

## Hockey: V-Reds edged in the playoffs



After twice being ranked #1 in Canada, the V-Reds were edged out in the first round of the playoffs by the UPEI Panthers 1-0 in the third game of the three game series

## Field Hockey: Nationals Bound...Again

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After destroying all AUSA competition during the regular season, three devastating losses in the national tourney dashed all medal hopes for UNB's field hockey team this season. However, individual accomplishments highlighted the less-than-enjoyable outcome for the V-Reds.

Although starting the exhibition season against a variety of New England teams on only three days practice, Coach Stacey Bean and her talented crew proceeded to establish what the season would quickly yield: lots of victories.

As the AUSA has only produced three teams each year as of late, UNB obliterated their competition from SMU and UPEI each and every encounter. UNB amassed a total of 37 goals throughout the season, allowing only four against. UPEI and SMU combined for a mere nine goals while allowing 32 into their nets.

As the V-Reds physically and statistically outplayed their opposition, the individual talent on the team flourished, garnering AUSA All-star awards for five players. Co-captain Charla Currie, last year's runner-up for CIAU Player of the Year, led the AUSA in scoring, and captured a spot on both the All-Canadian team and the Tournament XI team at

the national championships.

Co-captain Tammy Jewer shone as a classic example of dogged determination throughout the season, paving off in a shared CIAU Player of the Year award, as well as achieving All-Canadian status. Co-captain Dianne Rogers also contributed immensely in her fifth year with UNB, claiming CIAU Athlete of the Week for a five goal outburst versus UPEI near the end of the season.

Combined with the play of Stacy Galant, ace goalkeeper Krista Harris and AUSA Rookie of the Year Jolene Bourgeois, UNB gained a fourth-seed placement for the CIAU tournament held in Toronto in November.

During their first match against the Waterloo Athenas, the V-Reds reeled on their heels as the Athenas repeatedly rushed the UNB defensive zone; however, the exemplary defensive presence of Harris and Currie kept the score deadlocked at zero. Eventually, Rogers set a penalty corner for Currie who promptly fired it into the back of the Waterloo net for a 1-0 victory.

But the following two games versus UBC and UVic were disappointing, as the V-Reds who ruled the East paled in comparison to those of the West, both of whom went on to the championship finals. Losing 3-0 to UBC and 6-0 against UVic, UNB still had bronze medal hopes. However, a keenly played match against University of Toronto re-

sulted in a 2-1 loss, with Toronto's final goal sinking the V-Reds with only four minutes left on the clock.

Despite ranking fourth in the country, next year will be the true test for the V-Reds. With Currie, Jewer, Rogers, Harris and four others all currently in fourth year or above, the crop of veterans that led this year's squad could be passing the torch to a much younger team. UNB will still stand a good chance of returning to the CIAU tournament, but just how easily they do so will remain to be seen.

## Volleyball: Playoff Bound



The Mens' Varsity Reds Volleyball team made the trip to the AUSA playoffs for the first time in a significant number of years. They earned this right by beating out Memorial University for second place in the three team AUSA, earning the right to play the Dalhousie Tigers - who eventually won.

## Volleyball: Rebuilding



## Basketball: The Playoffs!!!

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The men's Varsity Reds basketball team ended the 1995-96 basketball season with a 78-71 loss to St. Francis Xavier. Looking at the men's record over the last 14 seasons which did not see them make the playoffs, one may not be surprised that they end the season with a loss. The only difference, this year, was that this was a playoff loss. Yes, the Varsity Reds are now playoff contenders.

Brian Scales, Marc Aube, Jon Kreiner and Gordon McNeilly all garnered UNB Athlete of the Week honours. AUSA all-stars were Simon Orr-Ewing, Jon Kreiner and Marc Aube. At the Athletic year end banquet, Rookie of the year went jointly to Simon Orr-Ewing and Brian Scales. Most improved player was Gordon McNeilly. The most valuable player and second team AUSA all-star was Simon Orr-Ewing.

UNB, throughout the season, showed

that they could play with any team in the AUSA. Except for UPEI, the Reds beat every team in the AUSA at least once. They were the first to beat Dalhousie, in a thrilling 106-100 double overtime win. The league proved to be a league where the home team had the advantage; UNB proved this with four wins at home to end the regular season and make the playoffs.

Scales and Ewing, two of the three rookies on the team, made their presence known: Scales with his "fierce competitiveness," and Orr-Ewing with his rebounding. Most improved player McNeilly, made his mark with clutch shooting.

The words of Marc Aube sum up the season for the Reds, "This team has more guts, and more pride than any other team I've played with here at UNB. Although we didn't win, we never gave up; and for that effort I am proud to be part of this team. It feels good to be known as the team that finally made

## Wrestling: AUSA Champs

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Coach Don Ryan likes his opponents on the mats. Preferably with their shoulders pinned by one of his own V-Reds.

This year marked another successful affirmation of UNB's dominance on the mats.

The highlights for this team of experienced wrestlers led by fifth year captain Terry Pomeroy were right from the start where the Men went took part in the U of T's Wrestling Tournament. The men tied for first with defending CIAU champs Brock University.

UNB then went on to host the Eastern Canadian Wrestling Championships in late November. Char<sup>lie</sup> Ashe, Pomeroy and Pleasant-Sampson easily took the 65 kilo, 52 and 57 kilo classes respectively. Coach Ryan was clearly impressed by the sheer guts and determination of each of his players. According to Ryan, any of the seldom mistakes that were made were due to "...mental error and (lack of) concentration."

You'd figure after 6 straight AUSA titles the men would relax their gripe on the title. This was not the case, the men took their seventh in convincing fashion over the likes of MUN and Dal. Heck, even Pomeroy took his fifth straight AUSA title in the 52 kg class. Coach Ryan was also named coach of the year.

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