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Dal sinks as ... Swimmers dominate UNB meet

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The Reds sank their competition over the weekend.

The UNB Varsity Reds swim team met their rivals the Dal Tigers in a meet on Saturday at UNB. The men's team beat the visiting Dal team, while the women's team came close to beating the Tigers.

The Reds travelled to Sackville on Sunday to take part in a tri-meet against Dal and host Mount A. Neither team could hold off the strong UNB squad.

UNB's men's team easily defeated the Dal team 69-25 on Saturday. The Reds men's relay team got off to a fast start with a 4:01.74 time beating Dal's 4:26.77. The men kept on winning taking the top three places in the 200m freestyle and continued to dominate the meet.

The women's team came close to beating the Dal Tigers in the Sir Max Aitken Pool on Saturday. The Reds collect 49 points to Dal's 57 points.

Reds' head coach Andrew Cole said, "I was pleased with the work ethic that our team demonstrated (at the meet)."

Cole considers the meet a success as they came really close today. Their (Dal) women almost doubled the numbers of our women and this is the second time that they (UNB) have come within one event of beating them."

The UNB team was in their first meet since returning from their training camp in Florida. The Reds worked hard in the camp having 19 workouts. In one of these workouts they swam up to 11km. They were working out between 5-8 hours a day and over the course of the workouts they swam 100km.

Cole states, "the swimmers were very tired after a long training camp (in Florida)."

While in Florida the team duelled Purdue (University) as part of their training. The UNB women's team was very close to beating Purdue and was "very competitive."



Powerful V-Reds fly through the water against Dal. Inset: UNB swimmer receiving encouragement from teammates.

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While the men's team never got the chance to go up against Purdue. As Cole explains "At the last minute, for some reason the Purdue team, I don't know what happened, but they cancelled out at the very last minute as we were supposed to get on the blocks." He believes the men "would have been very competitive."

Cole believes, "we are almost to the point where we need to be swimming very, very fast if they want to be competitive both at a national and an international level. So they should be starting to recover from the camp and be at a level where they are competing nationally."

At the UNB meet a few of the Reds swimmers had times that were close to the CIAU qualifying times. While the men's relay team moved them up two spots and a number of swimmers such as Josh Ballem went two life time best performances this competition.

Cole feels that the team is "in the ball park right now, we have to be sharper and we have to get back into racing form again. We have basically had a hiatus of almost five weeks off racing. We're into training mode and we have

to get back into racing mode. We came extremely close to beating Dal and I think that is our next step, to get back into racing form."

The Reds have one more AUA meet (UNB Invitational) before the upcoming AUA's at the end of January. Cole states "the (UNB) Invitational will be pretty much a dress rehearsal for the AUA's and the whole conference will be here then and that will be a really good indication of who is where and who has training and who hasn't been."

As for training and conditioning Cole feels that "it is pretty obvious from this meet (UNB/Dal) that we're in the best shape of the conference, there is no one in any better shape than we are. We are miles ahead of any other team in the conference as far as conditioning goes."

The Reds now have one goal which is "to sharpen our approach and to really focus on racing strategies and preparing to do it when it counts. So on the time when you rise to that occasion is going to be the time you have to do it."

Women's swimming down Dal The Red tide Changes!

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The UNB Varsity Reds swim team jumped right back in to the thick of competition after their ten day training camp over the Christmas holidays.

The team competed in two separate swim meets over the weekend. Their first competition was held at their pool here in Fredericton against the Dalhousie Tigers. Then on Sunday the team travelled to Mount Allison to compete in a tri-meet against Mount Allison and Dalhousie.

On Saturday the men came up with a victory of 69 to 25 over the Dalhousie Tigers.

The women's team fell short with a score of 49 to the Tigers point total of 57.

The Tigers victory was short lived. On Sunday the women's Reds team fought back to beat the Tigers with a score of 61 to 44. This is the first time the UNB women's swim team has beaten their arch rival, Dalhousie Tigers, in almost two years. In women's action the Reds also beat the Mount Allison Mounties with a score of 73 to

28. All the girls put forth a great effort to claim the victory. Michelle MacWhirter was a huge player in the strategy by going up against the Tigers strongest competitor whenever she was needed. MacWhirter won the 100m fly, 400 free and she was a member of the winning 4 x 200m freestyle relay. Other women medal winners were Krista Morrison winning all the events she swam, Megan Wall won two gold and one silver for the Reds, Erika Cameron won the gold for the Reds in her 800m freestyle and Taiya Campbell also brought home a gold medal for UNB.

The men's Varsity Reds team also had a very successful weekend. They beat Mount Allison on Sunday with a score of 66 to 34 and they were victorious over Dalhousie with a score of 67 to 33.

The men's team started the meet out very strongly winning the 200m medley relay with team members Mike Stevenson, Andre Desaulniers, Chris Andrews and Josh Ballem.

