

V-Reds prepare for post-season "Battle of the Hill" UNB meets STU in MacAdam Final

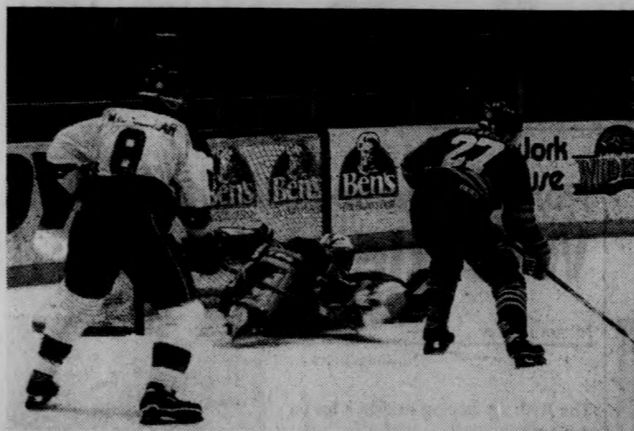
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It's often referred to as the best cross campus rivalry in Canadian Collegiate hockey.

And for the first time since 1995, the UNB Varsity Reds will meet the St. Thomas Tommies in the playoffs. It promises to be a spirited "Battle of the Hill" that will lead to the AUSA final for one of the teams. The winner of the series will represent the MacAdam Division and meet the winner of the Kelly Division, and then a potential chance to represent the Atlantic conference at the CIAU Final Four Championship in Toronto on March 14, 15, and 16.

Both teams arrived at the MacAdam Division final by taking similar routes. The Varsity Reds beat the Université de Moncton Blue Eagles 7-1 in Game 1 in Moncton and again this past Saturday night, 7-1 at the Aitken Centre, taking the best of three series in two games straight.

St. Thomas beat the UPEI Panthers 7-4 in Game 1 on the Island, and then 7-3 at the Lady Beaverbrook Rink, also on Saturday night, winning their series



U de M may have shut the door this time but couldn't keep the door shut losing the series 2-0.

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2-0. On Saturday night, the Varsity Reds dominated the Blue Eagles on the scoresheet, however, the game was actually a much closer contest with UNB clinging to a 2-1 lead heading into the third, after the teams played a scoreless first period.

But UNB exploded in the third period, scoring five unanswered goals for the win.

Despite the lopsided win, UNB's head coach, Mike Kelly, wasn't exactly happy

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UNB to host AU's next weekend Reds defeat Capers in a winning streak

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Reds looking to playoffs.

The UNB Varsity Reds women's basketball team defeated the UCCB Capers this weekend in two games. Both were important to the Reds, contributing points to their rank and giving them the opportunity to reach the AUSA's.

The Reds met with the Capers on Saturday and played a winning game. UNB led by 23 points at the half and continued to hold their lead position throughout the second, defeating UCCB 88-53. Charlene Woolaver was named player of the game, while Donna Retson, Heather Grasman and Bridget Gamble each tossed in over 20 points a piece to help the team win the game.

The teams faced off again on Sunday, UNB carrying their winning streak on from Saturday. The Reds took the lead from the start, never losing their position and ending the first half 34-26. UNB came into the second round to win, increasing their lead and holding it until the end, defeating UCCB 80-62.

