

Volleyball

Women win second consecutive championship Reds win AUAA title

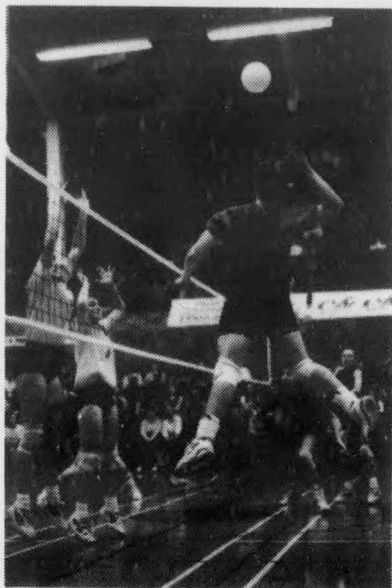
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It took two games longer than expected, but the UNB Varsity Reds were able to defeat U de M 3-2, winning the AUAA women's volleyball championship. This gives them the right to travel to Edmonton next weekend to represent Atlantic Canada at the CIAUs.

The V-Reds were served notice early that their competition at the tournament was not going to roll over when SMU captured the first game of the two team's semi-final match. UNB, however, was clearly the superior team on the floor and easily captured the next three games to win the match 3-1.

SMU had been one of the two teams in the AUAA to defeat UNB this season, the other being St. FX. St. FX had pursued UNB for the top spot in the standings all season long and were expected to provide the opposition for UNB in the final. The young St. FX squad was stopped, however, by an inspired U de M team 3-0.

This set the table for a final matchup which most observers believed would prove to be as one sided as the Super Bowl. Somebody forgot to hand the script to U de M, and they came close to capturing the first game, squandering a 16-14 lead. After losing the second game in embarrassing fashion, they then out-



Volleyballer's spike the competition at AUAA's
Photo Mike Dean

played the V-Reds en route to forcing a fifth and deciding game. Here, they surged to early 3-0 and 6-4 leads before UNB veteran Carla Mason began to take matters into her own hands.

"We didn't think it was going to be quite this hard," said Mason after the match, "but we knew that if we gave them a chance to come at us they would."

"I was just hoping that I could use my experience and help out the team. Kerry

[Maher, the team's setter] told me that ball was coming to me so I got ready. I just tried my best." Mason played the game with an injury acquired earlier in the week to her hitting hand requiring six stitches.

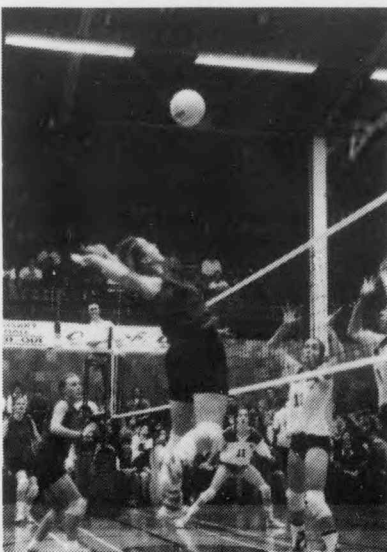
The move to Mason and veteran Lori Gorman in the fifth game was a change in strategy for the team. Throughout the first four games of the match they tried to get the ball out to Chantal Martin. However, her ineffectiveness in the third and fourth games forced Coach Al McGarvie to take action.

"I had Chantal Martin up against [Lisa] Barwise for four games and then in game five I took her off her," commented McGarvie. "It was a risky thing to do, but I had to free Chantal up so that I could utilise her a little more. Barwise did a super job blocking us tonight."

McGarvie was surprised that U de M was able to push the match to five games after three heartbreaking losses in the first game. "I thought that would be it for Moncton. It certainly paid big dividends in the second game."

"You really have to bear down after winning two games. Psychologically, you win the first two games but that third game is tough. And if you lose that then the fourth game is even tougher."

The V-Reds were given surprisingly poor representation on the AUAA's all-star team. Carla Mason was named league MVP and Chantal Martin was placed on the first all-star team, but no



More Volleyballers in action
Photo Mike Dean

other V-Reds player was named to either the first or second team. People close to the team were particularly upset that setter Kerry Maher did not receive recognition from the league in this her final season of eligibility.

