



SPORTS

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Sports Wire

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Michelle MacWhirter, Swimming

UNB's female athlete of the week is Michelle MacWhirter of the Varsity Reds swim team. The second year Physical Education student is from Stephenville, Newfoundland. In a Dual Meet against Dalhousie on Saturday, Michelle won all three of her individual events. In two of her events, the 100 and 200 freestyle, Michelle qualified for the CIAU Championships and she was named the All-Sport swimmer of the meet. On Sunday, swimming against Mount Allison, Michelle once again took all three of her individual events with victories in the 100 and 200 Freestyle and the 200 Backstroke. Coach Bob Connors stated "Michelle seems to be unbeatable this season."

Josh Ballem, Swimming

UNB's male athlete of the week is Josh Ballem of the Varsity Reds swim team. Josh is a first year Science student from Charlottetown, PEI. On Saturday in dual meet action against the Dalhousie Tigers, Josh led the way for the Reds with victories in the 200 Freestyle, the 100 Fly and the 400 Freestyle. In the 200 freestyle he managed to break the two minute barrier with a lifetime personal best of 1:59.34 and in the 100 Fly had another lifetime personal best of 58.94. On Sunday against Mount Allison, Josh won the 200 Fly (A lifetime personal best) and the 400 Freestyle. He was named All Sport swimmer of the meet. Coach Bob Connors stated "Josh has worked extremely hard all season and is now reaping the benefits."

RESULTS

Hockey	Dal	3 - 0	UNB
	STU	4 - 1	UNB

Women's Volleyball	Dal	3 - 0	UNB
	STFX	69 - 65	UNB

Women's Basketball	Dal	74 - 60	UNB
	STFX	83 - 72	UNB

Men's Swimming	UNB	76 - 18	Dal
	UNB	71 - 25	MtA

Women's Swimming	Dal	49 - 48	UNB
	UNB	60 - 33	MtA

THIS WEEK IN UNB SPORTS

Men's Basketball
Friday, 19th - SMU @ UNB, 8.30pm, LBGym
Sunday, 21st - #3 Dal @ UNB, 3pm, LBGym

Women's Basketball
Friday, 19th - SMU @ UNB, 6.30pm, LBGym
Sunday, 21st - Dal @ UNB, 1pm, LBGym

Hockey
Saturday, 20th - Dal @ #4 UNB, 7.30pm, AUC
Sunday, 21st - #2 Acadia @ #4 UNB, 2pm, AUC
Wednesday, 24th - STU @ #4 UNB, 7.30pm AUC
"The Mark Jeffrey Memorial Game"

Men's Volleyball
Friday, 19th - UNB @ Dal Classic
Saturday, 20th - UNB @ Dal Classic

Wrestling
Saturday, 20th - #10 UNB @ Queen's

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Tough week ahead after...

Tommies maul V-Reds 4-1 at LBR



Billy Wright (27) and Shane Gaffar (81) tussle, while Matt Hogan (49) comes leaping to the rescue.

Photo Maria Paisley

by Neil Duxbury
Brunswickan Sports

The Saint Thomas Tommies edged the Varsity Reds 4 - 1, in the second leg of the Battle of the Hill, Wednesday at the LBR. Given the defensive nature of the struggle, it is fitting that the difference between the teams was a defenseman. STU's Jason Lehman, scored the tying goal and set-up the go-ahead, in the second period.

Lehman's goal was a bullet from slot. Later on in the period tried to repeat the feat, from the right point. This time it found Ryan Black, whose deflection left UNB goalie Frank LeBlanc with no chance.

"We had a forward back playing defense, and that cost us the second goal" commented UNB coach Danny Grant later. UNB played with only four defensemen, once again without Chris Nadeau and Todd Shupe. Also missing were, forwards Scott Muscutt and Larry McMorran.

These goals came after UNB had opened the scoring towards the end of the first period, when Toby Burkitt jabbed his own rebound past Johnny Lorenzo in the STU goal.

Despite some heavy checking, this match did not live up to the battle part of its moniker. In it's place were some solid hits and a great deal of discipline showed by both teams.

STU coach, Al MacAdam seemed happy with his team's performance "I felt we were under control, except in one or two cases and you're going to have that in any game."

Grant also seemed happy "I think it's a step in the right direction with this rivalry, where they can go out and play good sound solid hockey and the best team wins."

Jason Underhill, making his first appearance against UNB, since his arrival at STU made an impact with several scoring opportunities, however LeBlanc rose to meet his challenge. Absent, however, was the vengeance he had promised to wreak.

The Tommies wore down the undermanned Reds defense. Once they had the lead, the Tommies settled, successfully, to their job of crowding the neutral zone, leaving little space for UNB's passes.

UNB had several opportunities to get themselves back into the contest, the best of which was the open goal that Billy Wright missed, just after the start of the third frame. In a game where the Reds had trouble getting

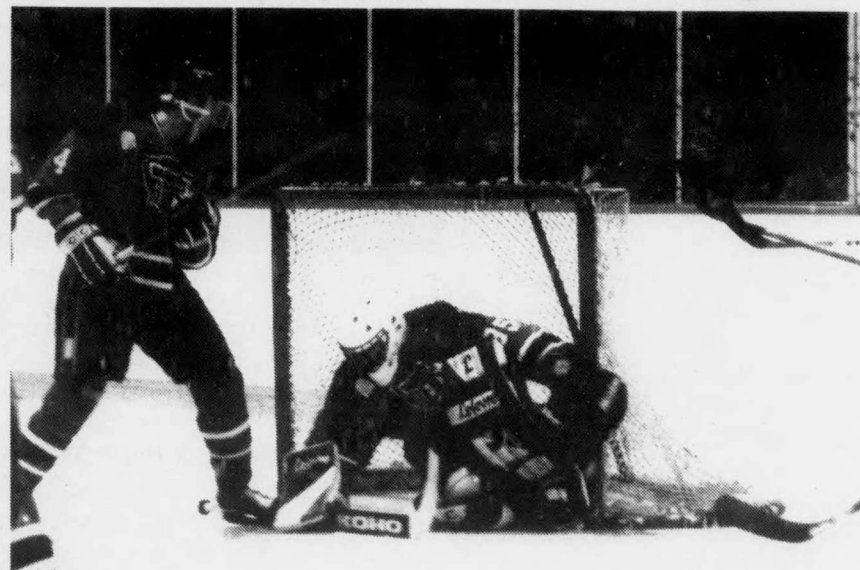
through in numbers, they were hampered by Jeff Andrew's off-sides on a couple of the more promising occasions.

"When you start missing empty nets in 2-1 hockey games, you're not going to win them" was Grant's post-game comment.

In a desperation move, coach Grant, pulled LeBlanc with less than two minutes remaining. It was in vain, however, as Mike Bondy quickly added an emptynetter from inside his own blue line and Gary Thomson grabbed one from much closer in to complete the 4-1 scoreline.

Despite leaving without two points, the Varsity Red's coach certainly considered the

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Frank LeBlanc covers the puck as Kayle Short looks on.

Photo Maria Paisley

The Fashion
The Service
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M-W 9.5-3.0
Th-F 9.9
SAT 9.5
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The Mark Jeffrey Memorial Hockey Game - STU@UNB Wed January 24th