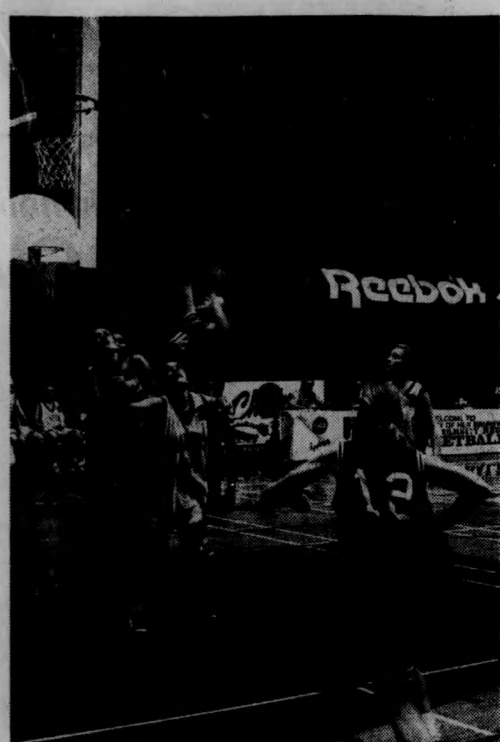
The player of the game was once again Charlene Woolaver, who scored 29 points for the team. Bonny Munn also contributed 32 points for the team.

Reds' Shelly Ryan was absent from both games, due to a severe flu. At press time it was confirmed whether she would play this weekend against UPEI. UNB assistant coach Dick Slipp com-

mented, "A much more competitive game today (referring to Sunday's game)." He also remarked on the players performance saying, "We knew they play harder and they did.... today they played much better."

The Reds meet UPEI this weekend in their final home game, and will battle for third place in the league. UPEI is coming off a winning streak, having won 8 of their last 10 games. Coach Slipp comments that they have been playing really well and that the game should be "playoff style basketball."

The AUSA playoffs are the following weekend of the 7th and 8th at the LB Gym, and UNB prepares for



the challenge that it will present. The Reds will hit the floor at 6:30pm on Saturday and again on Sunday at 1pm at the LB Gym to take on UPEI.

I will take that responsibility on my shoulders."

As he explained, "We had some bad breakdowns in key situation, and I feel that's the coach's job."

The Reds will be playing in their final game of the season and will be fighting for the final playoff berth for the AUSA Championships to be held in March in the Halifax Metro Centre.

UNB will play their final regular season games this weekend with tip off times at 8:30pm on Saturday night, and 3pm on Sunday. Both games are to be played at the LB gymnasium.

UNB's playoff hopes diminish as... B-Ball Reds lose 2 to UCCB

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Talk about bad breaks.

If the ball bounces had gone UNB's way, the men's basketball team would have clinched a playoff berth. However, last weekend just wasn't meant to be.

On Saturday night, UNB trailed throughout the first half, but never by more than 10 points. The half-time score was 52-46 in favor of the Capers.

The teams traded leads in the second half with UNB finding themselves down by 3 with only 5 seconds left. Gordon McNeilly shot a 3-pointer to send the game to overtime in dramatic fashion.

However, the Capers controlled the extra period, and finished off the Reds 102-97.

McNeilly led all scores with 30 points in a losing effort. The Reds were helped with David Low tossing in 24, and Simon MacDougall adding 18.

On Sunday, the Reds lost another heartbreaker. This time UNB led throughout the game before somehow losing 64-62 in the end. The V-Reds led by as much as 14 in the first half, taking a 42-36 lead into the locker room at half-time.

The teams stayed close throughout the second half before the "good luck" Capers pulled through. The game was tied with 10 seconds left and UNB had the ball in Caper ter-



Gordon McNeilly out jumps the Capers.

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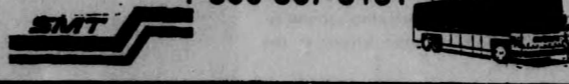
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	Quarterfinal 2	8:30pm
Saturday, March 8	Semifinal 1	6:30pm
	Semifinal 2	8:30pm
Sunday, March 9	Final	2:00pm

ADMISSION	Tournament	Session
Adults	\$12	\$6
Seniors/Students	\$7	\$3
UNB/STU Students	\$5	\$2
Children (12 + under)	\$5	\$2
Family Pass	\$30	N/A
Team Pass (max 15 players)	N/A	\$25

For your convenience, passes may be purchased in advance at UNB varsity games - March 1 & 2 vs UPEI Panthers.
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