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AUAA Champs

Swimmers split titles

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It was a bittersweet victory. The UNB Varsity Reds swim team captured one AUAA title over the weekend in Halifax. The Reds men's team captured their banner while the women were 8 points short of capturing their own title.



The whole gang before heading to Halifax.

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The men's team went into the championship as the favorites and easily won their title with 225 points, Dal finished second with 151 points, Mt. A held down third with 54 points and MUN finished last with 15 points.

On the women's side Dal narrowly won the title with 204 points with UNB close behind with 196 points and Mt. A held down the final spot with 48 points.

The Reds captured most of the hardware out of the water with Iain Tennent and Michelle MacWhirter capturing the AUAA male and female swimmers of the meet. Krista Morrison was named Female Rookie Swimmer of the Year.

led but only lost by 9/100ths of a second to finish second to Dal. The UNB women swam in 72 races and performed admirably but it came down to the last race, the relay, to determine who won the meet. Cole states "It is a hard pill to swallow. But the fight and determination they had to try to win the championship is shown in the number of personal best times and we have 9 CIAU qualifiers. It was a great competition."

"The men just annihilated Dal. It wasn't even close," said Cole. The men all swam life time best times. "I feel for the women's team as they wanted it (the title) so bad and they worked harder than any other team. They deserved it more, but that is life and sport, just because you deserve something doesn't mean that you get it," said Cole.

He explained in the end of the year team meeting "This meet is an example of what happened the whole year. It was an illustration of the process we went through the coming together, the fights (against the competition), the victories and the excitement of the competition and training. The meet was an example to how they pulled together with the women cheering the men on and vice versa."

8th time mat winners

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Reds capture eighth on home turf. The UNB Varsity Reds wrestling team didn't play hospitable hosts on the weekend as they downed their competition to secure their eighth straight AUAA title at the LB Gym. UNB finished first with 44 points, Memorial finished second with 33 and Dal took the last spot with 13 points. The Reds won gold in 6 out of the 10 events and silver in 4 of the events.



Reds Jeff Allen (in blue) wrestles MUN to the mat.

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The Reds are currently ranked 6th in the nation as a result of the weekend and rookie Tim Pomeroy is ranked 4th in the nation in his weight class.

Teammates Tim Pomeroy (57kg), Denis Gagnon (61kg), Carlos Spearing (65kg), Kevin Manderson (76kg), Mike McDonald (82kg), and Mark Cheser (90kg) all took gold for UNB in their respective weight divisions.

These wrestlers will all be going to the CIAU's in March at McMaster's University. UNB's Gerry Gaudet (52kg), Cory Palmer (68kg), Dave Stewart (72kg) and Jeff Allen (HWT kg) took home silver medals.

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"We have worked hard all year for this competition," notes Ryan referring to why they were successful. "Pomeroy is an example of the hard work the team was willing to put in as he was down 8-0 in his match at which time he started his comeback to win the match." Ryan believes "Tim showed heart and determination coming back from an 8-0 score. His victory was an emotional victory which helped the Varsity Reds capture the championship." Pomeroy has an 23-5 record for the season.

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For the women's title it came down to the final relay in which UNB battled but only lost by 9/100ths of a second to finish second to Dal.

How did the men's will sit with the team? Cole stated "The women were happy for the men, although the men felt their victory was somewhat deflated because the women didn't win. They didn't feel they could celebrate because half of their team didn't win. Whereas the Dal women's team were making lots of noise and yet they were in the same boat. It just goes to show how close our team is."

The Reds next competition is this weekend when they will head back to Halifax for the Nationals.

Proud wrestlers with their hardware.

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Wrestlers showing their stuff.

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Distinguished career at UNB Burkitt makes Top 40

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When Toby Burkitt talks about his distinguished five year career as a Varsity Reds hockey player at the University of New Brunswick, he doesn't talk long about his personal scoring stats. He focuses on the "team" and a hockey program that has prided itself in "quality and sportsmanship."

Even with that kind of humility, it's worth mentioning that Toby Burkitt recently surpassed, UNB alum George Wood's (1976-80) 146 points, as the All-time leading scorer at UNB, with 61 goals and 96 assists for 157 total points during five regular seasons. He has also moved into the Top 40 All-Time scorers in the AUAA after getting a goal and an assist in last week's 5-3 victory over St. Thomas. He finished off the regular season with two assists, against the Moncton Blue Eagles this past Saturday night.

The native of Oshawa, Ont was actually recruited by former UNB Reds (Red Devils) coach Mike Johnston, who has since left to become involved with Canada's National Team program. "Mike (Johnston) recruited me and I felt he was building a solid program" here at UNB, Burkitt said. "I was also looking for a good Phys. Ed. and Education program," he added.

And how things have changed over the past few seasons with Danny Grant and now Mike Kelly at the helm behind the UNB bench? "Every coach has been a first class individual," Burkitt said with confidence. "I think Jim Born did a great job filling the holes over the past few years."

