

Joe Crummie (trainer), Jason Shaw (trainer). All for a ticket to Toronto

MacAdam division with a win over Mount Allison last week, the Varsity Reds have cleared a path to the AUAA finals.

Thanks to an AUAA rule alternating home ice advantage for the conference finals, The ball is definitely in UNB's court. Thanks to the recent suspension of UPEI Panther John Nelson, the Reds are a shoe-in for the division finals. They captured the first game of their best of three series against UPEI 3-1 on the

By claiming first place in the good hockey player and gets the team going. He leads the team, they're too young and inexperienced without him."

Team scoring leader Todd Sparks should have an excellent playoff series. Sparks played a large role in the Reds' success last year. Sniper Derek Cormier has crawled out of the woodwork of the New Brunswick Junior A league to score 29 goals in his rookie season. If the Reds are to reach the finals he will have to continue dazzlingthe oppo-

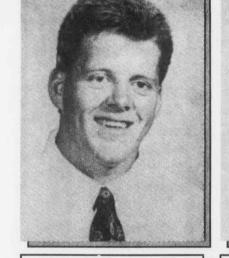
play-offs." UdM edged STU 2-1 in overtime Wednesday night in Moncton but must now face the Tommies at the LBR for the final two games. Regardless of who the Reds' opponent will be, the division finals should be very entertaining.

At this point, it is difficult to look ahead to the conference finals. With both Dalhousie and Acadia looking very strong, the Varsity Reds will need to be extremely focused going into the series. When asked about the finals, Murchison



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Ken Murchison

Island Wednesday night. Derek Cormier, Chris Peach and Scott Muscutt had one each for the Reds.

The team returns home for the second game tomorrow and, if necessary, the series finale on Sunday. However, Captain Ken Murchison doesn't expect the team to play on Sunday. "We want to win in two games. We don't want to go to three games against UPEI. You

game three." The loss of Nelson will only add to the team's confidence. Murchison feels the Panthers are too vulnerable with him. "He's a disturber, but when he's playing well and when he's on his game, he's a

never know what can happen in

sitions defense.Goaltender Greg Reid is healthy and ready for the playoffs. He closed out the season with four straight wins.

Should the Reds emerge from this series, they will face the winner of the STU-UdeM semi-final battle. STU has had a solid season and have matched the Reds throughout the "Battle of the Hill". As healthy as a UNB-STU match-up would be for the City of Fredericton, it would probably leave the Reds with a handful than UdM.

Murchison was reluctant to predict who will advance from the series but confided "It looks like STU's year to get by UdeM but then Moncton seems to turn it up in the

immediately commented on the strength of Acadia in their own building and assumed the Axemen will reach the series.

However, after pulling off a 6-4 win at Acadia arena in January, Dalhousie began to look like a National Championship contender. The Tigers may surprise the Axemen who must be careful not to take their National title for granted. After all is said and done, one

team will have earned a flight to Toronto for the CIAU Championships March 18-20. If all of the cogs in the wheel turn smoothly and home-ice advantage plays it's role, this could be the year the AUAA saw Red.

SPARKS, TODD		26	14	33	47	50
CORMIER, DEREK		26	29	17	46	32
BOLAND, TREVOR		23	18	14	32	24
REED, KELLY		26	1	27	28	3 14
PEACH, CHRIS		24	15	12	27	22
KNESAUREK, ROB		23	11	11	22	49
BURKITT, TOBY		25	9	10	19	51
CAVANAGH, MIKE		24	6	13	19	47
STILL, ALASTAIR		26	5	9	14	14
SIMMONS, CLYDE		23	7	6	13	54
TAYLOR, KARL		26	1	10	11	28
MUSCUTT, SCOTT		24	1	10	11	28
O'DONNELL, MIKE		14	3	8	11	34
SHERSTENKA, DAN		25	0	9	9	30
BOLDON, ROB		26	1	6	7	66
NADEAU, CHRIS		23	1	4	5	14
MURCHINSON, KEN	1.1	5	1	4	5	14
RYAN, TROY		13	2	2	4	39
UNDERHILL, JASON		10	2	2	4	32
BROCKLEHURST, CRAIG		8	2	1	3	12
DAWKINS, MARK		26	0	2	2	0
ELLIS, CHRIS		19	2	0	2	22
REID, GREG		15	0	1	1	0
ROSS, MARK		13	1	0	1	34
PLATIS, CHRIS		11	0	0	0	0
KIRKBRIDE, JEFFREY		6	0	0	0	2
NORQUAY, RODNEY		4	0	0	0	6
WALKER, JEFF		4	0	0	0	2
SHEPARD, BRAD		1	0	0	0	6
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PLATIS, CHIRS	1	29.18		1	0	2.05
REID, GREG	10	458.11		20	0	2.62
DAWKINS, MARK	20	1080.59		68	0	3.77



Greg Reid