

Women's Volleyball

# UNB women lose to Sir John Abbott

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The UNB women's volleyball team got into full swing by hosting the UNB women's invitational volleyball tournament last Friday and Saturday, the 27th and 28th of October. A total of six teams competed, with Mount Allison University, Acadia University, the Université de Moncton, the University of Prince Edward Island, and the host (UNB) representing the AUA conference, and with Sir John Abbott College (SJAC) visiting from Montreal.

A total of five best out of three game matches were played in a round robin. The top two teams earned a bye into the second round (semi-finals) of the playoffs while the other teams played off to get into the semi-finals. The winners of the second round then played in the finals.

After the round robin, UNB was in second place with a three and two record. UNB had the same record as UdeM but received second place by virtue of a head to head win with scores of 15-5, 9-15, and 15-3 over UdeM. UNB's losses were to SJAC by scores of 15-13, 0-15, and 4-15 and to Mt. Allison by close games of 15-17, 17-16, and 10-15. UNB lost the match to SJAC but handed SJAC its only loss of the entire tournament. Coach Al McGarvie felt that SJAC moved the ball well and were tough on defence. "They are one of the stronger teams in the CGEP league ... and we are not ready for a well polished team."

UNB beat Acadia 15-4, 12-15, and 15-6 and UPEI 15-3 and 15-6. UNB would not get a chance this weekend to redeem themselves against Mt.A as Acadia beat Mt.A in the first playoff round. So in the second round UNB defeated Acadia 7-15, 15-7, and 15-8. The other semi-final match involved UdeM losing to SJAC in two games. In the final UNB lost a second straight match to SJAC in two games by scores of 2-15 and 11-15. UNB put in a good effort but had come up against a better team on this day.

When asked if he felt any one player



Veteran Chantale Martin returns a serve while Gall Toner and Loretta Toten await the pass. photo by Warren Watson

had a good game, McGarvie replied that he was happy to have been able to see his four new players in action for the first time. These players were Angie Ball (5'11"), Vicki Lynch (5'10"), Karen MacLean (6') and Jennifer Tune (5'7"). They add height to an already tall starting lineup that has an average height of around 5'9."

The final standings for the tournament were: 1. SJAC, 2. UNB, 3/4. UdeM and Acadia, 5. UPEI, and 6. Mt.A. Coach McGarvie was very happy with the

team's performance against their AUA rivals this early in the season. He said, "This is the mistake time of the year. We will be able to iron them out down the road. Skills such as hitting the ball around blocks and defending against blocked balls will have to be improved with time." Coach McGarvie conceded, "They have lots of room for improvement." Striving for perfection and a large number of returning players may be the recipe for a third straight CIAU championship this season.

## V-Reds don't leave the country

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UNB ventured to Concordia University in Montreal this past weekend to compete in the Concordia Open. With challengers from eastern and central Canada, as well as schools from the United States, both UNB's men's and women's teams fared quite well.

Led by team captain Terry Pomeroy, who captured the gold medal after four flawless performances in the 52kg class, the men placed second. Coach Don Ryan was pleased with Pomeroy's brilliant showing. "He had a disappointing year last year due to injuries and it cut back his training ... He took some time off and he's training for the Ol-

ympics now." In fact, Pomeroy heads down to Phoenix, Arizona to compete in the Sunkist Open this weekend. Jesse Simon lost the 90kg gold medal match in overtime, while Jason Pleasant Sampson and Nathan Richard finished fourth.

The Black Bears Women's Wrestling Club also journeyed to Concordia, and won two gold medals while also claiming one silver and one bronze. Heather Cole, a fifth year phys. ed. student at UNB, topped her four competitors to capture the women's gold medal.

Both the men's and women's teams will host the Eastern Canada Championships at UNB on November 25, with teams attending from the Atlantic Provinces and Quebec.

Cross Country

## Murphy a home grown import

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It seems kind of odd that UNB's best cross country runner and two time Athlete of the Week attends no classes in Fredericton. Actually, he is not even a student of this campus. James Murphy, a second year Arts student attending UNB Saint John, has been outdistancing the competition this year for UNB Fredericton, never finishing below fourth place.

Murphy has an illustrious background in running, as he has competed in an uncountable amount of races the past few years. "I've participated with the Canada Games Track and Field team for the past three and a half years. For most of those I trained under Walter Ellis, who passed away last spring, and I'm presently coached by Gilles Gautreau," he commented. One of Murphy's proudest accomplishments involves racing on the national level. "I once came fifth in the Canadian 5000 metre Junior age class. That was a big thrill."

