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Tournament opens Volley-Reds' season



The V-Reds prepare for their tournament. TERRY SULLIVAN PHOTO

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THE BRUNSWICKAN

The LB Gym will be turned into a battle ground of sorts this weekend.

The annual UNB Invitational will see the best AUSA women's volleyball teams invade the Gym this Friday and Saturday. UNB Varsity Reds coach Al McGarvie believes that this year's field will be one of the strongest in years with any one of the teams from St. FX, Dal, St. Mary's and U de M or the host Reds capable of capturing the title.

The Dal Tigers, defending AUSA Champs, head the list of possible tournament favorites. Third year setter and AUSA All-Star Michelle Aucoin will be leading the Tigers with one of the biggest teams, starting a pair of 6' blockers.

Coach Sandi Bruff will be leading St. FX, another large team that looks strong. St. FX has arguably Eastern Canada's best recruit from last year, Newfoundlander Karla George, a 6' middle blocker, turns them into an immediate contender. Returning after a year off is 1994-95 AUSA All-Star 6' middle Nicole Street.

UPEI is a young team and the host Reds round out the Red Division. The top two teams will advance to the championship round. The bottom two teams will play out a consolation round.

The Reds are a comprised of a lot of rookies and a lot of experienced players.

Fifth year power hitter Chantal Martin, a four time first team AUSA All-Star, is leading the team into battle. Martin was named to the Canadian National University team over the summer and was the only player east of Quebec to be named. She led the AUSA in kills last year with an amazing 341, the next closest player was over 100 kills behind.

Second year veteran and Reds Rookie of the Year Jennifer Tune will move to the outside. Third year players Gail Toner and Sandra Morrison will share the power position with Martin giving UNB

one of the best power attacks in the conference. The only other two players with experience playing at the university level are UNBSJ transfers middle Jenna Trites and setter Karen McAfee.

Three members of the NB Canada Games team lead the rookie talent with setter Amanda Wood, an Oromocto native and middle Dawn Wiseman. Offside player Lynn Walsh will back up Tune. The Reds will have two solid young players in Moncton native Allyson Godin and Celine White from Bathurst.

McGarvie is entering his sixth year of coaching university volleyball after over twenty years with high school. The Reds will be trying to earn a AUSA playoff berth for the fifth straight year, not an easy feat with only four teams advancing. Returning as assistant coach is Nova Scotian and former UNB'er John Richard.

In the Black Division is U de M who finished second last year and are an early favorite to win the crown. Leading a young defensive team is Lynn LeBlanc, a fourth year player, one of the steadiest and most consistent hitters in the league. The Huskies are lead by 6' offside Dana Olsen and 6' middle Karen Sloan and are expected to be a force in the conference and the tournament.

McA is in a rebuilding year, but due to the program's history they are not to be taken lightly. Acadia's newly appointed head coach Christine Frail, last seasons AUSA MVP at Dal, is also building a team but should floor a determined team.

The play begins at 5pm on Friday with UNB meeting UPEI and returning at 8pm for their biggest test against St. FX. The Reds return to action on Saturday at 10:30am taking on Dal. All of UNB's games are in the Main Gym.

The championship in the Main Gym and consolation matches will be staged in the West Gym. The consolation matches begin at 1:30pm, while the final goes at 6pm. Admission is free.

Final home game for vets but

Speedy rookies keep UNB lossless

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Attacking their opponents, the Varsity Reds Womens Field hockey team performs like a perfectly choreographed and rehearsed ballet.

Maybe it's a stretch to compare graceful leaps and spins of ballet performers in tights to powerful, stick wielding women with shinguards and mouthguards. But the awe striking grace, timing, and skill of ballet was mirrored by the field hockey team's performance last weekend against UPEI.

UNB remains undefeated taking both games over UPEI. Friday, the Reds won with a score of 2-0, and Saturday's win had a score of 2-1.

All of the scoring was done by rookies. Tina Cormier took both goals on Friday, and one on Saturday. Paulette Poirier had Saturday's other goal. Both rookies have incredible speed, allowing them to blow past the UPEI defense on several occasions.

