

Cross Country

Runners take on AUAA

by Maria Paisley
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They off and running!

The UNB Varsity Reds cross country team is off to the AUAA championship in Halifax. Dal is hosting the championship and the runners will be running in Point Pleasant Park.

The women's squad finished third in last year's AUAA's and with minimal turnover, increased experience and conditioning the team looks forward to a strong performance in

Halifax. The top seven women runners will be running in the championship and will be the runners who put in a strong performance during the season. The lady Reds have a chance at the title as in the last meet they finished third even without their top runners.

Last year's men's team finished a disappointing second place finish and was the first loss in five years. This year arch rivals Dal Tiger will be the team to beat and provide strong competition for the

Reds. In their last meet UNB finished a very strong second to the Tigers, despite the loss of their top runner. The Reds will be taking their best seven runners to perform.



Boston blues for Reds

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At long last it's over.

The much anticipated four game NCAA preseason exhibition series is over for the Varsity Reds hockey team.

The team traveled to south of the border for the second time in two weeks to face the Brown University Bears and the Harvard Crimson both of the Ivy League NCAA division.

They fell first to the Bears in a 6-3 decision. Kelly Reed, Craig Brocklehurst and Todd Sparks notched singles for the Reds. The following day they were outgunned by Harvard 6-2 as Brocklehurst added his second of the weekend and Alistair Still scored the other goal.

Earlier in the month, the Reds fell 7-6 to Boston University and tied Boston College 3-3. Both teams play in the competitive Hockey East division of the NCAA.

Wednesday night, the Reds took on the 1-4 STU Tommies at the Aitken Centre in their third league match of the season. After falling behind early in the first to a power



Jason Underhill takes on STU. Photo Kevin G. Porter

play goal, Chris Nadeau pulled the Reds back in a frantic first period in which the Reds outshot the Tommies 9 to 5.

With only 6 seconds gone in the second Todd Sparks doubled the Reds account. However the lead didn't last long as the pumped up Tommies squeezed two past goaltender Frank Leblanc. Meanwhile the Reds were peppering Johnny Lorenzo's net with 14 shots, however no more got past Lorenzo's solid blocking.

The Tommies kept the lead until midway through the third when defender Dan Sherstenka fired from the blue line. Although UNB had

another 15 shots they were unable to do anymore damage.

At the end of regulation 5 minutes of uneventful, overtime were played in which the teams combined for three, unsuccessful, shots on goal.

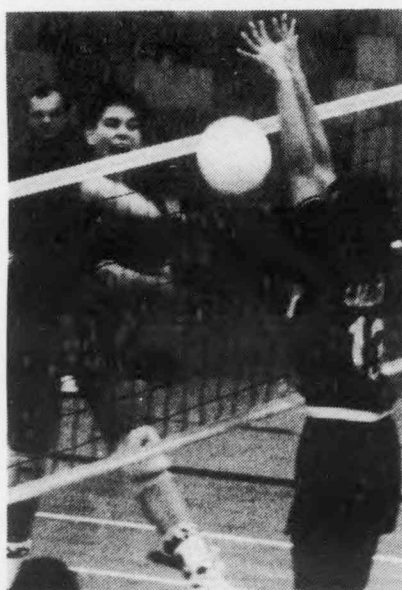
With only three league games played in the first month of AUAA action, the team will begin to make up for lost ground this weekend as they head to Nova Scotia to face Dalhousie and Acadia. They follow up with two games at UPEI next weekend. The next home game for the Reds will be on November 23 when they face the Mount Allison Mounties.

Volleyball

Reds dig in to win

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The Reds started the season showing why they were the AUAA champions last year.



Reds in action at Tourney Photo Mark Bray

UNB started the season off winning their Invitational Tournament on the weekend capturing the eight team title. The eight teams that participated at the tournament were divided into two pools of four teams. UNB was in the pool with Dal, Sir John Abbott College and Acadia. While the other pool was comprised of Mount Allison, Carleton, Moncton and UPEI.

The Reds started off the tournament Friday by defeating Acadia in two straight sets before taking on Sir John Abbott. UNB got off to a shaky start against Abbott College losing the first set, then rebounded taking the next two sets.

UNB defeated Carleton 15-10, 9-15 and 15-13 to advance to the championship final.

The tournament final saw the rematch of last year's AUAA

semi-finals against the Dal Tigers. UNB took the match in two straight sets, but the Tigers weren't just going to give the match to the Reds. Instead UNB narrowly won the sets to finish off the round robin and moving in to the tournament championship semi-final. In the semis it took the Reds four sets to win the match and advance to the finals to go head-to-head with Dal. In the final UNB won the first two sets with ease, 15-5 and 15-4, before the Tigers gave the Reds a run for their money narrowly taking the third set 13-15. This forced a fourth set which UNB easily took from them, 15-3.

John Abbott won the consolation championship by defeating Acadia in three straight sets.