The English major secured first place in the season's inaugural meet in Presque Isle, Maine. The ensuing two races saw Murphy finish third and fourth among AUA runners, as well as achieving third place at the UNB Open this past weekend. "There's no real reason for my times being slightly better than some of the other guys. My coaching hasn't been any more superior than what Tim [Randall, UNB cross country coach] gives the guys up here. It's probably because I train all year long while most of the guys either concentrate on triathlons or only train in the fall," said Murphy, attempting to downplay his excellent times. But despite his modesty, his training schedule certainly aids his race performance as he informed *The Brunswickan* that "for the past three months I've averaged between 12 to 15 kilometres a day, six out of the seven days of the week."

But with such a phenomenal running ability, Murphy still admires the team concept in cross country, since it gives him a greater sense of purpose. "When you are running for a team, even if you're winning races or getting personal bests, it's not as satisfying as running well and contributing to a good performance by your team. [The team] also helps with motivation ... When you are strug-



James Murphy photo by Mike Dean

gling through the middle part of the race and you want to quit, you just say to yourself 'If I can catch this Dal asshole in front of me, maybe we can win,'" Murphy said with a smile.

Since UNBSJ lacks a cross country team of its own, Murphy jumped at the chance to run with a competitive group. In fact, he drives to Fredericton for each race at his own expense. "I deal with the travelling and the headaches mainly because I love to run and I find running cross country very satisfying," Murphy stated. And his coaches no doubt find his performances satisfying, too. With his exceptional talent, hopefully UNB can keep such a standout on their team for the remaining years of his eligibility.

## Men's soccer in AUAs

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with Paul English tallying in the 16th minute.

The Acadia game began the next day in a heavy rain, which once again caused the field to get quickly chewed up. UNB and Acadia played each other fairly evenly in the rough contest, but it was Acadia who drew first blood when Jason Mercier was the given the gift of a wide open net after a deflected cross. Then, at the 30 minute mark backfielder Kamal Gurung went down hard and had to be carried off the field. He soon returned to the fray but he was clearly suffering from some ill effects as he was badly outrun on a ball to the corner by an Acadia forward in the 44th minute. The end result was a cross and an Acadia goal for Trevor Lawley.

In the second half Lawley got his second goal of the game, again the result of a failed play by Gurung. This time Gurung tried a pass back to keeper Mike Green in the 16th minute which died in the mud, allowing Lawley to outrace Green to the ball for an easy goal. Shortly afterwards Nik Cooper made it 4-0 and the rout was on. Except for one thing, UNB kept playing hard, and in the 32nd minute were rewarded when Brad MacVicar's screened shot sneaked its way into the net. Seven minutes later it was 4-2, as Mattias Mangberg tipped in a shot

from Blair Tucker. It was too little too late, but the V-Reds had let Acadia know they were in a game.

Coach Gary Brown was not at all discouraged with the result from the Acadia game. "Actually, we played quite well today so far as control of the play and such." He added that Acadia played a very good team game. "They were playing a one on one situation and we were playing against a team. Our guys were not helping out the strike line by playing the ball in the air. If they had played the ball to the feet I think we would have done a lot better."

The game against Acadia was essentially an exercise for the V-Reds, since they knew that regardless of the outcome they would finish second in the league. This gives them a bye in the championship tournament this weekend with a record of 6-2-3 record for 21 points. The other team receiving a bye is host Dalhousie (8-0-3, 27 pts.). This tournament will be just UNB's second exposure to an artificial turf field this season, their only other experience being a 4-2 victory over SMU. The other teams at the tournament are Acadia (5-4-3, 19 pts.), the SMU Huskies (4-3-4, 18 pts.), the St.FX X-Men (3-4-5, 16 pts.), and the UPEI Panthers (4-4-4, 14 pts.). UNB's first game will be tomorrow and the final will be played on Sunday.

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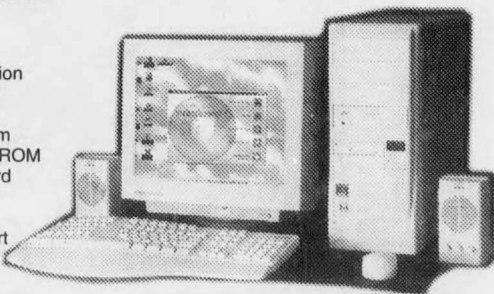
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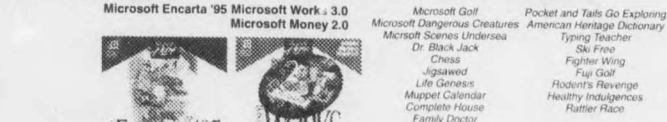
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