

Television

Hoops and Dreams

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Brunswick Sports

It's March Madness time again. Find somewhere comfortable to rest this weekend as the American networks bring the opening pairings to the small screen.

The pairing to watch this weekend is Xavier (Ohio) facing off against Georgetown and their precocious talent, George Iverson.

The number one seeds in the regions, Kansas, Kentucky, UCLA and Wake Forest, face tough competition to get to the Pacific North West where Seattle hosts the Final Four.

The toughest competition may come from Arkansas. The defending champion Razorbacks have last years starting five back and look dangerous in the Midwest grouping with Kansas.

Villanova have also been attracting attention since their domination of

UConn in the Big East tournament final, however they have UMass and Wake Forest in their path. Others speak highly of Maryland and their marquee player, Joe Smith. While others think the Fire & Ice of Michigan State can get the job done, at least in the early rounds.

However there are questions:

Will UConn recover from the 3 games in 3 days last weekend and the altitude of their venue?

Who got the best sites for the first weekend?

Kansas, a mere 45 miles from their rabid home fans?

Utah, mountain team, mountain venue, lowland opposition?

How will the loss of Rasheed Wallace affect UNC? Can SI cover boy Jerry Stackhouse carry the team?

Volleyball

CIAU Update - Women's Volleyball

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played under coach Al McGarvie in his brief time at the helm. Last year, at the CIAU tournament in Winnipeg, the V-Reds' only victory came in the first round of the consolation playoffs. Despite not accomplishing even this slight goal, the V-Reds' came for closer to winning the match. They challenged the University of British Columbia from the start, pushing that team to the wall before finally losing by scores of 16-14, 15-9, 17-15.

"We deserved to win," commented Maher after the team's return to Fredericton. "We played very well, and they made a lot of mistakes. The ball just fell on their side of the net at the end of the games. We couldn't pull it off in the end."

Both Maher and McGarvie felt that the emotional letdown after losing such a tight match served to hurt the team's performance against the University of Calgary in their concluding match. Despite losing the match 15-11, 15-8, 15-3 the V-Reds accord Calgary very lit-

tle respect. Maher stated that they weren't as good as UdeM or StFX, and McGarvie said simply that "... if you could have put Calgary in that BC time slot, we would have beaten them."

A third successive trip to the CIAU tournament may prove to be a tall order for McGarvie and the V-Reds. Three key players have used up all of their eligibility, these being Lorie Gorman, Kerry Maher and Carla Mason. Mason has been AUAA Player of the Year for the last two years, and many observers here at UNB felt that Maher should have been recognised with an all-star selection of some kind. The loss of three starting veterans will be especially hard for a team like the V-Reds, who encountered serious problems at the end of the season.

Coach McGarvie, while accepting that next season will be difficult, nevertheless looks forward to the challenge he will be facing. "The last two years people said that we only won because we had the players. Next year will be a challenge for me."

"We still have the biggest impact player in the conference in Chantal Martin and

Sara Ouellette will be back as well." The rest of the V-Reds squad is also eligible to return, each being in either their first or second year. Of these, however, only rookies Loretta Totten and Gail Jones were able to make an impact on the team.

One of the few recruitment highlights for the next year is a setter from Halifax to replace the departing Maher. McGarvie had her in Fredericton during the AUAA tournament and showed her around the campus. Should she elect to attend a different university, a large hole on the team will be created, and McGarvie may find himself forced to utilize hitter Sara Ouellette as his setter.

The growing strength of the AUAA in women's volleyball, in combination with the anticipated drop in ability by the V-Reds, leaves McGarvie unconcerned about the team's lack of a tournament schedule outside of the conference. "We tried to get a tournament in Quebec, but finances are a problem. Besides, next year we're going to be well challenged within the AUAA."

Club News

Yeowomen Win Championship Again

The Yeowomen Soccer Club continued its winning tradition by capturing the Moosehead Invitational Tournament in St. John. The Yeowomen went undefeated and outscored their competition 13-1. On their way to winning the championship for the third year in a row. This feat is even more impressive because the tournament included a number of talented teams such as Mt A, U de M, UNBSJ, Mount St. Vincent's, the Saint John All-stars, and a Provincial select team.

In round-robin play the Yeowomen defeated the St. John All-stars (3-1), U de M (7-0), and tied the Provincial Selects (0-0). This record placed them first in their division and gave them a bye into the semi's where they defeated the St. John All-stars 2-0.

In the championship game the Yeowomen met their old rivals, Mt A. It's what turned out to be a tight game the Yeowomen had the better scoring chances. In the end justice prevailed as the Yeowomen won 1-0.

Scoring for the Yeowomen during



the tournament were Leslie Hachey (4), Bea Scholten, Laurie Rogers, Monique Chevarie each had 2, Kate Black, Daynah Savage and Kristie Campbell added one.

Coach Miles Pinsent was pleased with the team's defensive effort in allowing only one goal in five games.

The Yeowomen continue to train for their next challenge, the St. Mary's Indoor Tournament.

Ben Addleman's Fencing Report

Swords flashed in the Main Gym last weekend as the UNB/STU Fencing Club hosted the 1995 NB Provincial Championships, the UNB Shield. Competition was held in foil, epee and sabre events, and drew fencers from all over New Brunswick, including the recently returned Canada Games team, as well as fencers from Nova Scotia and Montreal. The tournament was a great success, and also drew a lot of attention from the spectators who gathered throughout the weekend to watch the action in the pit. For many, it was their first sight of real fencing. Hopefully it will spur interest in the sport.

UNB Rock and Ice Climbing Club

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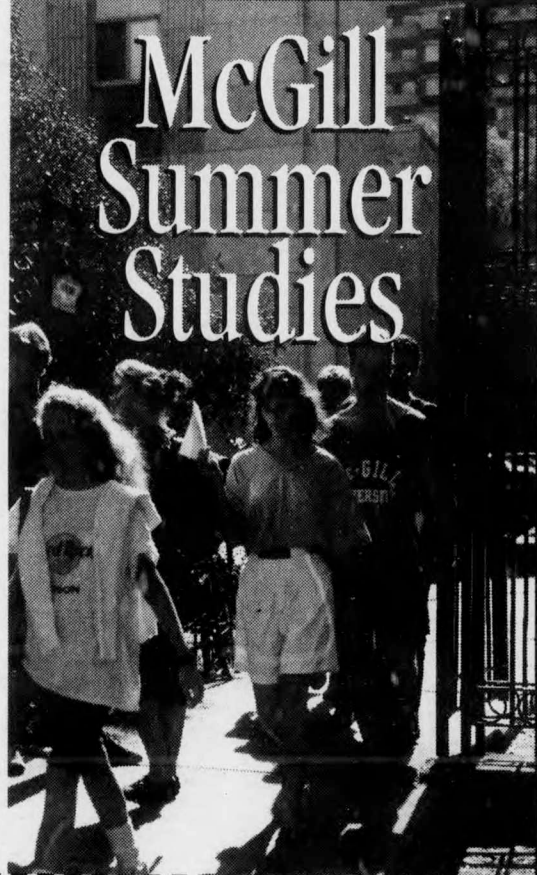
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