The next test for the V-Reds is next weekend in Edmonton, Alberta at the CIAUs. At the championship tournament in Winnipeg last year the V-Reds finished eighth

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Wrestling

Wrestlers go to Atlantics

by Steve Downtowner
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The Varsity Reds wrestling team is already in Calgary, Alberta preparing for the CIAU National Championships this weekend.

Because the team had to leave for the tournament on Wednesday, coach Don Ryan opted to send his 'B' team to the Atlantic Wrestling Championships in Halifax last weekend.

Harold Williams won a silver medal and Joe Millar grabbed bronze in their respective weight classes of the under 21 category. Coach Don Ryan picked up his tenth career Atlantic championship taking gold in the senior division. Clay Howard notched a silver medal and Colin Jackson, Jeremy Donald and Billy Jackson claimed bronze medals in that category.

The UNB women's wrestling team was also active at the tournament. Katie Wright captured a gold medal while Tanya Horton and Jackie Gunn won silvers and Heather Cole took a bronze.

Because the championships are not a sanctioned AUAA event, the wrestlers competed as part of team New Brunswick which won the overall team title.

Heading to the National's this weekend for the AUAA champion Varsity Reds are Terry Pomeroy, Jason Pleasant-Sampson, Denis Gagnon, Charlie Ashe, Adam Simon, Jesse Simon, Jamie Eastwood, Travis McLeod and Mike McGlynn. Pomeroy is UNB's best hope for a gold, he is currently ranked second in the country in the 52 kg weight class.

Coach Ryan also hopes to improve the teams overall ranking at the tournament. The team currently sits in eighth position in the CIAU. Their biggest competition will come from number one McMaster, number two Brock and number three Regina.

Club News

UNB hosts Rowing Regatta

The Fredericton Rowing Club would like to thank UNB for hosting the 3rd Annual "Frozen Fury - the Monster Erg" on February 18th. Special thanks to Chantelle Hanley, organizer, Stacy White and René Alexander.

The first place finishes from the 2500 m races are Novice Men Jeff Faulkner (9:47 min), Varsity Men René Alexander (9:23 min) and Varsity Women Chantelle Hanley (10:41 min). In the Junior Division Matej Ircha won the Junior Men (under 18) (8:07 min), Junior Women Lindsey Ellis (10:22 min) and Junior Lightweight Women Lisa Nussey (10:56 min).

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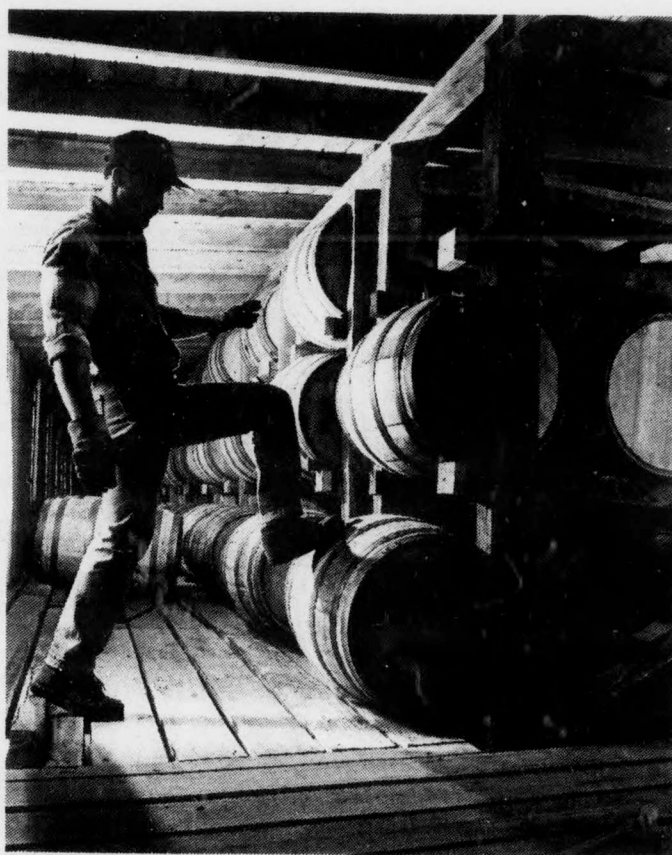
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