

# SPORTS

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## SPORTSWIRE

### In brief

#### Devils beat UPEI and advance

The Red Devils managed a 4-3 win against the Panthers in PEI to advance to the second round of the AUAA playoffs. The game went right down to the wire as UPEI pulled within one goal with less than 30 seconds remaining. But Devil goalie Greg Reid came up big for the team as they held on for the win. Alistair Still had two goals for the Devils who face-off tomorrow against the UdeM Blue Eagles in the second game of the best-of-three series.

#### Rebels lose another two

The Red Rebels travelled to Halifax last weekend for their final two matches of the season against undefeated Dalhousie. They lost both matches in straight games. The men head back today for the AUAA Championships which will run until Sunday. Their final record is 1-9 with 4 games won and 28 lost, which puts them in 3rd and last place in the three team league. Memorial University is in second place with a 4-6 record while Dalhousie finishes at 10-0.

### This week in UNB sports

#### Friday, Feb. 26

W. Basketball @ AUAA Championships (at UPEI to 27th)  
Swimming @ National Championships (in to 27th)  
M. Volleyball @ AUAA Championships (at DAL to 28th)

#### Saturday, Feb. 27

Hockey vs UDM (7:30 pm at AUC)  
M. Basketball vs. UPEI (8:00 pm at L.B. Gym)  
W. Volleyball @ AUAA Championships (at DAL to 28th)

#### Sunday, Feb 28

Hockey vs UDM (2:00 pm at AUC, if necessary)  
M. Basketball vs UPEI (2:00 pm at L.B. Gym)

### AUAA Scoreboard

#### W. Basketball

DAL 70 MUN 43  
UPEI 80 SMU 52  
SFX 82 UCCB 37  
DAL 59 MUN 49  
UPEI 75 ACA 58

#### M. Basketball

ACA 79 SFX 62  
DAL 63 UCCB 62  
MUN 89 UNB 82  
SMU 76 UPEI 56  
MUN 78 UNB 56  
ACA 72 UPEI 57

#### M. Volleyball

DAL 3 UNB 0  
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#### Hockey

UNB 4 UPEI 3  
DAL 5 SMU 4  
UDM 7 STU 4  
ACA 9 UCCB 2  
UDM 6 STU 4  
ACA 14 UCCB 2

#### W. Volleyball

MUN 3 SFX 0  
UDM 3 SMU 2  
DAL 3 MTA 0  
ACA 3 UPEI 2  
MUN 3 SFX 0  
UPEI 3 ACA 0  
DAL 3 UDM 0  
MTA 3 SMU 0

### UNB Athletes of the week

**Hilary Seagrave** of the Beavers' swim team is this week's Female athlete of the week. Seagrave took Gold in five events at the AUAA championships last weekend and was named an AUAA All-Star.

**Sean Perreira**, also of the Beavers' swim team, was named this week's male athlete of the week. Perreira won a gold medal in the 200m individual medley enroute to qualifying for the CIAU's.

## Beavers drown competition to repeat as AUAA Champs

by Frank Denis

The Beavers men's swim team won UNB's 4th AUAA championship banner of the season last weekend at Dalhousie in Halifax. For the Beavers it was their second consecutive title and third in four years. The women's team placed second behind Dalhousie.

In the meet UNB qualified 9 swimmers to swim at the CIAU swimming nationals at the University of Toronto next weekend. Four of the nine are women.

Going to the CIAU finals are Rae Sears, Hilary Seagrave, Iona Allen and Katherine McNeilly from the women's team and Sean Perreira, Paul Halmazna, Iain Tennent, Jason Lukeman and Stephane LeBlanc from the AUAA champions.

Coach Andrew Cole was especially pleased with his team's performance.



Sean Penney

"It was by far our best AUAA meet we've ever competed in. Several of our swimmers swam personal best times of the year and in some cases their lives. Our women's team finished second, but they hung in with Dalhousie right until the end and lost by 35 points, 162-127. In fact after the first day of competition we were ahead of Dalhousie."

Here is a list of just how UNB dominated the meet.

-UNB won 10 out of 16 women's events and 12 out of the men's events

-Sean Perreira was named AUAA Rookie of the Year.

