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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Carla Mason, Volleyball

The Female Athlete of the Week is Carla Mason of the Varsity Reds volleyball team. The 1993-94 AUSA MVP and league All-Star turned in another strong performance this week to lead UNB to their second consecutive AUSA Championship. Earlier in the week, UNB eliminated Mount Allison from playoff contention in the final game of the regular season. Coach McGarvie says that "Carla was instrumental in leading the Varsity Reds to their second AUSA Championship in an exciting 5 game match against U de M by killing the ball 19 times. With 6 stitches in her hitting hand, she still was a dominant player in all 3 matches the Reds played last week". Carla's efforts this season were also recognized by her selection as AUSA MVP. Carla is a fifth year business student from Newcastle. Mason was also named AUSA Athlete of the Week.



Stanleigh Mitchell, Basketball

Second year Physical Education student Stanleigh Mitchell of the Varsity Reds basketball team is the Male Athlete of the Week. The 1993-94 UNB Rookie of the Year has continued his strong play this season and was instrumental in two UNB 4-point wins this weekend to keep the team's playoff hopes alive. On Friday night against Saint Mary's, Stanleigh had 19 points, 8 rebounds and 5 assists as UNB recorded a 89-67 victory. In an exciting overtime win over Acadia on Sunday, Stanleigh scored 28 points (including the game winning basket) to go along with 7 rebounds and 4 assists. He also had a strong defensive weekend with only three turnovers in the two games. Coach Hamilton says that "Stanleigh had a very strong weekend, played controlled basketball and scored some key baskets to lead the team to two victories".



RESULTS

Basketball		Swimming	
Mens	Womens	Womens	Mens
SMU 67	UNB 89	UNB 208	Dal 198
ACA 78	UNB 81(OT)	MUN 51	MUN 52
		Mt. A 7	Mt. A 21
SMU 59	UNB 54	Volleyball	
ACA 42	UNB 49	UNB 3	SMU 1
		UNB 3	UdeM 2
Hockey		Mens	
UNB 3	STU 4 (OT)	UNB 0	Dal 3
STU 2	UNB 4	UNB 0	Dal 3
STU 9	UNB 3		

THIS WEEK IN UNB SPORTS

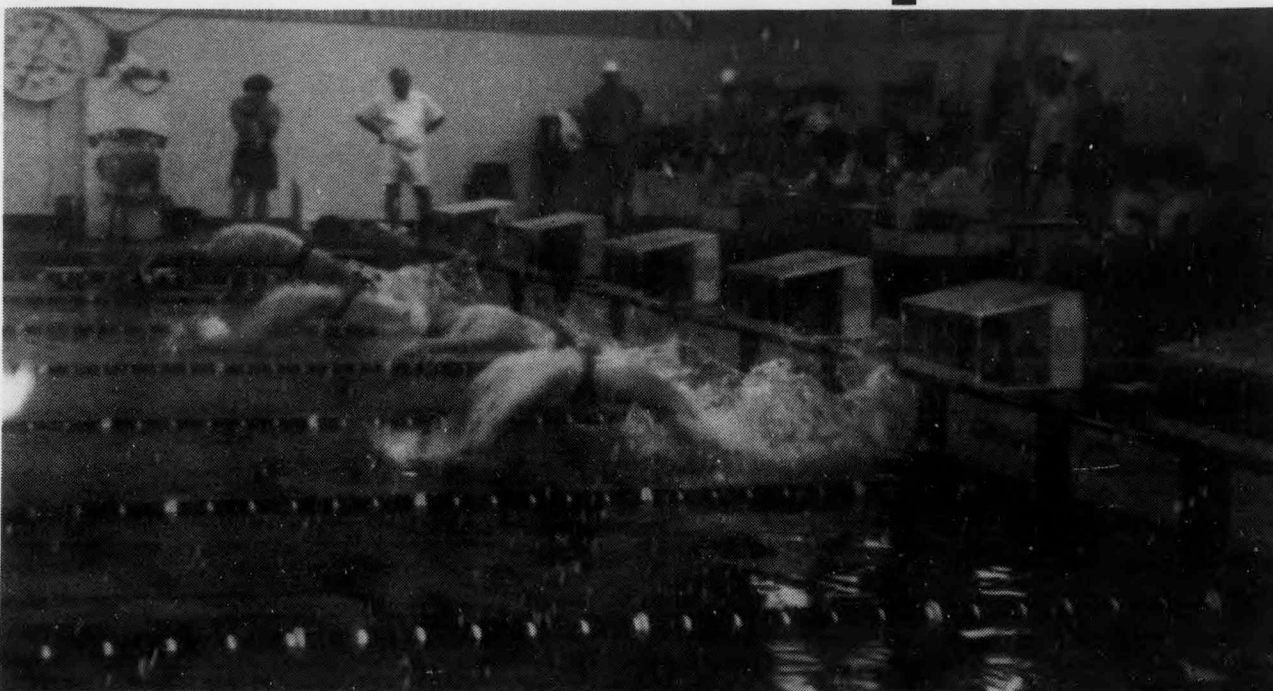
Saturday, February 25
 Womens Basketball at Dal
 Mens Basketball at Dal
 Wrestling at CIAUs in Calgary

Sunday, February 26
 Womens Basketball at St. FX
 Mens Basketball at St. FX

Swimming

Women win title, men place second

AUSA Champions



UNB Varsity Reds Women Swim Team - AUSA Champions

Reds Swim Photo

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The team effort for the UNB Varsity Reds Swim Team paid off this weekend with strong finishes by both the men and women's teams.