In Saturday's game, UPEI was leading with a 1-0 score. With only minutes left in the first half, Charla Currie sent a ball into the circle where Paulette powerfully one timed the ball past the UPEI goalie.

The second goal came in the second half when UPEI had the ball in UNB's end. But Charla Currie was able to whirl her magic and clear the ball almost 3/4 of the way up the field. Tina raced after the ball road runner style, beat out the UPEI goalie (no UPEI defense was able to match Tina's speed), and hammered in the winning goal.

Once again, the field hockey team revealed an incredible ability to move the ball offensively. The team works so well together, that they don't need to rely on any one player to do all the scoring. Instead they work as a unit, passing the ball very



Charla Currie challenges for the ball during Saturday's 2-1 win. MARIA PAISLEY PHOTO

well and utilizing the entire field. Tina Cormier commented, "we are learning to score as a team, not just individually". Fellow speedster Paulette Poirier agreed, "we are starting to play together as a team". When they play together, the Reds are an incredibly powerful team.

Yet there is still the question of injuries.

There are several players on the field hockey team with hindering injuries. This weekend Sue Somerville started in net as Krista Harris was out with a concussion. Somerville, who used to play for the UPEI Panthers, played extremely well. After a shutout on her first day against her former teammates, Sue allowed only one goal on Saturday. Again, UNB exhibited that it has strength in all of its players.

Aside from injuries, the Reds appear to be in need of a little fine tuning on their transition to

defense. When the Reds have control of the ball, they are awesome. When the other team has control of the ball, in their end or in UNB's end, the Reds take a little more time in regaining control of the ball than some panicky spectators might like. Of course, that's only how it looks on grass.

No matter how good your defense is, the ball only needs to take one lucky bounce on a patch of grass and a perfectly played defense has gotten you nowhere. This weekend at St. Mary's, the Reds will be playing on turf. This will be the true test of the field hockey team's defensive play.

The following weekend are the AUSA's, also on St. Mary's turf.

As mentioned last week, this was the last time for some extremely talented 5th year players to play on their homefield. Spectators were not disappointed.

Charla Currie, the Wayne Gretzky of field hockey, played like the star she is. On numerous occasions Currie came up with outstanding defensive plays putting a stop to threatening UPEI drives. When Charla goes on a drive, "OOO!" and "AAHHH!" are heard from the stands. On several occasions, Charla simply out maneuvered 5 UPEI defenders in a row, (not including the goalie, that is half the team).

Becca Wright also got the crowd going. Becca, a strong and forceful player, was frustrating a UPEI defender to the point that the Panther actually started calling Becca some unflattering names. Becca was given a green card for her retaliation. The fans at the game laughed uncontrollably when Becca stuck her tongue out at the Panther.

For the five graduating players, Chapman will miss you.

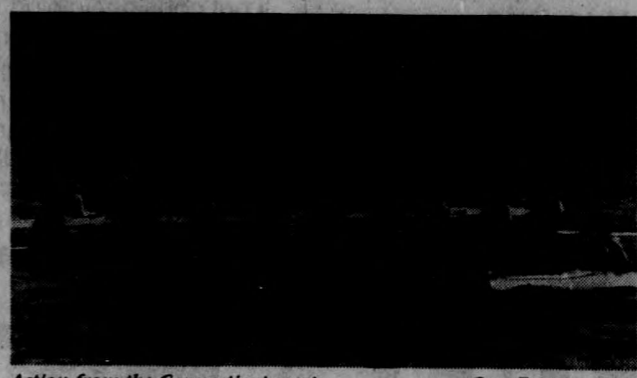
Rowers have golden Dayes in the states

GABY FERREIRA
THE BRUNSWICKAN

Jell-O Legs, too many hours in a bus, and hardly any sleep is the way to go. At least that seems to be the opinion of the UNB Rowing Team.

During the Thanksgiving Weekend, they competed in their first regatta of the season in Middletown, Connecticut. Three coaches (Terry Downing, Chantelle Hanley, and Janet Morrison) and 41 rowers competed in 11 different categories on a 5 K course.

