that doesn't mean anything now. UNB has set itself apart from the league and is now the team everyone will be gunning for. In a one-game elimination format, you must be ready to perform or be sent home. In preparation for the championships, Pinsent is taking the same approach as he did the season.

"Two keys to success for the team all season and again in the play-offs are experience – the team has a strong core of players who have won and lost in the AUS and who know what it takes to be successful and depth – we have used 21 different players this year. As injuries or tactics have dictated, we have been able to insert different players onto the field and maintain a high level of play."

The Reds will try to reach their goal as they travel to Mount Allison this weekend. The quarter-finals take place on Friday with the hometown Mounties taking on Dalhousie and UPEI will play Moncton. UNB and Saint-Mary's received byes to the semi-finals and will face the winners of the quarters on Saturday. The AUS championship game will be played on Sunday at 2 p.m. The winner will travel to Carleton University for the CIS Championships that begin on Nov. 6.

Reds Finish Season with a Draw

The UNB women's soccer team finished their 2008 campaign with a 1-1 draw. Unfortunately, the Reds will miss the AUS playoffs for the fourth time in five years.

The Mount Allison Mounties came to

Chapman field to battle the Reds on the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 26. The game was purely for pride's sake as UNB was hoping to jump ahead of Moncton in the standings, while Mt. A was still searching for their first win. The extreme wind conditions proved quite difficult to play in, but the teams still gave the crowd a good game. The play went back and forth with each team trading chances and goals. Mt. A's Kailey Bower open the scoring in the 20th minute, but UNB striker Erica Middleton equalized only nine minutes later and the half finished 1-1.

The second half played out much like the first. Each team produced good offensive pressure, but was either stopped by a strong defensive presence or great saves by each keeper. If they could have capitalized on their chances, both teams

could have walked away victorious. However, the score remained tied at fulltime.

Once again, UNB's greatest difficulty has been finding the back of the net. The Reds only scored five times during their thirteen-game schedule; the lowest total in the league. They finished with seven ties, three being in four point games, and three out of their five losses were only by one goal. You couldn't help feeling that with a few more goals and lucky bounces, UNB could have easily slid into the last playoff spot that was only five points ahead of them.

On the bright side, the Reds have a good crop of young, talented players. With eight players in their first year of eligibility, things are looking up for next season. The Reds finished eighth with a 1-5-7 record.

V-REDS RESULTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UNB - 72
YORK - 60

MEN'S BASKETBALL

CBU - 67
St. FX - 72

UNB - 91

LEE ACADEMY - 82

HOCKEY

UNB - 5
DAL - 2

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

UNB - 3
CBU - 0

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UNB - 46
UQAM - 60

MEN'S BASKETBALL

CBU - 73
LEE ACADEMY - 81

UNB - 68

St. FX - 84

MEN'S HOCKEY

UNB - 4
ACA - 3

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UNB - 48
McMASTER - 61

MEN'S BASKETBALL

St. FX - 97
LEE ACADEMY - 90

UNB - 60

CBU - 83

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

UNB - 3
UPEI - 0

WOMEN'S SOCCER

UNB - 1
Mt. A - 1

MEN'S SOCCER

UNB - 1
Mt. A - 0

UPCOMING V-REDS EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

HOCKEY

STU @ UNB
7:00 P.M. @ AITKEN CENTRE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

MEN'S SOCCER

AUS CHAMPIONSHIPS @ Mt. A

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UNB @ HUDSON'S COLLEGE
6:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

SWIMMING

QUAD MEET @ DAL
12:00 P.M.

MEN'S SOCCER

AUS CHAMPIONSHIPS @ Mt. A

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UNB @ MAINE
2:00 P.M.

HOCKEY

UNB @ St. FX
7:00 P.M.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

UNB @ MUN
8:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UNB @ UofMAINE ORONO
12:00 P.M.

MEN'S SOCCER

AUS CHAMPIONSHIPS @ Mt. A

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

UNB @ MUN
1:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

ACA @ UNB
1:00 P.M. @ L.B. GYM

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UNB @ LEE ACADEMY
2:00 P.M.

HOCKEY

UNB @ SMU
3:30 P.M.

One-on-one with...

Ashley Crook

Michelle Rae



UNB Media Services

Sport: Men's Soccer
Yr: 4

Why did you choose UNB?

It gave me a chance to play soccer at a high level, continue my education, and see another part of the world.

