

# SPORTS

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## Varsity Briefs

### Daigle rocks Reds

Phil Daigle netted a hat trick Wednesday night to lead the STU Tommies over the Varsity Reds hockey team in the final round of the 'Battle of the Hill'. The Tommies walked away with a 6-2 win, tying the series at two games apiece but the Reds claimed the 'Battle' trophy on goals scored. Over four games, UNB netted 20 goals while STU trailed with 16. Derek Cormier and Trevor Boland scored the two singles for UNB. The Reds head to Charlottetown this weekend to take on the UPEI Panthers in a two game series. Both games will be broadcast live on CHSR 97.9 FM.

### Mason AUA Athlete of Week

Carla Mason was named AUA Female Athlete of the Week last week. Carla played a major role in the Reds' three wins last week and swept all three Diet Pepsi Player of the Game awards. She was also named UNB Athlete of the week for the second time this year.

## Athletes of the Week

### Carla Mason, Women's Volleyball

This week's Athlete of the Week honours go to Carla Mason, a fourth year Education student with the Varsity Reds women's Volleyball team. On Wednesday, January 26th Carla was named Diet Pepsi Player of the Game against UDM after notching 18 kills and 8 stuff blocks. Over the weekend Carla continued to dominate, shw had 12 kills and 6 stuff blocks on Saturday and 15 kills and 7 stuff blocks on Sunday. Both matches were against St. FX and Carla was twice named Diet Pepsi Player of the Game. "Carla has really turned on her performance as we close out the season and prepare for the AUA championships", said coach Al McGarvie.

## Brunswick Athlete of the Week

### Bill Traer, Pool Hustling

Bill Traer of the Varsity Rednecks Pool Hustling team is this week's Bruns Male Athlete of the Week. Bill, a regular on the College Hill Social Club's pool circuit, hustled himself \$132.53 in only three games last Friday to claim Penthouse Hustler of the Night honours. The 11th year Brunswickan student is in his final year of eligibility with the team. "Bill's shrewd demeanor has allowed him to pull off some of the biggest pool cons in the history of UNB," says coach Mark Savoie.

## This Week in UNB Sports

### Saturday, February 5

Wrestling hosts UNB Open (@ LB Gym)  
W. Basketball vs. UCCB (6:30 pm @ LB Gym)  
M. Basketball vs. UCCB (8:30 pm @ LB Gym)  
Hockey @ UPEI

### Sunday, February 6

W. Basketball vs. UCCB (1:00 pm @ LB Gym)  
M. Basketball vs. UCCB (3:00 pm @ LB Gym)  
Hockey @ UPEI

### Thursday, February 10

Hockey @ Mount Allison

**UNBelievable!**

## WRESTLING

# UNB Open preview to AUA's

Coach Don Ryan has prepared near unbeatable squad

by Paul Mysak  
Sports Staff

Tomorrow the UNB Varsity Reds will host the UNB Open at the L.B. Gym. This tournament will be the wrestlers' final chance to hone their skills for the upcoming AUA championship which will also be hosted by UNB. As the reigning champions, the Reds have earned the right to defend their title at home.

Coach Don Ryan is pleased with the team's progress, "The pieces of the puzzle are fitting together... Now we're just fine tuning. All the hard, physical work is done." But what hard work! Since early fall the team has been practicing twice daily. Weightlifting at 7:00 AM and normal practice at five in the morning.

As well, the majority of the veterans forfeited much of their Christmas vacation in order to participate in both a High Performance Camp in Manitoba and the Montreal Open. Added to these travels were trips to participate in the Queen's Open and the Concordia Open. This experienced competition enabled the Reds to dominate the last local tournament at St. Francis Xavier. Once again UNB is poised to capture the AUA crown.

A large difference between this team and that of last year's is the increase in depth. Second year fighter,



Coach Don Ryan gives George Ash hands on instruction.  
Photo by Marc Landry

A large part of this increase in wrestlers and continuing success is due to the hard work of Coach Ryan. Assistant-Coach Randy Smith was quick to point out, "The reason the Black Bears always won the AUA's is due to the coaching. UNB has always had hard working, dedicated coaches... Donnie is no exception to the rule."

First year wrestler Nathan Richard

shown, "Everyone's keen. Everybody's coming to morning practice. It's a great atmosphere and asset." Last year's Rookie of the Year, Denis Gagnon, is, according to Assistant-Coach Smith, "One of New Brunswick's highest prospects... A rookie error cost him the AUA title."

Alongside Denis is third year wrestler Jesse Simon. Disappointed



The Reds have had a strangle hold on AUA Wrestling thanks to extensive training.  
Photo Marc Landry

and last year's AUA silver medalist, Sonny Uruquart commented, "Last year we had couple of spots (weight categories filled at the AUA's) that were (iffy). This year we have a really good shot for every gold. Everybody who will be wrestling (at the AUA's) will have to earn their spots."

Backing him up were the words of veteran Darren Anderson, "Even with all the veterans we have wrestling, if several of them were to be injured, the young guys would step in and we would still win."

credited both the enthusiasm of his teammates and Don Ryan's abilities, "It's a good turn out. Makes me want to come out to the practices... Also the Coaches attitude makes you want to come out. He's strict, but won't always be screaming or hollering at you." Alongside him his Paul Crevain, "I've never seen so many guys so enthusiastic about coming to practice on a regular basis."

A strong performance will be expected of last year's gold medal winner Marcel Saulis. Like the rest of team he also is pleased with the spirit

with last year's results, Jesse had been training hard, "Last year I should have done better. This year I've been working more on technique than anyone else...I think I have a very good shot for the gold."

Terry Pomeroy, Canadian National Team Member, best sums up the confidence of the team, "I predict we'll win this tournament on Saturday and go on to win the AUA's. Also, I believe we'll have the biggest CIAU team UNB has ever had"

The UNB Open gets underway at 10:00 am tomorrow.