

Sports



— HOCKEY —

Mark Jeffrey Game returns

Varsity Reds host Acadia in Sunday's memorial game

VARSITY BRIEFS

Pollman wins AUSA's

Bryan Pollman finished first and Keith Fahey trailed in third but the Varsity Reds Men's Cross Country team could only come away with a second place at the AUSA Championships last weekend. Pollman covered the 9.9 km event in 32:39 earning a spot in this weekend's CIAU Championships in Halifax. UNB's cumulative points were not enough as Dalhousie edged them for the team win. Other UNB finishers were Ian Washburn 11th, Kenny Hunter 15th and Andrew Dunphy 17th. UNB finished third to Dalhousie and St. FX on the Women's side. UNB's Jennifer Phillips was 9th, Marnie Bray was 11th and Sarah Crooker 15th.

Men's B-Ball splits at Queen's

The Varsity Reds Men's Basketball team bounced back from a 77-72 first game loss to the hosts at the Queen's University Invitational by thrashing Laurier 99-60. Alan Whitley managed 18 points in the win while Bryan Elliott netted 16 in the loss.

Women's B-Ball at Laval

The Women's team suffered two losses at the annual Laval Invitational. They opened the tournament with a 64-63 loss to the U of Toronto but followed up with a 52-45 win over Laval. However, they ended on a losing note with a 93-84 overtime loss to the U of Ottawa.

Soccer closes season

The Varsity Reds Soccer team ended the season with a 1-1 tie against the Memorial Seahawks. Gray Zurheide scored the loan goal for UNB and secured himself the top spot in AUSA scoring with 11 goals on the season. The Reds finished out of the playoffs with a 2-6-3 record.

W. Volleyball Tourney

The Women's Volleyball team lost out in the championship final of their own Invitational last weekend. They were downed in straight sets by the St. John Black Magic. The team finished the tournament with a 4-3 record. They begin their AUSA season at home this weekend with two games against Acadia.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Wendi Vautour, Field Hockey

Todd Sparks, Hockey

THIS WEEK IN UNB SPORTS

Friday, November 5

Swimming hosts AUSA Invitational (to 7th)
W. Volleyball vs. ACA (8:00 pm @ LB Gym)
Field Hockey @ CIAU's (to 7th)

Saturday, November 6

Hockey vs. Dal (1:00 pm @ AUC)
W. Basketball vs. SMU (2:00 pm @ LB Gym)
M. Basketball vs. SMU (4:00 pm @ LB Gym)
W. Volleyball vs. ACA (8:00 pm @ LB Gym)

Sunday, November 7

Mark Jeffrey Memorial Game
Hockey vs. ACA (2:00 pm @ AUC)

M. Basketball @ Husson

UNBelievable!

by Bruce Denis
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Never, in the history of UNB Varsity Sports had their been such intensity. The noise throughout the inaugural Mark Jeffrey Memorial hockey game between UNB and STU was so deafening the players couldn't even hear the ref's whistle.

After a one year hiatus, the game will return this weekend with one slight change; Acadia will replace St. Thomas as the Varsity Reds' opponents. Game time is 2:00 pm at the Aitken Centre.

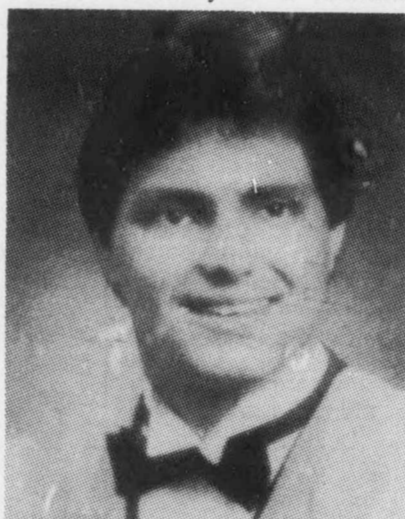
Like the first event, the Athletic Department has received permission from the University to charge admission to students. However, at \$3 a ticket, the Aitken Centre is again expected to be sold out. All proceeds from the game will go towards the Mark Jeffrey Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The importance of the game for UNB goes beyond the win-loss column. The game is in honor of the late Mark Jeffrey, a former Red Devil who led the team to its only AUSA championship in 1984. Jeffrey died accidentally in 1991 and was acting as an assistant to Devils coach Mike Johnston at the time. The loss was felt throughout the community. In the first game, the Devils managed a 7-4 victory over the Tommies. (Please see sidebar for more on Mr. Jeffrey)

The Varsity Reds are coming off a devastating 6-4 loss to the Tommies on Wednesday, not what they needed after a heartbreaking 7-4 loss to Harvard and 3-3 tie against Brown during last weekend's exhibition trip to the US. Acadia, however, managed a 4-4 tie against the mighty UMaine Black Bears and a 12-1 uprooting of St. Thomas last weekend.