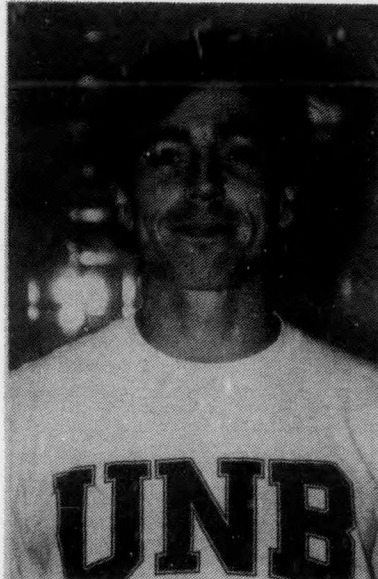
The women's team led throughout the meet to clinch the AUSA Championship while the men traded the lead back and forth between their five year rivals, Dalhousie in what team member Brian Woods called a "roller coaster of emotions" to fall just shy of the championship by four points out of a total of 465 points. Overall, the Varsity Reds won the team title and asserted themselves as a dominate force in the AUSA.

By the end of the weekend, the Reds accumulated a total of 20 individual gold medals while qualifying nine swimmers for the CIAU Championships to be held at Laval, March 3-5.

The women's team was led by Stephenville, Newfoundland native, Michelle MacWhirter who not only won three gold medals in the 50, 100 and 200m Backstroke and a silver in the 400m Individual Medley but was also named AUSA Female Swimmer Of The Year. Other strong finishes by the Women's Reds Swim Team included Alex Yaxley with two gold medals in the 100 and 400m Freestyle plus a silver in the 200m Freestyle and a bronze in the 800m Freestyle, Connie MacIssac and Anna Baker won two gold medals each, and Robin Fougere winning three medals in her Backstroke events. The sound team finish was consummated by strong individual performances by Megan

Wall with a gold medal in the 50m Butterfly and two bronze medals, Andrea Leitch in the Backstroke, Heather Palmateer in the Freestyle and Nicole Bailey in the Breaststroke. At the end of the meet, the Women's Varsity Reds had 208 points while Dalhousie finished with 182, Mount Allison with 51 points and Memorial seven.

The men's team fought a long and hard



Coach Andrew Cole.
 Photo Kevin G. Porter

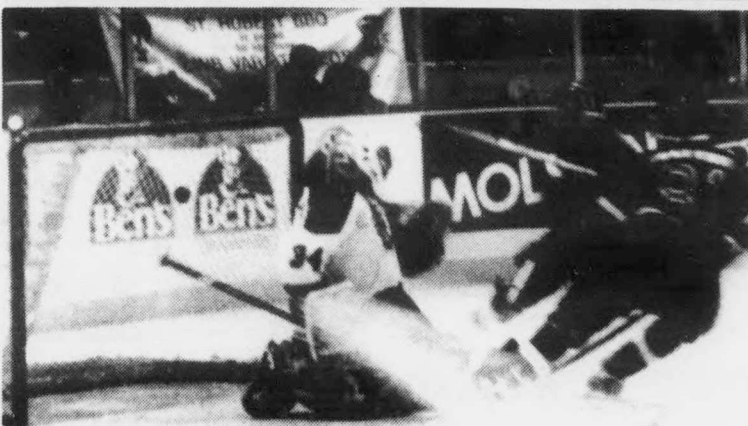
battle with the lead being traded back and forth with their five year rivals, Dalhousie. The men's team was led by Jason Lukeman who four gold medals in the 200m, Breaststroke, 50 and 100m Fly and the 200m Individual Medley. In the 200m Individual Medley, UNB shut Dal out of the medals with Lukeman's gold performance, Thom Giberson picking up

silver and Dave Pelkey winning bronze. Giberson also won gold in the 100m Freestyle and two silvers in the 50 and 100m Breaststroke, while Pelkey also won a gold in the 50m Freestyle and a silver in the 200m Breaststroke. Strong finishes continued for the Reds with Jeff Roach having two bronze medals in the 50 and 100m Breaststroke and Andre Desaulniers collecting a gold medal in the 400m Individual Medley and two silvers in the 200m Breaststroke and Butterfly.

UNB Varsity Reds Swimming Coach Andrew Cole stated that "Performances overall, I probably couldn't ask for anything any better. It's definitely our best times since I've been coaching at UNB." Coach Cole also felt that the Varsity Reds had the best team "cohesiveness". "They really pulled together and it was illustrated at the meet how important being a team was. The team performance really shone through."

Coach Cole said the one highlight of the meet was the team's "shear attitude". "The attitude of this group of athletes is the best that I've ever coached. Definitely the best group of athletes I've worked with since I've been in coaching." Another highlight was that the Varsity Reds Coach Andrew Cole was named AUSA Coach of the Year for the second year in a row.

With nine team members (including Anna Baker, Michelle MacWhirter, Megan Wall, Robin Fougere, Alex Yaxley, Brian Woods, Jason Lukeman, Dave Pelkey and Thom Giberson) preparing for the trip to the CIAU's next weekend, one of the largest groups UNB has ever sent, the future of the Varsity Reds Swim team looks like it will be a team one.



Tommies win 9-3 to give Reds Playoff Shock

There was just no stopping the Tommies once they gained their momentum. Story page 18.

Photo Jud DeLong