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Reds ranked 9th in Nation Hockey grabs 2 wins at home

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The Reds just get better as things go on.

The UNB Varsity Reds hockey team went head to head in a battle on Saturday against the St. FX X-men in the AUC. The Reds downed the X-men in the final seconds of the game.

Daryl Rivers blasted one from the point to get the Reds on the board first early in the first period. The X-men responded at just over the 8 minute mark to tie the game at 1 goal each.

UNB rookie Scott Cherrey got his first goal at home midway through the second period to give the Reds a 2-1 lead heading into the dressing room.

St. FX came back just over 3 minutes into the third to tie the game up at 2.

UNB had a number of chances with five goal posts before getting one by X's goalie Shawn Silver. Dax MacLean beat Silver with 18 seconds remaining in the third to win the game 3-2.

UNB's head coach Mike Kelly says, "It was nice for us to beat a team like St. FX because I think they are a pretty good hockey team. I think they are getting better and better as the season goes on and I think they have a lot of character."

Reds' Dax MacLean echoed those sentiments, "we just wanted to play it like a playoff game and get better as the game went on. And I think that is what we did, we worked very hard and deserved that break at the end (of the game)."

This is the first time the Reds have played in a week and Kelly thinks, "our guys thought they would get better as the game wore on as we had been off for a solid week. And we just haven't played enough games after the break."

UNB wasn't motivated by the fact that St. FX was ranked nationally and UNB wasn't. "I don't put much stock in the national rankings." Rather the Reds were motivated by the belief that "St. FX is a very good hockey team. We think they are probably underrated. We



V-Reds get two by X and Carrol behind the pipes gets a good eye on the 3rd spot in the nation.

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think that who ever comes out of our division has a chance to meet St. FX. I think that if anything happens to Acadia then I think that they are one of the teams you have to look at," according to Kelly.

UNB's MacLean believes, "if we are going to go anywhere down the road then we need stellar goaltending and we're getting it from Ken (Carroll) and as well as from Frank (LeBlanc)."

Kelly's feels "Having two good goaltenders is no good unless you are playing well. If you establish one guy and the other guy gets cold or is not used to playing then what good is it having two good goaltenders?"

The Reds downed the U de M Blue Eagles 6-1 at the Aitken Center on Wednesday night. U de M had just come off two weekend losses to Acadia and Dal, thus Coach Kelly had expected them to rebound and was ready for a battle.

During the first period, the Reds came alive with 4 goals and kept the Blue Eagles off the board.

Reds assistant captain Toby Burkit started off the scoring just over 1 minute into the game. Bill Wright used the powerplay to their advantage, getting another goal for UNB. Seconds later Dan Shestrenka gave UNB a 3-0 lead. Wright scored his second goal for the Reds, ending the first period with a 4-0 lead.

In the second period Reds goalie Frank LeBlanc kept the Blue Eagles at bay with a number of good stops. Seconds after the puck almost crossed the goal line at the U de M net, UNB's Jeff Andrews found the net.

Even though U de M had a 5-on-3 they couldn't capitalize on it. UNB took a 5-0 lead into the dressing room.

J.F. Gregoire finally got the Blue Eagles on the board just over 3 minutes into the third period. This spoiled LeBlanc's

shut out bid. UNB's Wright got a hat trick to give them a 6-1 lead.

UNB won the game 6-1 and outshot U de M 40-28. UNB's Wright got named the player of the game for his efforts.

Kelly was pleased with the over all outcome of the game commenting, "We came out really hard in the first period and I was really happy with the way we came out." He also remarked, "I thought we lost focus in the second, but we challenged the guys to treat the third period as a new game."

When asked about team depth, Kelly responded, "Well, if we keep running into as much penalty trouble as we did tonight, it won't be a problem," in reference to the number of penalties in the game. At one point there were 5 UNB players in the penalty box, a U de M player was ejected from the game for a number of stick violations.

The Reds will be travelling to UPEI this weekend to meet the Panthers.

Men's team ranked 10th Swimmers take the plunge

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The Reds are hoping to make a big splash at the SMA Pool.

The UNB Varsity Reds swimming team will be hosting the AUAA Invitational at the Sir Max Aitken Pool (in the LB Gym). The Reds will go up against the AUAA Conference including Dal, Mt. A., and Memorial.

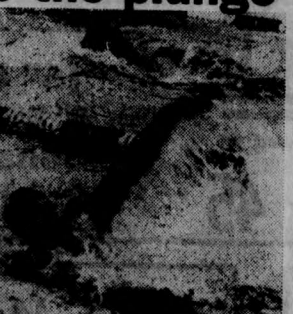
The Reds men's team downed the Dal team 69-25 the last time these two teams met in the UNB Pool. UNB is currently ranked 10th in the CIAU.

While the women's team narrowly lost to Dal 49-57. Although UNB's women's team beat Dal in the Mt. A pool the next day. The Dal women's team is ranked 6th in the nation.

Historically, the Reds biggest competition has come from Dal in both men's and women's events.

