



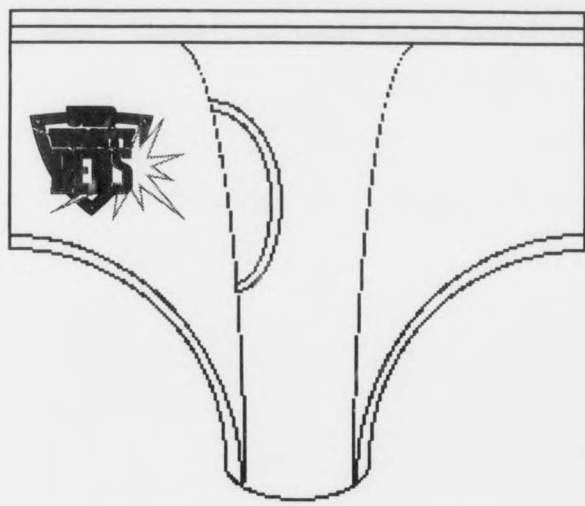
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VARSITY BRIEFS



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Shelley Ryan, Basketball

The Female Athlete of the Week is Shelley Ryan of the Women's Basketball Reds. Shelley is a Physical Education student in her first year with the Varsity Reds. She was a key contributor as UNB split two games at UPEI on the weekend. Shelley had 5 points and 2 steals in a tight 74-73 loss on Saturday. However, on Sunday, Shelley had 16 points and 5 steals and was selected as Pepsi Player of the Game as UNB defeated UPEI 55-47 to even their AUAA record at 4-4. Coach Mitton says that Shelley played well in Sunday's key win: "She was solid at both ends of the court with key rebounds, steals and scoring some clutch shots".

Derek Cormier, Hockey

Derek Cormier of Shediac, NB is the Male Athlete of the Week. Derek had two strong performance this weekend to lead the UNB hockey team to victories over Mount Allison and Moncton. The 1993-94 AUAA Rookie of the Year and member of the CIAU All Rookie team began the second half of the AUAA season with a bang by scoring 3 goals and 1 assist as UNB defeated Mt. A 11-3 on Saturday. On Sunday, Derek contributed 2 goals and 1 assist in a 9-7 win over Moncton. Derek's efforts earned him the Pepsi Player of the Game award in both games. The wins enabled UNB to extend their lead atop the MacAdam division.

RESULTS

Hockey		Basketball	
UNB	Opponent	UNB	Opponent
11	Mt. A 3	73	UPEI 74
9	UdeM 7	55	UPEI 47
4	STU 5		

THIS WEEK IN UNB SPORTS

Friday, January 13
Womens Basketball vs UCCB (6:30pm @ LB Gym)
Mens Basketball vs UCCB (8:30pm @ LB Gym)

Saturday, January 14
Hockey vs St. Mary's (1pm @ AUC)
Womens Basketball vs UCCB (1pm @ LB Gym)
Mens Basketball vs UCCB (3pm @ LB Gym)
 Womens Volleyball at St. Mary's
Mens Volleyball vs MUN (8pm @ LB Gym)
 Wrestling at Queens
Swimming vs Dal (4pm @ Sir Max Aitken Pool)

Sunday, January 16
 Womens Volleyball at St. Mary's
Mens Volleyball vs MUN (10:30am @ LB Gym)

Hockey

Reds go 2 for 3 games early in second half

UNB's unbeaten streak ends at battle

by Maria Paisley
Sports Editor

Just when you got a good thing going someone messes it up.

The UNB Varsity Reds began the second half of their season with two wins on the road to increase their unbeaten streak to 8 games before being stopped at the LBR by arch rivals STU for Battle of the Hill Part II.

Prior to the game Shane Easter, Reds Assistant Coach, stated that the winner of the game would be determined by "which ever team stays the most disciplined throughout the game." Easter was expecting the game to be "tough, a very physical game and one in which anything could happen."

Chris Peach got the scoring started for the Reds at the 1:49 mark of the game. Rookie Luke Naylor got an insurance goal by STU goalie Johnny Lorenzo with the help of Toby Burkitt and Todd Sparks. Sparks turned around a few minutes later and got a short-handed goal with help from Mike Cavanagh to lead STU 3-0. Burkitt managed to stuff the last UNB goal in the net after a scramble around the keeper. UNB dominated the first period out shooting the Tommies 16-8.

In the second period the Tommies come back from a 4-0 deficit with vengeance. STU new comer Ryan Black started the scoring off only 38 seconds into the game and STU added another goal less than a minute later. The Tommies came back with another goal to end the period at 4-3 for UNB.



Sparks gets one by the STU defense.

Photo Kevin G. Porter

The pace of the third period was fast seeing a number of end to end dashes and the shots on goal being close, but to no avail. The Tommies tied the game up at 4 a piece at the 1:35 mark. Reds Chris Ellis got tossed from the game for checking from behind late in the game. STU added their final goal with 53 seconds left in the game to bring the score to 5-4. UNB called a time out with seconds on the clock and at this time pulled Frank LeBlanc from the goal after seeing 35 shots.

This was also the first opportunity for the UNB fans to see North Bay, Ont. native Billy Wright the newest recruit. Wright was Black's (STU's new recruit) center when they played a season with the Waterloo Jr B Siskins and later picked in the OHL draft the following summer.

On Saturday UNB took their 7-3-3 record on the road to trounce Mt. A 11-3 with 1993-94 AUAA Rookie of the Year and Player of the Game Derek Cormier leading the scoring with 3 goals and 1 assist.

UNB continued down the road to take on UdeM Sunday to defeat them 9-7. Cormier continued his scoring streak adding 2 goals and 1 assist and was named Player of the Game, for his efforts in both games Cormier was named Athlete of the Week.

Cavanagh a Kingston, Ont. native played on the Canadian National Team when the team was in Moncton in December to play against Finland. Cavanagh has put in a strong performance this year as in 14 games he has contributed 5 goals and 11 assists. Former Reds Coach Mike Johnston commented that he "played very well in the game." Cavanagh will be graduating from the BEEd program and is looking towards continuing to play hockey in Europe.

The Reds will next see action on Saturday against the St. Mary's Huskies at home with a 1pm start. Easter believes that "the Huskies should not be tough to beat particularly at the AUC because of the soft ice, which the Reds are accustomed to."

Wrestling

Reds go to Queen's and skip Montreal

Wrestlers injured over break

by Mark Savoie
Bruns Sports

UNB's wrestlers were supposed to be in Montreal last weekend, but a bunch of injuries over the holidays convinced Coach Don Ryan to skip the meet. Instead, the team is travelling to Kingston, Ont this weekend for a meet at Queen's University.

Much of the team was in St. Catharines, Ontario following Christmas. While there they endured two a day practices with the Canadian National Wrestling Team, including all of Canada's Commonwealth Games gold medal winners.

The practices were all run at a very intense level, which resulted in a number of injuries for the Varsity Reds. Among those suffering injuries were Marcel Saulis (pulled groin), Denis Gagon (hyperextended elbow), and



Jason Pleasant-Sampson (struck in the teeth by another wrestler's head). It was initially feared that Pleasant-Sampson had suffered severe damage, but a visit to a dentist showed that the teeth had only been bent back a bit, and that no permanent damage had been done.

The other problem confronting the team is the state of Terry Pomeroy's back. Pomeroy has yet to wrestle competitively this season because of his back injuries, but expects to be able to compete in the AUAA and CIAU championships in February.