They continued on their winning streak to win all of the events of the day except for one. Iain Tennent was a

double gold medalist for the Reds with a win in the 50m freestyle and the 100m backstroke. Ballem won gold in the 100m fly and silver in the 100m breaststroke. Desaulniers took the gold in the 400m IM and Rob Harris brought home a gold in the 800m freestyle. Robert Brander put in a strong effort for the Reds to win a gold in the 400m freestyle and as a member of the gold medal 4 x 200m freestyle relay. Marty Laycock won the belt for his 100m breaststroke race and Bill Hogan won gold in the 200m freestyle for the Reds on Sunday.

The V-Reds won 18 out of the 22 events on Sunday and are very encouraged with the quality of their races over the weekend.

UNB will have two weeks after the Invitational until the AUA's at Dal and then the next week they will be going to the Nationals in Halifax. The following week will be CIAU Championship at Brock.

They are looking forward to the upcoming AUA Invitational next weekend here at UNB. The finals are on Saturday, January 25 from 6-8pm and Sunday, January 26 from 5-7pm

CIAU Swim Times - Top 20 Swimmers - UNB Swimmers

Men	Women	UNB Swimmers
100m Freestyle	4 x 100m Free Relay	100m Breaststroke
10 52.52 Josh Ballem	6 3:36.85 UNB	7 1:16.44 Krista Morrison
100m Backstroke	4 x 200m Free Relay	200m Breaststroke
16 59.34 Chris Jones	6 8:16.38 UNB	6 2:40.92 Krista Morrison
100m Breaststroke	Women's	100m Butterfly
7 1:05.88 Marty Laycock	50m Freestyle	16 1:07.19 Michelle MacWhirter
200m Breaststroke	8 27.36 Michelle MacWhirter	200m IM
3 2:22.75 Marty Laycock	100m Freestyle	10 2:24.73 Michelle MacWhirter
100m Butterfly	7 58.43 Michelle MacWhirter	15 2:26.19 Krista Morrison
6 57.33 Josh Ballem	400m Freestyle	400m IM
19 58.97 Iain Tennent	14 4:34.17 Michelle MacWhirter	8 5:03.07 Krista Morrison
200m IM	800m Freestyle	20 5:19.84 Tanya Taylor
13 2:09.56 Josh Ballem	14 9:34.89 Michelle MacWhirter	4 x 100m Medley Relay
16 2:11.59 Marty Laycock	100m Backstroke	15 4:54.69 UNB
400m IM	8 1:05.78 Michelle MacWhirter	4 x 100m Free Relay
8 4:37.70 Josh Ballem	200m Backstroke	8 4:54.69 UNB
4 x 100m Medley Relay	18 2:26.45 Michelle MacWhirter	4 x 200m Free Relay
5 4:02.98 UNB		3 8:50.51 UNB

Men aiming at AUA's Reds fourth in Conference

SPORTS STAFF
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The Reds are heading into tough Bluenosers territory. The UNB Varsity Reds men's basketball team lost a disappointing game against the Saint Mary's Huskies in the LB Gym on the weekend. The game was worth four points.

Despite the loss the Reds continue to hang on to fourth spot in the conference with a 4-3 record and 10 points. UNB was in fourth with a 4-2 record prior to the weekend.

The Dal Tigers are leading the conference with 18 points (6-1), followed closely by the undefeated Memorial Seashawks at 6-0 and 16 points and holding down the third spot is St. FX at 4-1.

The V-Reds got on the board first in the game and were able to keep a 34-32 lead heading into the dressing room at the end of the first half.

In the second half of the game UNB fought a tough battle against a talented team, but to no avail. Reds head coach Clint Hamilton said "the team struggled defensively" and couldn't stop the Huskies strong offense. The Huskies continued to fill the hoop to win the



Bram Russell goes for the shot. AARON MACEachern PHOTO

game 77-63. The Reds were led by fourth year veteran Gordon McNeilly who tossed in 27 points in a losing cause. McNeilly was also the highest scorer of the game. Veteran Dave Low added 13 points for the Reds.

Hamilton comments that "the team didn't have a good game as they came out flat." He states that the Reds "have struggle against big teams." In addition the Reds have to be "ready to control the play"

UNB has lost three of its veterans to injuries, Jeff Tegart is gone with a sprained ankle, Dan Graf is out with a charley horse and Dave Low has a bruised sternum. Both Graf and Low were injured in the game against Saint Mary's and are listed as day to day.

Coach Hamilton states "the team goal is to win enough games to stay in the top six in the league and head to the AUA's."

The Reds will be traveling to Antigonish to take on the St. FX X-men on Saturday. The X-men hold down third spot with a 4-1 record and 12 points. In the previous meeting of these two teams the X-men won by 10 points.

UNB will travel to Halifax on Sunday to go head-to-head with the Huskies again.

These two games on the weekend will be worth 4 points each. Hamilton expects these two teams will play their usual up-tempo style of game.

Reds take on tough Bluenosers Women's basketball down Huskies

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A team effort gave the Reds four points, but have no guarantees for this weekend.

The UNB Varsity Reds women's basketball team improved their record on the weekend with a big win over the Saint Mary's Huskies.

