



# SPORTS

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### VARSITY BRIEFS

#### Carla Mason, CIAU Athlete of the Week

Carla, a fifth year business student from Newcastle, NB, led her team to the tournament title at the UdeM Invitational. The middle attacker was selected Most Valuable Player as her team remained undefeated throughout the tournament. Mason continues her dominance this year after being AUAA MVP and a league all-star in 1993-94.

### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

#### Carla Mason, Volleyball

The Female Athlete of the Week is Carla Mason of the Women's Volleyball Reds. A fifth year business student from Newcastle, NB, Carla has continued her strong play from 1993-94 when she was AUAA MVP and a league all-star. Her play this season has earned her two selections as Pepsi Player of the Game. This past weekend, Carla led UNB to the tournament title at the University de Moncton Invitational. The Varsity Reds went through the tournament undefeated and Carla was selected as the Most Valuable Player. According to coach McGarvie, Carla is "the most dominant middle attacker in the AUAA again this year".

#### Charlie Ashe, Wrestling

Charlie Ashe from Antigonish, NS is the Male Athlete of the Week. Last year, Charlie was an AUAA bronze medalist and UNB Rookie of the Year. This weekend, Charlie had a record of 4 wins and no losses as he won the 68 kg weight class at the Eastern Canadian Wrestling Championships held at UNB. Charlie met the challenge of some tough competition as he defeated Memorial's Reg Parsons (who edged him for the AUAA silver medal last year) and Daryl Taylor (a three time Atlantic high school all-star). Charlie is a third year Arts student in his second season with the Varsity Reds.

### RESULTS

#### Women's Volleyball - UdeM Invitational

UNB 3-0 regular play  
 Semifinals UNB 3 SMU 0  
 Finals UNB 3 UdeM 1

#### Wrestling

Women	Men
UNB 9	UNB 30
Moncton 8	Concordia 21
Oromocto 7	MUN 16
Montreal 6	UdeM 4
Bathurst 5	SMU 2
St. Stephen 4	

#### Basketball

Men	Women
Dal 80 UNB 66	Dal 79 UNB 62
St. FX 71 UNB 90	St. FX 91 UNB 78

#### Hockey

UNB 4	UCCB 4 (OT)
UNB 9	Acadia 2

### THIS WEEK IN UNB SPORTS

**Friday, December 2**  
 Hockey vs St. FX (7:30pm @ AUC)

**Saturday, December 3**  
 Hockey vs UdeM (1pm @ AUC)  
 Women's Volleyball at Dal  
 Men's Volleyball vs Dal (8pm @ AUC)

**Sunday, December 4**  
 Women's Volleyball at Dal  
 Men's Volleyball vs Dal (1pm @ AUC)  
 Wrestling at Moncton

### Men's Basketball

## A bloody split this weekend Reds make comeback in first game

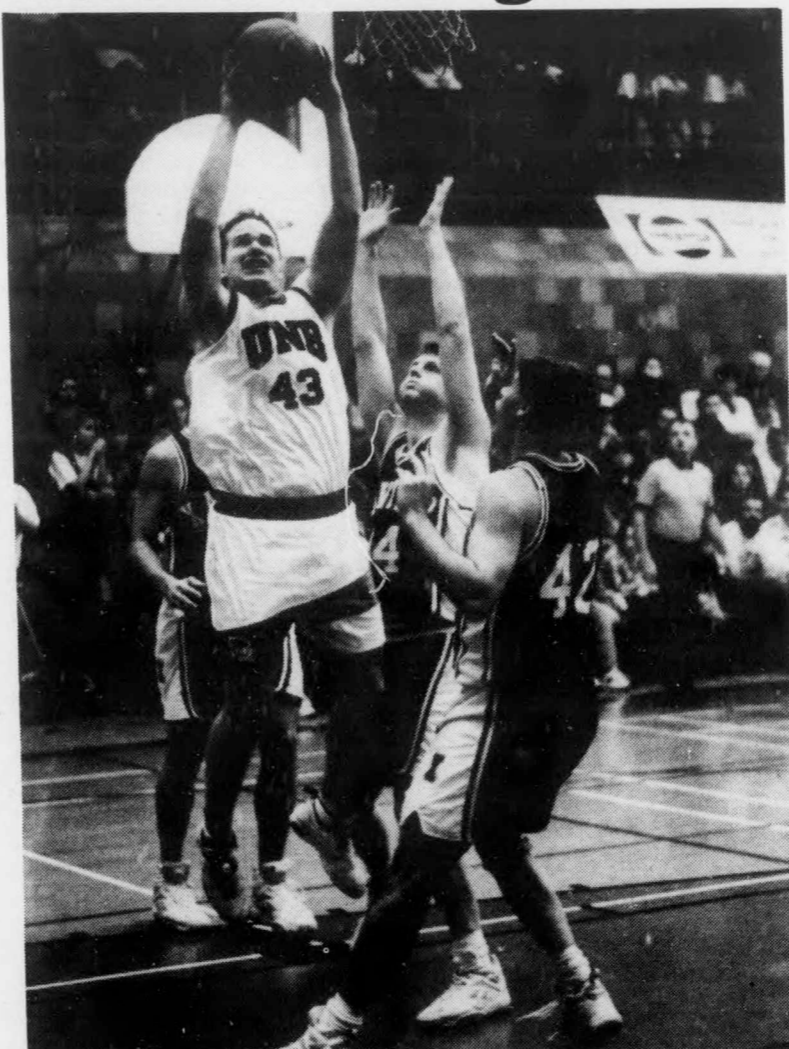
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UNB was shocked into a sensational comeback from an initial 80-66 loss to Dal this weekend.