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

Rugby, and I like to watch hockey.

What was your first job?

I was a waiter at a hotel.

What are your pre-game rituals?

I don't tie my cleats during the warm up.

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

To relax, and play your game - the first pass you see is usually the right one.



UNB Media Services

Sport: Women's Soccer
Yr: 3

Why did you choose UNB?

I chose UNB because of the soccer team and because it's close to home.

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

Basketball.

What is the ring tone on your cell?

I have my phone on vibrate at all times.

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

You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

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

Portugal.

Reds go 1-2 at Garland

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THE BRUNSWICKAN

The L.B. Gym was host of the annual Eric Garland Men's Basketball tournament this weekend. The four team tournament consisted of St. Francis Xavier, Cape Breton University, Lee Academy Prep School, and the host, the UNB Varsity Reds.

In their tournament opener, UNB faced the young Lee Academy Pandas from Lee, ME. Before either team hit the floor, it was evident they had large shoes to fill. Those shoes belonged to St. FX and CBU, who took the floor just before the UNB game.

It was a great game, and a tough one to follow up. However, the new Varsity Reds came out with a lot of energy, as they were very active defensively. However, too much of that energy carried over to the offensive side of the ball and they looked very frantic, although it didn't hurt them on the scoreboard because of their defence.

Off a UNB turnover, Lee Academy had an open dunk attempt, but due to the tremendous hustle and energy that the Reds were playing with, second-year forward Alex DesRoches came back to swat away the scoring opportunity. For most of the first half, Lee Academy seemed lost on the court, as they had careless turnovers and several times stepped out of bounds on the sidelines. UNB led by as much as 12 points, but Lee Academy stormed back to lead by one point late in the second quarter. However, UNB pulled away to a double digit lead at half, 41-31.

Coming out of the dressing room after the half, the Varsity Reds looked flat and were missing the energy they had in the first half. The Pandas took advantage of this and knotted the game up. UNB had an answer for the Pandas run - first-year swingman Dustin Anthony from North Bay, Ontario. On consecutive trips down the floor, he knocked down three-pointers, making the statement that he will shoot when he sees daylight and more often than not will drop it in.



Sandy Chase/The Brunswickan

UNB in action against Lee Academy last Friday at the L.B. Gym.

In the fourth quarter, there was a lack of scoring for a little while, as both teams tried to get things going to make a run at the win. First-year point guard Antwann Parks from Queens, New York, knocked down a corner three to push UNB's lead to four. With the game winding down, Lee Academy tried to make a push, but any ideas of a comeback were swatted away, along with the ball, as fourth-year guard Mike Anderson rejected a lay-up. The Reds went on to win the game 91-82 behind Dustin Anthony's 25 points and player of the game award.

After handling Lee Academy in the opening game, things weren't about to get any better against a consistently good team in the St. FX X-Men. Early on in the game it was the Colton Wilson show, as the third-year forward showed off his skill set - everything from playing with his back to the basket, to knocking down the open jumper. Despite the effort put forth by the young V-Reds, the X-Men seemed too much, as they didn't turn the ball over and rarely gave up an uncontested shot.

Despite a relentless St. FX full court press, UNB trailed by only nine going into the half. Coming out for the second half, UNB coach Brent Baker decided to go with the theory that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." The estimated 500 in at-

tendance erupted with UNB putting on a late run, and first-year forward Lonzel Lowe, of Brampton, Ontario, throwing down a huge block. It was a classic case of too little, too late as they fell at the hands of St. FX 84-68. Getting the nod for player of the game was Colton Wilson.

In the final game of the tournament, UNB faced off against the number 10 ranked CBU capers. As expected, the Capers came out running. Neither offence seemed to get into a rhythm, the difference being that CBU had second chance opportunities and capitalized on a lot of them. Antwann Parks came out firing in this game as nailed a pair of three's in the second quarter, but that wasn't enough to get the V-Reds back in it, as CBU showed why they are in the CIS top 10. The score at half was 48-30.

Early in the third quarter, coach Baker called on a full-scale line change, led by second-year guard Adam Creaghan of Quispamsis, NB. With this change, there was a drastic change in tempo and energy. With no lack of hustle or quit, they played until the final whistle. They couldn't do much about the score, as CBU pulled away to an 83-60 win. Taking away the player of the game honor was Antwann Parks. The Tournament All-Star for UNB was Colton Wilson.