The Reds next match will be against UdeM Blue Eagles on Wednesday at 8pm in the LB Gym.

Swimming

Reds start strong

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The Varsity Reds women's swim team started their season off with a win and the men's side had a third place finish at the Sir Max Aitken Pool.

UNB's Michelle MacWhirter put in a strong performance leading the way with four wins to be named the Swimmer of the meet award. MacWhirter won the 50 meter freestyle in 28:05 seconds, the 100 meter freestyle in a time of 1:01:98, the 200 meter freestyle in 2:11:40 minutes and the 200 meter butterfly in 2:30:82. Rookie Anna Baker posted victories in the 200 meter individual medley in 2:33:45 minutes, the 200 meter breast stroke in a time of 2:54:01, and the breast stroke in 1:18:66 minutes. The Reds also won the 4 x 100 meter freestyle relay and 4 x 50 freestyle relay as a team. UNB won the meet with 197 points defeating Dal with 158 points, Mount A finished third 39 points and MUN got the final spot with 27 points.

The men's meet was dominated by the

McGill Redmen winning the meet and Craig Hutchinson took the Swimmer of the meet award. A new AUAA invitational standard was set when Hutchinson completed the 50 meter freestyle in 23:97 seconds and a new 1:57:75 record in the 200 meter freestyle.

Three more AUAA records were set by the Redmen at the meet in the 4 x 50 meter, 4 x 100 meter, and 4 x 200 meter team relay events.

Brian Woods put in the best performance for UNB with a couple of golds in the 100 meter backstroke in a time of 1:02:74, the 200 meter backstroke in 2:16:70 minutes and a victory in the 4 x 50 meter freestyle relay in a new meet record of 1:37:22.

The Redmen won the meet with 186 points, Dal placed second with 114.50 points, UNB weren't far behind in third place with 112.50 point, the fourth place went to MUN with 19 points and Mount A. finished with a dozen.

The Reds will take on the Mount Allison Mounties on Saturday at the Sir Max Aitken Pool at 2pm

Basketball

Reds take Laval

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The Reds have shown that they are going to be a force to be reckoned with this season.

UNB continued their winning streak by defeating both Laval and University of Maine Fort Kent at the Laval Tournament. In their first game UNB downed the host Laval 73-55, then trounced Fort Kent 69-90. Bryan Elliot put in a strong effort and was the top scorer in the game against Laval with 21 points. Tournament MVP Stanleigh Mitchell and Marc Aube each scored 13 points to help the cause. Mitchell played in his first game since recovering from a broken wrist and was out of action for three months.

The game against Fort Kent was last year's AUAA Rookie of the Year Mitchell's game as he racked up 22 of the teams 90 points. Gordon McNeilly tossed in 17

points for the Reds, while Marc Aube was close behind with 16.

UNB will see their next action this weekend at the University of Toronto tournament. The Reds will begin their regular season play the following weekend on the road against the UPEI Panthers.

The lady Varsity Reds didn't fare as well, losing both their games at the Laval Rouge et Or tourney.

The Reds fell to the University of Ottawa 67-51, despite leading 33-29 at the half, as Krista Foreman and Donna Retson each got a dozen points in a losing cause.

UNB didn't have any better luck against Laval falling 73-61. Retson tossed in 20 points and Foreman added another dozen.

The Women's Basketball team will next see action hosting Memorial this weekend, Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 1pm in the LB Gym

Habs on a roll in AHL

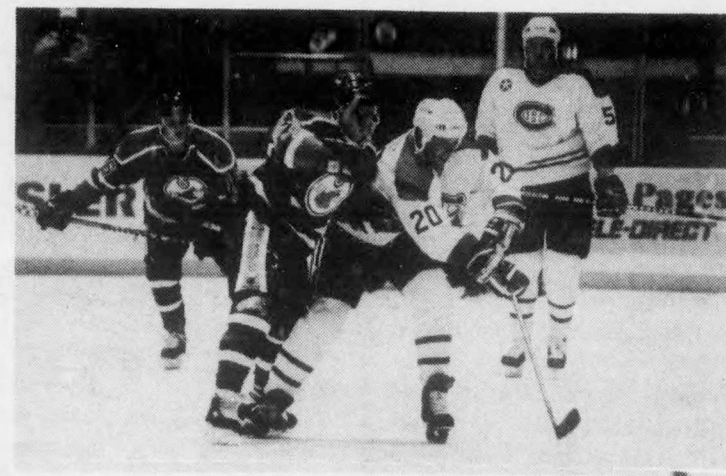


Photo Kevin G. Porter

Craig Conroy moves in deep to score 1 of 6 Canadiens' goals last Saturday night against the Oilers' who scored only 3 goals on a hot Martin Brochu. The win served to move the Baby Habs to a 5 point lead in the Atlantic Division with 15 points. The Canadiens have been dominant of late, winning 5 of their last 6 games as they prepare to meet the PEI Senators tomorrow night at 6 pm at the AUC.