

## Taking it one game at a time UNB vballers AUAA bound

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Just one at a time please.

The UNB Varsity Reds women's volleyball team will be heading to the AUAA's in Moncton this weekend. UNB placed fifth in the conference at the end of the regular season and will meet fourth place St. FX X-ettes in their first game. UNB's head coach Al McGarvie states "Our only expectation for the AUAA's is to play well."

The Reds and X met twice during the regular season at UNB and X took both games. In the first match UNB lost not only the match but also their big power hitter Chantal Martin. The Reds were undeterred and returned the following day without Martin to battle for 5 games and lost playing ping pong, according to Reds head coach Al McGarvie. Although McGarvie is confident that UNB will be able to take the match against St. FX.

McGarvie says "We hope to be healthy and that we will give St. FX a go and even upset them." He believes the teams



Reds practice to go to AU's.

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are evenly matched, although X has big middles and are probably stronger than UNB's. But UNB counters with strong power.

As for strategy the Reds will be using will involve ensuring their middles don't get the ball. The other tactic the Reds will be using is keeping them off their guard so they can't get the ball to the middle hitters. McGarvie believes "The key to the Reds success is preventing them from hitting the middle hitters."

## Hockey con't

better on this night, head coach Mike Kelly was quick to point out that his team "aren't taking the Blue Eagles for granted."

As Kelly stated, "Saturday nights game was more of an abridgment. We caught them (U de M) at a bad time, they are normally a very hard working team."

Coincidentally, these same 2 teams will do battle in the first round of the playoffs. And, as Kelly admits, "winning in Moncton is not easy." The Reds are a dismal 1 for 3 in the Blue Eagles home rink.

When asked is there was a sense of confidence in the dressing room, Kelly stated, "it's not so much a sense of confidence, it's more a sense of anticipation."

That sense of anticipation came to end on Wednesday as the teams began their best-of-three series in Moncton. Again, it was the Blue Eagles wishing they never came to the rink as the Reds dominated them taking the first game 6-1.

The Reds return home for game 2 on Saturday, February 22 at 7:30pm and again on Sunday for game 3, if need be. Both games will be played at the AUC.



Reds Scott Muscutt battles for the puck against U de M.

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then I think we can beat them."

The winner of the UNB-St. FX match up gets to play the Saint Mary's Huskies. The Huskies completed an undefeated season with a 18-0 record and is the favorite to win the title.

"We feel we are capable of beating St. Mary's because their power is in the offense Dana Olsen and she will be matched up against our power Chantal Martin," McGarvie comments. "I think that if Chantal can win the battle against Olsen then we stand a pretty good chance of maybe upsetting them." When the two teams met during the regular season the Huskies took both matches.

The Huskies are a much more experienced team with 6 players whereas the Reds have 8 rookies this year and 4 of them are on the floor.

As for the key strategy that the Reds will use at the championship. We are just going to take it one match at a time."

The Reds will be heading to the AU's with only one injured player, power hitter Allyson Godin, who was injured about three weeks ago in the Saint John tournament.

## Burkitt con't

on try to pass that on to the younger guys."

As for future plans, Burkitt is non-committal. He has half a semester to complete his Education degree and then he'll reevaluate everything then. "I haven't ruled out trying to play pro hockey in Europe or in the East Coast League, but I'm still undecided at this point."

And how do the Reds feel going into the playoffs this year. "The team is feeling pretty good," Burkitt said. "We've got to concentrate on our work ethic to be ready for Moncton."

The playoffs began on Wednesday night for the UNB Varsity Reds when they took on the Moncton Blue Eagles in the best of three MacAdam Division semi-final in Moncton.

## Reds vball looking to join .500 club UNB to host AUAA tourney

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The UNB Varsity Reds men's volleyball team will play host to both the Dalhousie Tigers and the Memorial Seahawks this weekend at the LB Gymnasium.

However, the tournament is a little on the anti-climatic side. Unfortunately, everything has been decided as far as placings are concerned between the three teams.

The Dal Tigers have already clinched first place, the Varsity Reds will finish second, and bringing up the rear are the Memorial Seahawks. Dal and UNB will face each other next week in the AUAA championship in Halifax.

According to head coach Mark

Thibault, this weekend "gives us a chance to try new things," meaning he will shuffle around his offense and defense in order to find the right combinations. Thibault indicated that "our main goal this weekend is not necessarily to win, but to play well."

The Reds have not beat the Tigers this season, the most recent loss came last weekend in Halifax. But even with their winless record against Dal, UNB is still optimistic. Jeff Byrne is back from an injury, a return that Thibault says is "a big plus for our team."

So, how does a team who has virtually nothing to play for stay focused? According to Chad Rennie, the Reds' match against Dal is "more of a confidence factor than anything."

Confidence is a necessity for the V-Reds. And, although beating Dal this weekend would instill this confidence, the Reds are not to be overdisappointed if they do not.

As Rennie states, "Beating Dal this weekend would be a plus, however, we are not in a panic to do it yet."

Probably more of an important statistic is the fact that 1 win out of the 2 matches would give them a .500 record, something they have not accomplished in a number of years.

The Reds will hit the floor against Dal on Friday night at 7pm and return to action on Sunday morning at 10:30am to take on MUN with both games at the LB Gym.

## World University Hockey Match-up Candidates for Team Canada roster announced

TORONTO — Darrell Young, Head Coach of Team Canada today announced the candidates for Team Canada for the inaugural World University Hockey Championship to be played at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit on April 4, 1997.

Candidates from 10 schools will be chosen for Team Canada. Notable players include goaltender Dale Mason of the University of Alberta Golden Bears, who sports a 14-2-1 record in the 1996-97 campaign and, to anchor the blue line, Acadia's Paul Doherty and Calgary's Drew Schonek, 1995-96 All-Canadians. Others being considered are Marc Beaucage of the UQTR Patriotes, leading scorer in the CIAU for 1995-96; Jarret Reid of St. Francis Xavier, Chris Clancy of Guelph and Christian Skoryna of Acadia, the leading scorer this season in the CIAU.

Young will be joined by Assistant Coaches Marlin Muylaert of the Uni-

versity of Guelph and Tim Bothwell of the University of Calgary. The Canadian coaching staff will be advised by Tom Watt, one of the most successful coaches in CIAU hockey competition.

Team USA led by Head Coach Ron Mason (recently inducted to the Lake Superior State Hall of Fame) with Assistant Coaches Jerry York of Boston College, Don Lucia of Colorado College and Joe Marsh of St. Lawrence University.

The CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) and the Canadian Hockey Association named Young and USA Hockey and the NCAA Division I Hockey Commissioners named Mason respective head coaches at a press conference in Toronto on November 26, 1996.

At a press conference held in Detroit on February 6, 1997 it was announced

that Mike Ilitch has accepted the Honorary Chairmanship of the inaugural game of the World University Hockey Championship. "I consider it an honor to be asked to be the Honorary Chairman for this game. I am a great fan of sports, of hockey and especially of college hockey, and this will be a wonderful showcase for our student athletes from both sides of the border."

Mr. Ilitch said at the time.

The Canadian and American teams, composed of the best eligible university and college players in their respective organizations will compete for the World University Hockey Championship. The inaugural game is the first step leading to a world university tournament in the year 2000. A two game home-and-home Canada-United States series is planned for 1998.

The inaugural game will be carried on TSN in Canada and Prime Television Network in the United States.

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