On Sunday, the visitors were outpaced instead, 90-71. Andrew McKay set the aggressive tone in that game's first few minutes after a physical confrontation with St. FX's Sean Clarke, which resulted in Clarke sinking two foul shots. Both teams were inspired and UNB's scoring total was among its highest this season. St. FX tried to keep up with the Reds, but UNB was prepared. Coach Clint Hamilton was ready for an "all-out war," and his team was victorious. Although Mark Corrigan made three foul shots near the end of the first half, St. FX wilted in the face of UNB's offensive pressure. With six seconds left, Corrigan's attempt at scoring was futile. Dave Low made a lightning recovery and dropped in a dramatic rim-roller to make it 54-47 for UNB at the half.

St. FX returned to the court with a spirit born out of desperation. Hamilton stated a consistent assault proves "the team will not lay down to anyone." Indeed, as their season summary indicates, the Reds have taken few games lying down (they are 9 and 5). The final game prior to the holidays was literally a bloody vindication of the season opener.

St. FX's sporadic scoring made it close at the beginning of the second half. It was 58-56 for UNB until McKay showed how easy it could be to shoot through St. FX's cover by scoring four points. Following this



Joe O'Brien goes up against St. FX.

Photo Kevin G. Porter

lead, Mitchell made a three point play to bring the score to 75-67 for UNB with five minutes remaining. The visitors had become flustered and passing suffered, while McKay and Marc Aube took the opportunity to score two and three points respectively. Aube continued in this vein, drawing

blood with another three points in the game's final 30 seconds. Forward Bryan Elliot and Hamilton both chose the word "intense" to summarize the Reds' passion in a physical game. As Elliot wiped the blood on his face he smiled at UNB's ability to "get the job done."

### Women's Basketball

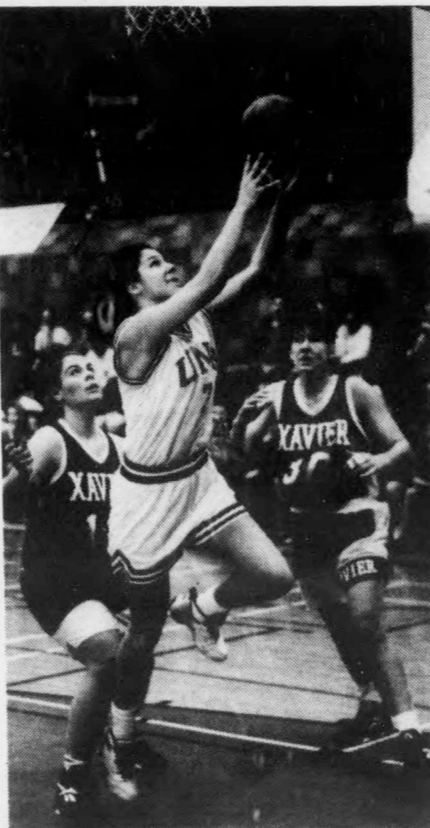
## Dal and St. FX cramp women's style Reds downed at the "Pit"

by Christina Hunter  
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The Varsity Reds women's basketball team have made high-profile strides since September, but last weekend they were stymied by Dalhousie Tigers on Friday and St. Francis Xavier on Sunday.

The Reds showed offensive courage and came close to the Dalhousie Tigers on Friday. The Varsity Reds eventually lost 62-79. There were significant bright moments when the team made wide open scores but the comebacks were not close enough. Dana Coles and Bridget Gamble kept the pressure on with shots. However, Dal was inevitably more than a match for UNB.

The Reds had less luck on Sunday against St. FX. According to the Reds' Krista Foreman, there were some "bad decisions" made throughout the game. Twenty-seven turnovers also contributed to the visitors' victory. A defensive inability to prevent Dalhousie's offensive thrust in the first half



Krista Foreman tosses one in against St. FX. Photo Kevin G. Porter

precluded the results of Sunday's game.

UNB's Donna Retson couldn't pull the team out of the fire although she shone this time around, after her foul trouble on Friday. It was vice-versa for Foreman, who suggested that the Reds needed to complete that "one extra pass."

Gamble and Erin Savage picked up Sunday's game tremendously. UNB will continue to work on defense as half the team are rookies, with Shelly Ryan showing notable promise. Unfortunately, St. FX received too many opportunities to go to the line.

To their credit, the women are a young team and are ranked second in AUAA standings. Coach Claire Mitton also stressed the importance of aggressive play, and plans to fine tune defensive responsibilities and check the turn overs in anticipation of the new year.