

# Sports



## WRESTLING

### Reds golden at NB Espoirs meet

Team claims four gold, one bronze at under 21 tournament

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Last Saturday the Varsity Reds wrestling team, composed of present and future varsity wrestlers, narrowly defeated St. Francis Xavier and Springfield High for the Under 21 NB Espoir championship. Unfortunately they were defeated by St. FX in an exhibition dual meet.

However, coach Don Ryan was quick to point out that most of the wrestlers competing in the dual meet were physically tired and beat up from their bouts in the Concordia tournament the previous week. These veterans had proven themselves against a competitive Montreal club coached by the Canadian Olympic coach and sporting many experienced non-university wrestlers. As a result, coach Ryan was more interested in the chance Saturday's tournament gave many of the younger wrestlers to begin honing their skills towards the upcoming AUAA season.

Both the younger and older club wrestlers put to good use this opportunity to display their fighting prowess. Any fears that coach Don Ryan may have harboured must surely now be gone. Four wrestlers, Paul Crevatin (74 kg), Jesse Simon (82 kg), Tim Pomeroy (52 kg), and Scott Seeley (90kg), claimed gold. Denis Gagnon earned bronze in the 62 kg decision, while Edward Park and Dale Clinton placed fifth and six respectively in the tough 68 kg class.

Paul Crevatin suffered a devastating loss in the dual meet. Paul was denied the winning points on the basis that they were scored a split second after the fight ended. However, Paul refused to let the loss disturb his concentration and marched onwards to earn the gold.

The best wrestling was undoubtedly done by this week's UNB Athlete of the Week, Jesse Simon. Jesse allowed only two points to be scored against him as he destroyed all opposition on route to victory.

Another key performance was that of Oromocto High school star Tim

Pomeroy. Tim has been practicing with the club since the summer and this hard work paid off in a gold medal performance. The Reds are eagerly awaiting his arrival at UNB next fall. Team captain Jason Pleasant-Sampson was, "extremely pleased with the number of wrestlers in the medal rounds." According to the Red's Captain it will be "these newer wrestlers that have gained experience and maturity may make or break the team. Their performance will swing the scale towards winning the AUAA title."

While somewhat disappointed by the number of mistakes in technique made by UNB wrestlers, coach Don Ryan is certain that with hard work they can overcome. Much of this work will be done over the Christmas Holiday as the prepares for the Montreal Open on January 8th. With the return of five time national champion Terry Pomeroy, coach Don Ryan is looking forward to the upcoming competition, certain that with practice his team is a match for any in the country.

## Varsity Briefs

### Hockey splits at home

The Varsity Reds hockey team manage to down UCCB last Friday but lost a heart breaker in overtime to St. FX the following Saturday. The team handled the Capers 5-3 for their fourth consecutive win. Todd Sparks had a couple of goals while Derek Cormier and Mike O'Donnell. On Saturday, X-Man Dave MacNeil sent a floater from the blue line past UNB net minder Mark Dawkins to break a 2-2 deadlock in the final minute of overtime. Trevor Boland and Sparks had singles for UNB. In 12 games, Sparks has 7 goals and 15 assists for 22 points. He occupies the fourth position in league scoring. The team heads to Moncton for their final game of the term tonight. They are also gearing up for a tournament in Montreal during the Holiday break.

### Mason leads Stallions to title

Local basketball star Paul Mason lead the Wild Stallions to the intramural co-ed basketball Tournament of Champions title last weekend. The Stallions managed to hold off the all-powerful Aitken Animals by one point in the finals to steal the championships. Other members of the winning team were Tim Blum, Jon Kenyon, Maria Kilfoil, Tamara MacIntyre and Tom Whiteford. Oh yeah, former Red Raider star Alex Kidney was also on the team.

## Athletes of the Week

### Carla Mason, Women's Volleyball

This week's Female Athlete of the Week is Carla Mason, a fourth year Bachelor of Education student from Newcastle, NB. She is in her fourth year with the women's volleyball team. The Reds won a silver medal at the Moncton Invitational Tournament this past weekend, losing only to the 7th ranked Université de Laval by scores of 15-13, 15-10 and 15-11. Carla, a tournament All-Star, had 17 kills in the final match and 73 kills over the weekend. She also accumulated 47 digs and 15 stuff blocks in the tournament. "She is one of the strongest middle hitters and blockers in the AUAA this year. Carla has been a big factor in the team's 6-0 league record," said Coach Al McGarvie. The Reds are first in the AUAA while Dalhousie and St. FX both trail by four points.