Just the trip itself was an incredible experience for the team. Spending 12 hours each way confined in a bus, the different crews got to know each other fairly well. By the time they got off the bus in Fredericton after two exhausting days of rowing and travelling, most of the rowers still agreed that it had been a great weekend. Even though the team has a lot of new members with only six weeks of training, their placings were impressive.



Action from the Connecticut meet. GABY FERREIRA PHOTO

Becky and Tony Daye finished in first place (unofficial results) in the Mixed Double Sculls category. UNB finished in second place in both the Men's Novice Fours category (Brian Woods, Blair Larsen, George Harvey, Yves Lapointe, and their coxswain Janet Morrison) as well as in the Women's Open Quads category. Jane Thornton, Marianne Mader, Krista Phillips, and Becky Daye) UNB finished in 2nd place.

In the Women's Pairs category,

Jane Thornton and Anna Robak finished in third place.

Janet Morrison, coach and coxswain, led the Novice Men's Eight comprised of Brian Woods, Brice Morrison, Mark Ritchie, Blair Larsen, Kieren Tinning, Chris Sampson, Ravi Singh and Edd Glover to a fourth place finish. By the time he got off the boat, Morrison confirmed his "Jell-O legs" state by desperately looking for

Nadine, the Physiotherapist who pampered the team all weekend.

Mark Bonham and Andrew Steeves finished in second place in the Men's Pairs category and in sixth place in the Men's Double Sculls category.

Other final positions include the Women's Lightweight Fours in 10th place, the Women's Open Eights in 16th place, the Women's Intermediate Eights in 22th place and the Women's Novice Eights in 23th place.

Next weekend the UNB rowing team will be competing at the McGill Invitational in Montreal. Unfortunately the UNB rowing team is not recognized as a Varsity Team meaning that not only is most of the coaching done on a volunteer basis, but the rowers also have to pay their own expenses for the different regattas.

Still, the entire team is looking forward to a great weekend of competition in la "Belle Provence," and hopefully they will repeat their great performance of this past weekend.

Results

Home Schedule

Athletes of the Week

Cross Country

St FX Open
Women: 2nd
Men: 2nd

Field Hockey

UPEI 0 - 2 UNB
UPEI 1 - 2 UNB

Hockey

UPEI 4 - 5 UNB (OT)
UPEI 2 - 5 UNB

All Weekend

Women's Volleyball: UNB Invitational
LB Gym & West Gym

Saturday

Women's Soccer: StFX @ UNB, 2pm
Men's Soccer: StFX @ UNB, 4pm
Hockey: SMU @ UNB, 7:30pm

Sunday

Women's Soccer: UCCB @ UNB, 2pm
Men's Soccer: UCCB @ UNB, 4pm
Swimming: MtA @ UNB, 7:30pm

Jason Campbell, Hockey

Rookie centre Jason Campbell, a member of the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds hockey team was named UNB's Valley Graphics male athlete of the week.

Campbell scored five goals and added one assist for six points as UNB opened its Atlantic University Hockey Conference play with a pair of weekend wins over UPEI. With Campbell scoring a hot stick on Friday, UNB came back to win a 5-4 OT decision and followed that up on Saturday with a 5-2 win to complete the weekend sweep.

UNB head coach Mike Kelly stated that "he provided leadership both offensively and defensively." Campbell, who played last season for Owen Sound in the OHL is a native of Orangeville, Ontario, studying in the Faculty of Business Administration.

Meghan Roushorne, Cross Country

Meghan Roushorne, the captain of the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds women's cross country team was named UNB's Valley Graphics female athlete of the week.

Roushorne had the race of her cross country career at UNB to finish second among University runners on Saturday at the St. FX Open. In doing so, she ran a personal best time and helped the team to a strong second place finish.

Head coach Tim Randall was very pleased with his team's performance heading into the upcoming AUSA Championships to be held at UNB. Roushorne is a fourth year Science student from Fredericton, New Brunswick.