The Reds open their weekend tomorrow at 1:00 pm against Dalhousie. The early scheduling is due to a 6:00 pm Baby Habs start as they take on the Hamilton Canucks.

Prior to the Memorial game, the first annual Mark Jeffrey Memorial Merit Award will be presented. It will be awarded annually to a returning



Mark J. Jeffrey

Varsity Reds hockey player who has "demonstrated hockey ability and successful academic performance by maintaining a minimum 2.5 GPA." Also on hand will be the Mark Jeffrey Memorial trophy awarded to the player "best demonstrating leadership, inspiration and dedication to the team." This award was first presented in 1992 to Devils' captain Murray Nystrom and was won by present Reds' captain Ken Murchison last year. This trophy was graciously donated by *The Daily Gleaner*.

The game will also be a part of an alumni weekend for former Red Devils. Many of Mark's former teammates will be present to help honor him.

Mark J. Jeffrey

1962 - 1991

The Mark Jeffrey Memorial Game, the Mark Jeffrey Merit Award, the Mark Jeffrey Memorial Trophy. Anyone who may have arrived at UNB in the last two years might wonder who Mark Jeffrey was and why he is so revered in our community.

Mark enrolled at UNB in 1983 and led the Red Devils to an AUSA Championship. He continued to lead the team throughout his university career. He graduated in 1986 with a BBA and returned to the university, first as a replacement head coach of the Red Devils and later as an assistant coach.

During the summer of 1991 he was electrocuted in his parents' back yard in the Quebec Laurentians. At age 29, his death came as a shock to everyone.

Mark had the ability to turn every team he was involved with into winners. His Maritime Junior Hockey League team, the Halifax Lions were league champions in 1983. Mark then led UNB to their first league championship in 20 years. Following his UNB career he helped the Corner Brooke Royals of the Maritime Senior League to the Allen Cup.

However, Mark was not just about championships. Mark had a character that would inspire every coach, player and fan that he came in contact with. He had human qualities that captured the hearts of all of his friends and acquaintances. He was a true friend of the community with a sincerity and amiability that made him a true leader.

It is for these reasons that the UNB community cherishes his memory.

— FIELD HOCKEY —

Reds vie for CIAU's in Toronto

by Maria Paisley
Sports Staff

The UNB Varsity Reds Field Hockey team will be going to the CIAU's in Toronto after defeating Saint Mary's Huskies for their fifth consecutive AUSA title in Halifax. The CIAU's will start today and the teams will see action today, Saturday and on Sunday.

UNB completed this season with an 8-0 record and have been unbeaten in the last four years, they tied a game in 1990, in AUSA competition. The Varsity Reds scored 25 goals and surrendered just 2 to the competition during the regular season. UNB had the top three scorers in the league Josette Babineau the top scorer with having scored 17 of the 25 goals, Stacy Bean second with 3 and Wendi Vautour tied for third with 2 goals.

The Reds met the Huskies after they defeated the UPEI Panthers 2-1 in the AUSA semifinals and UNB went on to defeat SMU 3-0 in the finals. The 3 goals came in the first seven minutes

of the second half of the game with Josette Babineau scoring 2 of the goals and Wendi Vautour getting the other one.

Last year the team went to the Nationals and won a silver medal and had the best finish at a national level competition since the Red Shirts, mens soccer, won the CIAU mens' soccer crown in 1980. Coach Hornibrook says that they are "a good team going into the (national) competition, and the team is very capable of winning a medal and meeting their goal (for this season)." Hornibrook says "the team is ready to play at the nationals and there won't be any easy wins as all six teams are good teams and this will make the championship very competitive." The teams that will be playing at the CIAU's are UBC, who is ranked first in the country, York, the second ranked team, U of Toronto, ranked third, UNB, the fourth ranked team, fifth ranked Victoria, and Alberta. Hornibrook says "being ranked forth is just fine as the third

and fourth places don't have the pressure of being the top teams. It is also good being the underdog in the championships." UNB will play in a pool with Victoria and UBC and will see action on Friday. In the other pool will be Alberta, U of T and York with the top two teams of each pool qualifying for medals.

The Varsity Reds ended the season on a successful note off the field as well as Babineau was named the league MVP. They also had 6 of the players the 11 member all-star team - Krista Thompson, and fifth year players Babineau, rookie Stacy Bean, Kelly McCormack, Wendi Vautour and Tanya Whalen. Erin O'Brien, Sabitha Mesih, also AUSA rookie of the year, and Alana Spicer were named from the Huskies and UPEI had Kathy McNally and Mary Gillatly. These players will also be eligible to be named to the Canadian All-Star team this week. The top coaching honours went to SMU's coach Sharon Rajaramen.