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In brief

Devils split weekend

The Red Devils split a couple of games last weekend against UPEI. Eight different Devils scored on Saturday as they defeated the Panthers by a score of 8-4. However, Sunday spelled disaster as they fell 7-5 to the home team and both Kelly Reed and Toby Burkitt were lost to injuries. Mike O'Donnell netted a couple for the Devils while Panther Jason Denomme also scored two. The Devils host Mt.A tonight and UDM on Sunday.

Bloomers dominate

The Red Bloomers gave the home crowd something to cheer about last weekend as they dropped the St. Mary's Huskies 103-57 and the Acadia Axettes 72-43. Kara Palmer had 21 points while Laura Swift hit 20 in the first win. Dana Coles was named Player of the Game. Swift added 16 points the following day earning her Player of the Game honors and Jill Jackson had 17 for the Bloomers. The team heads to Newfoundland this weekend to play a pair of games against Memorial.

Raiders lose two more

Two more losses greeted the Raiders last weekend as the dropped decisions to St. Mary's and Acadia. Saturday saw the Raiders fall 102-79 to the Huskies as Marc Aube scored 17 and Yaw Obeng added 16 in the losing cause. Obeng managed 20 points in a 87-62 loss to the Axemen. The Raiders have a week break before heading to Newfoundland for two games against Memorial.

This week in UNB sports

Friday, Feb. 12

Hockey vs. Mt. A (7:30 pm at AUC)
M. Volleyball hosts AUA League Tournament (to 14th)

Saturday, Feb. 13

W. Volleyball vs. UPEI (8:30 at L.B. Gym)
Wrestling AUA C'ships @ UNB 11am and 3:30pm
V. Basketball @ MUN

Sunday, Feb. 14

Hockey vs. UDM (2:00 pm at AUC)
W. Volleyball vs. UPEI (2:00 pm at L.B. Gym)
W. Basketball @ MUN

Wednesday, Feb. 17

W. Volleyball vs. UDM (7:30 pm at L.B. Gym)
Hockey vs. UPEI-Playoffs (7:30pm at AUC)

AUAA Scoreboard

W. Basketball

MUN 72 SFX 71
UPEI 56 UCCB 42
UNB 103 SMU 57
SFX 76 MUN 68
UPEI 69 UCCB 36
UNB 72 ACA 43

M. Basketball

UCCB 69 UPEI 67
SFX 77 MUN 58
SMU 102 UNB 79
UPEI 91 UCCB 73
SFX 76 MUN 55
ACA 87 UNB 62

M. Volleyball

MUN 3 UNB 0
UNB 3 MUN 1

Hockey

UNB 8 UPEI 4
STU 6 UCCB 3
UDM 6 SFX 3
DAL 5 SMU 4
UPEI 7 UNB 5
STU 6 SFX 5
UDM 9 UCCB 5

W. Volleyball

DAL 3 UDM 0
MUN 3 ACA 2
MTA 3 SMU 0
MUN 3 ACA 2
SMU 3 UDM 1
DAL 3 MTA 1

UNB Athletes of the week

Laura Swift, Red Bloomers
Doug Eagle, Red Rebels

Bears hope to defend AUAA title this weekend

by Michael Smith

The focus of varsity sport this weekend will be on the AUAA Wrestling Championships being hosted by UNB on Saturday and Sunday at the LB Gym. This event will determine which two wrestlers from each division will qualify for the CIAU's later this month. As a consequence the atmosphere will be far more intense and competitive than it was at the UNB Open just two weeks ago.

At that meet the UNB Black Bears finished third behind the Montreal Wrestling Club and the Saint Francis Xavier squad. This result, although disappointing, should provide the Bears with a desire to reassert themselves as the team to beat in the Atlantic Conference.

The Montreal team is not eligible for this weekend's tournament, but some of their wrestlers will be back representing a Concordia University squad that has a tradition of success at the national level. The X-Men will be determined to prove that their placing was well deserved and the Mount Allison team is more than competitive.



The Black Bears will once again be led by Marcel Saulis, Terry Pomeroy, and Stacy DesRoches, but the rest of the team will have to keep pace if the Black Bears are going to win their fourth consecutive AUAA banner.

Each of the aforementioned wrestlers should and are expected to qualify easily for the CIAU's, as all three are nationally ranked. The key, however, is team success and it is therefore critical to any national dreams, to send as many wrestlers as possible to the championships.

Waiting to ambush the Black

Bears there are powerful and deep teams from Brock, Manitoba, and McMaster. The performance of our wrestlers here at home will affect the rest of the season. The preliminary rounds should feature a number of close contests as wrestlers struggle not to be eliminated, but the finals will definitely be a display of high-caliber wrestling skills and many of the Black Bears will be there. Take this advantage to support your varsity athletes as they compete for the AUAA title.

**AUAA Wrestling
finals this
Saturday
11:00am
qualifying round
3:30pm finals
All action takes
place at the LB
Gym**

Devils limp into final games

9 regulars out of the lineup with playoffs beginning Wednesday

by Frank Denis

To put it simply, it will be a matter of survival this weekend for the UNB Red Devils hockey team. Heading into the final two games of the regular season the team has 9 regulars out of the lineup for one reason or another. They are:

Brian Wilson: will miss tonight's game serving a one game suspension for fighting.

Ken Murchison: will miss both weekend games serving a two game suspension for fighting.

Kelly Reed: should return to the lineup in time for next Wednesday's playoff game. Received a skate blade across the face last weekend that required several stitches.

Dan Sherstenka: Still recovering from a broken jaw suffered a few weeks ago. Should be back for the second round of the playoffs.

Rob Boldon: Recovering from a sprained knee. Questionable for the first round.

David Myles: A shoulder injury will keep him sidelined for two weeks.

Toby Burkitt: Suffered a broken thumb last weekend and should miss two to three weeks of action.

Scott Muscutt: A thigh bruise has him out from day to day.

Gord Christian: Has the flu, but should be ready to go in the playoffs.

With all the injuries, Red Devils trainer Dean Parsons will be inserted into the lineup. Parsons has been a regular for the Social Club Shooters this year and has played some high calibre hockey in his time. He will be used by coach Mike Johnston on the right wing.



UNB goaltender Greg Reid may start in the first game of the playoffs Wednesday night at the Aitken Centre photo by Kevin Porter

Also in the lineup will be assistant coach Shane Easter who played for the Red Devils two years ago.

"Our main goal for this weekend is basically to survive. We don't need any more injuries. Many of our players will be playing positions they haven't played before" says coach Johnston.

After this weekend UNB will begin playoff action. They host the UPEI Panthers by virtue of their first place finish in the MacAdam division. UPEI, struggled most of the year and finished in fourth place.

The two teams play the first game of a best of three series here at the Aitken Centre on Wednesday at 7:30pm and play game two in Charlottetown on Friday. Game three if necessary will be played here on Sunday.

Originally game one was supposed to be played in Charlottetown with the next two

games here, but a scheduling conflict at the Aitken Centre means the series will open here.

Johnston that his team expects a physical series from the Panthers.

"They will go after some of our players because they know that if they get some of our key players off the ice, they might beat us. We can't worry about that. What we have to do is stick to our game plan and play disciplined and hope that the referee will have the game in control."

As far as a decision as to who will start the playoffs in goal, Mike Johnston is not sure. Greg Reid has played extremely well down the stretch and Chris Somers has playoff experience that is important. Johnston will wait and make his decision after this weekend's games.

Tonight the Red Devils host Mount Allison at 7:30pm and then Moncton at 2pm in a Varsity Mania sponsored game.