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VARSLITY REDS ANNOUNCE MEN'S HOCKEY COACH

UNB recently announced the appointment of Murray Nystrom as coach of the Varsity Reds hockey team. Since this announcement Nystrom has reconsidered his acceptance of our position and has decided to stay at Brock University. In lieu of this sudden decision Clint Hamilton, Director of Athletics, University of New Brunswick, is pleased to announce that Gardiner MacDougall will be the head coach of the Varsity Reds.

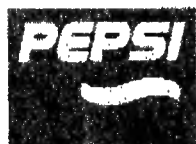
MacDougall has clear ties to the Maritimes; he was born in Prince Edward Island, graduated with a Bachelor of Physical Education from St. Francis Xavier University in 1982, and then went on to earn a Bachelor of Education from St. Mary's University.

Gardiner has extensive hockey experience which includes:

- 2000 Director of Operations - Flin Flon Bombers (SJHL)
- 96-99 Head Coach/Director of Operations - OCN Blizzard (MJHL)
- 95-96 Head Coach/General Manager - Lebreton Eagles (SJHL)
- 94-95 Assoc. Coach/Development Director - Lebreton Eagles (SJHL)
- 90-92 Assist. Coach - Flin Flon Bombers (SJHL)
- 86-90 Head Coach/Director - Frontier "A" Midget Program (MAHA)

As a former athlete he played both hockey and soccer. He represented the Island at Canada Games in both hockey and soccer and played both sports at the university level for St. Francis Xavier University. He also played at the senior level in both sports.

Administratively, Gardiner has a strong technical knowledge of the game and is committed to professional development both attending and presenting at hockey conferences. He holds a Level 3 NCCP Coaching Certification and more recently completed Advanced 2 certification.



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MacDougall prides himself on being a very enthusiastic, hard working coach who will create an environment for players to produce consistent quality performances. He stated that, "My considerable experience in coaching, organizing hockey schools and with Hockey Canada have also helped me establish a strong Canada wide recruiting network which has allowed me to pursue quality individuals who have shared my passion for success and commitment to excellence."

MacDougall will begin his term immediately and has committed to being available for the UNB Hockey School which begins next week. Gardiner has a long track record of being a top hockey school instructor and has run his own hockey school operation in Northern Manitoba.

Hamilton, scheduled to depart on Tuesday on a personal leave stated that, "I am pleased that Gardiner will be leading our Varsity Reds Program. He is a very well respected coach in hockey circles and comes highly recommended at a number of different levels. Gardiner's passion for the game and coaching combined with his upbeat personality and positive spirit will make him a welcome addition to our Varsity Reds coaching team. I look forward to the many contributions that Gardiner will make to UNB and the Varsity Reds athletic program."

Gardiner may be contacted at 204 623-7255.