### Jesse Simon, Wrestling

Jesse Simon of the Varsity Reds wrestling team is this week's Male Athlete of the Week. Jesse is a third year Arts student from Big Cove, NB. He won the gold medal in the 82 kg weight class at the New Brunswick Espoir Wrestling Championships. He won all five matches he wrestled and only two points were scored against him during the meet. "Jesse had a good tournament and helped lead the Reds to the tournament championships," said coach Don Ryan.

## Results

### Friday, December 3

W. Basketball vs. UPEI (6:30 pm @ LB Gym)  
Hockey @ UdM  
Swimming @ US Open, Michigan (to 5th)

### Saturday, December 4

W. Basketball vs. UPEI (1:00 pm @ LB Gym)  
M. Volleyball @ Dal

### Sunday, December 5

M. Volleyball @ Dal

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## Women's Basketball

### Sweep preserves perfect record for Reds

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The Varsity Reds extended their winning streak to five, as they downed the UCCB Capers in last weekend's double-header. With the victories, the women remain in first place in the AUAA conference.

In Saturday night's match-up, the Reds stormed out of the gates and never looked back as they knocked off UCCB by a score of 59-32. With what is arguably the best frontcourt in the conference, Krista Foreman and Laura Swift attacked the smaller Cape Breton posts. Combining for 34 points and 24 rebounds they substantiated this claim. Foreman was later named the Player of the Game in what was one of the easier wins for the Reds.

But despite the victory, the women were not at all satisfied with the way they played. At times they appeared lackadaisical; passes were being thrown to nobody, easy hoops were being missed, and there was no intensity in the eyes of the players. Granted, it is hard to get up for a game when you are playing a 'weaker' team, but Coach Pauline Lordon is not satisfied with that. "It is hard to get psyched. But personally I don't accept that. I think you have to be a more consistent performer and always play at the best of your ability." Captain Laura Swift was also dissatisfied with her team's effort. "It was disappointing that we did still win because really, when you play that poorly you deserve to lose."

In Sunday's match-up, the Reds were looking to improve upon their performance. Going into the second half, the women had only a seven point lead but were playing with a renewed level of intensity. Individuals also adjusted to their roles. Laura Swift

showed that she was the leader of this squad scoring points when they were needed while keeping her team composed. The play of second year player Erin Savage was also encouraging, as she hit three big shots down the stretch.

"Erin did a good job for us today. Erin's coming into her own and really improving. She's stepping up as a second year player that we can count on," said Lordon.

Donna Retson had a superb game defensively, playing all forty minutes of the game while guarding the main offensive threat for the Capers, Leslie Hill. Jackie Fliieger showed that she can play the point for this team. Showing composure and control in the final minutes of the game, she lead the team to a 63-52 victory. Scoring 17 points and dishing off for 6 assists, she was named Player of the Game.

Although they only won by eleven, the Reds were much more pleased with their performance. As Fliieger points out, "We were a lot more disciplined than we were yesterday. We executed well, but the shots wouldn't fall." And that's the foremost reason as to why the Capers were able to stay as close as they did.

The women can be seen in action tonight as they take on the UPEI Panthers at 6:30 at the L.B.R. Gymnasium. This is the first game of a weekend set in which Lordon and her squad will be looking to pick up another pair of victories. This would give the Reds a 7-0 record in league play, and place them in perfect position going into the second half of the season. If this pattern of winning continues, the smell of victory could be in full 'bloom' once March rolls around.

## Varsity News

### Swim coach named NB Coach of Year

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UNB Varsity Reds Swim Coach Andrew Cole was recently honored as Male Coach of the Year by Sport New Brunswick. The other finalists for the honor were Charles Nickerson from Fredericton, who has been involved in archery for 25 years and Gagetown's Randy Smith who built the Oromocto High School wrestling team.

Under his guidance the swim team has progressed from 30th in the country to their current ranking of 7th and 8th for the men and women respectively. Last year the Varsity Reds won 22 of the 32 events at the AUAA Championship and 16 of the swimmers were named conference all-stars.

In addition to coaching the varsity swim team Cole has also been busy coaching the national team at the World Student Games in July, the New Brunswick squad at the Canada Summer Games in August and in October he was inducted into the Nova Scotia Hall of Fame.

This weekend Cole will be taking the swim team on the road to Michigan for the US Open, which will be their final meet before the Christmas break during which they will travel south of the border for extensive preparation for the rest of the season.