-Iain Tennent was named AUAA Swimmer of the Year.

-The men's 400m Medley Relay set an AUAA record with a time of 3:55.13

This weekend UNB will compete at the swimming Nationals in Saint John. The Nationals attracts competition from across the country from not only Universities but strong club teams as well. In other words the best swimmers in the country will be in Saint John this weekend. Competing for UNB in Saint John will be the swimmers who qualified for the CIAU finals as well as Craig Selig and Sean Penney.

For Penney it will mark the first time in his five year career that he has qualified for Nationals.

## Devils win 'Run and Gun' show

by Frank Denis

### UNB 9 Moncton 7

UNB coach Mike Johnston described the game in a number of ways. "The Sparks-Gauvin show. A run and gun show. Lots of offence and sloppy defensive play."

Wednesday's game in Moncton between the UNB Red Devils and Moncton Blue Eagles was all that Johnston said it was and more.

UNB prevailed in a shootout 9-7 to take a 1-0 lead in the best of three AUAA semifinal. Game two goes tomorrow at 7:30 at the Aitken Centre with game three if necessary Sunday at 2pm again at the Aitken Centre.

Todd Sparks led UNB with 4 goals and 1 assist. Also scoring for the Devils were Forbie MacPherson, Rob Boldon, Ken Murchison, Trevor Boland and Rob Knesaurek.

CIAU athlete of the week last week, Dany Gauvin had 4 goals and 1 assist to give him 12 goals and 4 assists in 4 playoff games so far.

While the game was offensive minded, it was not what Johnston and his troops had expected.

"After watching the STU-Moncton series last week, I thought it would be a tighter checking, cautious game. But the way everybody exploded out of the gate with goals going in all over the place it turned into a run and gun show."

The run and gun show proved to be disastrous for both goaltenders. UNB's Greg Reid was pulled after the 4th Moncton goal midway through the first period and only five minutes later his Moncton counterpart, Pierre Gagnon was replaced by all-star Frantz Bergevin-Jean.

For Reid it meant being pulled after playing a solid UPEI series which saw him let in only three goals in two games. Reid was replaced by Chris Somers. Somers played well making 33 saves.

The first period ended with each team scoring five goals something that Johnston says was tough to deal with.

"We tried to keep our focus and play level headed especially early in the first when everything was going wrong for both teams. I've never seen a period like that with ten goals scored and both starting goaltenders being pulled. In games like that especially in the playoffs you have to believe that you're

going to persevere and then the game will rebound for you and I thought the most important thing for us was to rebound after the first period."

Johnston and his team look for a different type of game tomorrow.

"We should see a better game defensively with more disciplined play as well as a few fewer goals scored."

In other AUAA playoff action Acadia downed the Dalhousie Tigers 6-2 in Halifax and lead the best of three series 1-0. If UNB prevails over Moncton they will host the winner of the Dal-Acadia series on Wednesday night for game one of the AUAA final.

## Raiders to honor Obeng prior to game

by Frank Denis

The Red Raiders home basketball season will come to an end this weekend when UNB hosts the UPEI Panthers in a pair of AUAA games. The Raiders, after a pair of losses in Newfoundland last weekend have a 1 and 15 record while UPEI is currently in 6th place with a 9 and 7 record.

Sunday's game will mark Raider's captain Yaw Obeng's final home game. In his five years with the team Obeng has been the starting point guard and been a fine one at that. He has received numerous awards including a spot on the All Star team at this year's Golden Ball Classic Tournament in Saint John. He has been named team MVP twice including last season the same season he received the Coaches Distinction ring for excellence in Basketball. Rookie coach Clint Hamilton says Yaw's presence will be missed.

"This year we have a very young team and we've often counted on Yaw for his experience and leadership. He's been extremely valuable both on and off the court. He's a fine basketball player and a fine young man. His presence will undoubtedly be missed."

After completing his BEd last year, the Ontario native, returned to UNB this year to take a one year Guidance Program.

Game one of the weekend series against UPEI goes tomorrow at 8pm with the home finale going Sunday at 2pm. Come out and support the Raiders this weekend and Sunday be sure to be at the game when the Raiders will pay tribute to a fine basketballer, Yaw Obeng.