When Burkitt is asked about some of his most memorable experiences that he'll take with him, surprisingly it's not his recent point scoring title that stands out.



UNB's Top 40 scorer Toby Burkitt goes for the puck.

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Inset: Toby Burkitt

"My father was actually the one who told me that I was nearing the UNB record! It's nice to accomplish that, but my number one priority is to win a championship. Playoffs are so quick

being only the best of three, and you work so hard all year. You realize how important it is to be focused, and I guess Burkitt - con't on pg. 12

UNB win McAdam Division Reds post win in Playoffs

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The Blue Eagles probably wished they would have stayed at home on Saturday night.

The UNB Varsity Reds hockey team hammered the Université de Moncton Blue Eagles 11-4 on Saturday night at the Aitken Center in what proved to be a goal scoring clinic by the home squad.

Moncton jumped out to an early 2-1 lead, but UNB proved once again how tough they are at home, firing on all cylinders in the final, 2 1/2 periods and claiming the victory.

Leading the UNB scoring outburst was Dax MacLean, who tied the contest at 2. Before the first period ended, Bill Wright scored to send the Reds to the dressing room up 3-2.

goals to U de M's 1 to lead the contest 7-3. The Reds out shot Moncton 17-4 in the second period alone. Goal scorers in this period included Wright, Kevin Barry and Jason Campbell.

Scott Muscutt continued the Reds domination in the third, with his first of the contest. Other markers in the third included Barry, Craig Minard, and Wright (completing his hat trick).

UNB's big line of Dax MacLean, Bill Wright, and Jeff Andrews combined for 11 points in the victory. Wright claimed 'Player of the Game' honors, scoring 3 goals and adding 1 assist.

Reds' goaltender Ken Carroll had another solid performance, making key saves early, not allowing Moncton to get back into the game. The Reds outshot Moncton 40-22 in the contest.

However, even though the Reds were Hockey - con't on pg. 12

Upcoming UNB Games	Results	Athletes of the Week
Friday, February 21 Volleyball (W) @ AUAA's (Moncton) Volleyball (M) vs Dal @ 8pm (LB Gym) Swimming @ Nationals (Halifax)	Wrestling - AUAA's UNB 44 MUN 33 Dal 13 Swimming - AUAA's Men UNB 225 Dal 151 Mt. A 54 MUN 15 Women Dal 204 UNB 196 Mt. A 48	TIM POMEROY, WRESTLING Tim Pomeroy, a member of the UNB-Reds wrestling team has been named UNB's male athlete of the week. Pomeroy, a 1st year Computer Science student, led UNB to their 8th consecutive AUAA wrestling championship on Saturday, and their 20th in the last 26 years. In addition to winning his own 57kg weight class, he was also named AUAA MVP. UNB head coach Don Ryan was impressed with his rookie performance and stated, "Tim was down 8-0 before starting his comeback. He won the match 20-13. Tim showed a lot of heart and determination coming back from an 8-0 score. His victory was an emotional victory, which helped the Reds capture the championship." For the season, Pomeroy had an overall 23-5 record. He is a native of Oromocto, NB. UNB head coach Don Ryan was also named AUAA Coach of the Year for his outstanding work in guiding UNB to yet another 'Banner' season. He was also named AUAA athlete of the week.
Saturday, February 22 Volleyball (W) @ AUAA's (Moncton) Basketball (W) vs UCCB @ 6:30 (LB Gym) Basketball (M) vs UCCB @ 8:30 (LB Gym) Hockey vs U de M @ 8:30pm (Game 3) (AUC) Swimming @ Nationals (Halifax)	Volleyball - Women U de M 3 UNB 1 Basketball Women UNB 58 MUN 74 UNB 77 MUN 103 UNB 63 MUN 72 UNB 66 MUN 72 Hockey UNB 5 STU 3 U de M 4 UNB 11 UNB 7 U de M 4	KRISTA MORRISON, SWIMMING Krista Morrison, a 1st year member of the UNB Varsity Reds women's swimming team has been named UNB's female athlete of the week. Morrison won the 200 Individual Medley at the AUAA swimming championships over the weekend. She was also named the AUAA Female Rookie Swimmer of the Year. UNB head coach Andrew Cole stated that "Krista has shown tremendous improvement over the course of the season, and is one of the reasons why the women came within 9/100th of a second of winning the AUAA championship." Morrison is a native of Fredericton, NB, and is studying in the Faculty of Science.
Sunday, February 23 Volleyball (W) @ AUAA's (Moncton) Volleyball (M) vs MUN @ 10:30am (LB Gym) Basketball (W) vs UCCB @ 1pm (LB Gym) Basketball (M) vs UCCB @ 3pm (LB Gym) Hockey vs U de M @ 6pm (Game 3) (AUC) (if necessary)		