A 4-3 record moved UNB up one spot to sit in third place and are tied with MUN with 12 points a piece. Memorial has a 5-1 record.

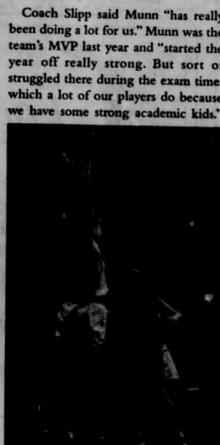
The Reds got the first basket of the game and never looked back as they led the Huskies 42-25 at the half.

UNB continued to lead SMU in the second half to end the game with a 71-57 win.

Reds' head coach Joyce Slipp was "really pleased (with the game). I feel that we played quite well and had a good team effort."

The game was worth four points and coach Slipp "was pleased that we could win that."

The Reds were led by Bonny Munn with 15 points, Kim Newman tossed in 13 points and Gina Lohnes chipped in 10. Munn was named player of the game for her efforts.



Donna Retson goes for the ball. CHRISTINA ATKINSON PHOTO

Coach Slipp said Munn "has really been doing a lot for us." Munn was the team's MVP last year and "started the year off really strong. But sort of struggled there during the exam time, which a lot of our players do because we have some strong academic kids."

As for starting the 1997 year, Slipp states that the "started out the new year fresh and rested, and that has made a big difference."

The Reds will be taking to the road on the weekend to face two tough teams and each of the games is worth four points.

UNB will head to Antigonish to face the St. FX X-ettes who are currently unbeaten with a 5-0 record. St. FX leads the AUA with 14 points.

Slipp describes St. FX as "tough and pretty physical. But we have seen them a few times as well, it will be a good test for us. St. FX is really physical and they really beat us up too."

UNB will travel down the road to Halifax to meet the SMU Huskies on Sunday. Slipp is expecting the Huskies play to be a little bit different "because they weren't very tough defensively in the first half (of the game) and I think they will step it up a little bit more (in the next meeting)."

Slipp states that the games will be "tough for us to go in and play two back-to-back four point games. We are hoping that if we can split that weekend that would be great for us."

Upcoming	Results	Athletes of the Week
<p>Saturday, January 18</p> <p>Volleyball (W) vs MUN @ 7pm (LB Gym)</p> <p>Hockey vs St. FX @ 7:30pm (AUC)</p> <p>Basketball (W) @ St. FX</p> <p>Basketball (M) @ St. FX</p> <p>Wrestling @ Guelph/Dal Open</p> <p>Sunday, January 19</p> <p>Volleyball (W) vs MUN @ 1pm (LB Gym)</p> <p>Basketball (W) @ SMU</p> <p>Basketball (M) @ SMU</p> <p>Wednesday, January 22</p> <p>UNB vs U de M @ 7:30pm (AUC)</p>	<p>Swimming</p> <p>Women</p> <p>Dal 57 UNB 49</p> <p>UNB Dal Mt. A</p> <p>Men</p> <p>Dal 25 UNB 69</p> <p>UNB Dal Mt. A</p> <p>Basketball</p> <p>Women</p> <p>SMU 57 UNB 71</p> <p>Men</p> <p>SMU 77 UNB 63</p>	<p>DAX MACLEAN, HOCKEY</p> <p>Dax MacLean, a 2nd year member of the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds Hockey team has been named UNB's male athlete of the week. The V-Reds swept a pair of road games during the past week. On Wednesday, UNB defeated U de M by a 6-3 score, with MacLean leading the way with 2 goals and 2 assists. On Sunday, MacLean added a goal and 2 assists in UNB's 6-3 win over Mount Allison. For the week, he totalled 3 goals and 4 assists for 7 points. This performance lifts him into 11th place in the AUA scoring with 13 goals and 13 assists. With the pair of victories, UNB raises its record to 11-7 on the season, and continues to lead the MacAdam Division with 22 points. UNB head coach Mike Kelly was very pleased with his player's performance and stated, "Dax has the ability to be consistently dominant force in this conference." MacLean is a native of Miramichi, NB, and is studying in the Faculty of Kinesiology.</p> <p>BONNY MUNN, BASKETBALL</p> <p>For the second week in a row, a member of the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds women's basketball team has been named UNB's female athlete of the week. Bonny Munn, the 1995-96 team MVP, has been awarded the honor for her outstanding performance against the Saint Mary's Huskies on Saturday. The 3rd year Faculty of Science student led UNB to a convincing 71-57 win, which improved the V-Reds to 4-3 on the season. Munn led UNB in scoring with 15 points, on 5/7 shooting from the floor, and 5/6 from the free throw line. She also brought down 7 rebounds, while contributing 6 assists, and 5 steals to show her all-around game. For her achievements, Munn was named the Player of the Game. UNB head coach Joyce Slipp stated that "Bonny has started out 1997 the way she started the first of the season, a leader and a player making good decisions. If we can keep her healthy and rested she can lead this team into the playoffs." Munn is a native of Fredericton, NB, in her 3rd with the Varsity Reds.</p>