The Reds will be using the Invitational as a tune-up to the AUAA's which will happen in Halifax in two weeks.

This will be the final AUAA meet for the Reds before the upcoming AUAA's. UNB head coach Andrew Cole states, "the UNB Invitational will be pretty much a dress rehearsal for the AUAA's. In addition the whole conference will be here and that will be a really good indication of who is where and who has been training and who hasn't been."



That water looks awful wet!

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As for training and conditioning Cole feels that "it is pretty obvious from the UNB/Dal meet that we're in the best shape of the conference, there is no one in any better shape than we are. We are miles ahead of any other team in the conference as far as conditioning goes."

The Reds will be focusing on sharpening their approach and on racing strategies and being able to do it when it counts.

The teams will begin their heats at 8:30am on Saturday and the finals will be at 4:30pm. The teams will return for the second day of competition on Sunday at 8am for heats and the finals will start at 4pm. All of the action will take place in the Sir Max Aitken Pool.

Women split on the road Tough competition at the Pitt

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Balance keeps the Reds going.

The UNB Varsity Reds women's basketball team split a pair of games on the road over the weekend. The Reds were meeting the undefeated St. FX and cellar dweller Saint Mary's.

The game against St. FX started 40 minutes late because the officials were late due to the road conditions. Even this could not slow down the Reds.

UNB led the game 32-28 at the half, but were unable to hang on to that lead as St. FX outscored them in the second taking the game 56-50.

The Reds "were in the game," according to UNB head coach Joyce Slipp despite the outcome of the game. Slipp feels, "they had a chance to win."

Bonny Munn was the top scorer for the Reds with 11 points. UNB's Kim Newman and Shelly Ryan both tossed in 8 points a piece in a losing cause.

St. FX holds onto the top spot in the league with a 7-0 record and 20 points.

The Reds rebounded to split the weekend when they met the Saint Mary's Huskies in Halifax.

UNB held a narrow 34-32 lead at the end of the first half. The Reds returned in the second half to take control of the game. UNB holds down third with a 5-4 record and 16 points.

The men's team faced tough competition with the St. FX X-men who hold down the third spot in the league and against Saint Mary's.

The Reds were downed by St. FX 81-69. The X-men were leading 43-33 at the half.

Gordon McNeilly lead the Reds with 11 in a losing cause.

St. FX continues to hold down third spot with a 6-1 record and 18 points.

UNB's next challenge was the Huskies.

Jon Kreiner lead the Reds with 28 points in a 87-75 losing cause. The Reds are in fifth spot with a 4-5 record and 10 points.

The Reds will be hosting Memorial on Saturday and Sunday. MUN's women's team is ranked second with a 7-1 record and 20 points. While the men's team is in first with 24 points and a 8-0 record.

Slipp considers, "MUN a strong team with some good recruits."

"UNB has no stars, the scoring on the team is balanced," according to Slipp.

The women will play at 6:30pm and the men will take the court at 8:30pm on Saturday. Both teams will return on Sunday with the women beginning at 12pm and men at 2pm. All of the games will be in the LB Gym.

Reds issued challenge at... Jeffrey Memorial

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The upcoming game against STU will be more than the "Battle of the Hill." The game on Wednesday night against the St. Thomas Tommies will be the Mark Jeffrey Memorial Game which commemorates Mark Jeffrey.

Jeffrey was a member of the UNB Red Devils hockey team for 4 years, from 1981-82, 1983-86. He had a unique ability: he combined an aggressive style of play with a deft scoring touch. He served as a team assistant captain and was a member of the UNB's only AUAA Championship team. In 1985 he was named UNB Male Athlete of the Year.

Once Jeffrey finished playing, he served as an assistant coach and briefly as a head coach during the 1989-90 season.

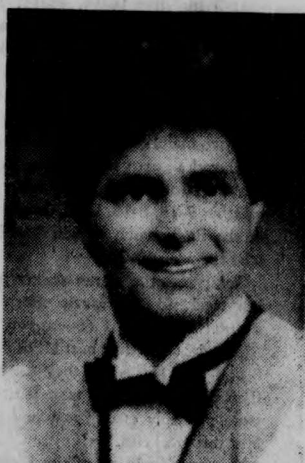
During the summer of 1991, he died in a tragic accident outside Montreal.

At the inaugural Mark Jeffrey Game in 1991 his sweater number (17) was retired and is currently hanging from the Aitken Center rafters.

"Mark Jeffrey was a coach, player, husband, son and friend who set the standard for every player that has or will wear the UNB sweater in the future...he personified what the UNB Hockey Program strives for," said former assistant captain Karl Taylor.

This year's game will be against the STU Tommies in the "Battle of the Hill". UNB holds a 2-1 series edge in the series, after soundly defeating STU in their last meeting by a 9-1 score in the LBR.

This year's "Mark Jeffrey Memorial Game" is the first for new UNB head coach Mike Kelly. Kelly played with Mark Jeffrey during all of his four seasons with UNB, and was a member of UNB's only AUAA hockey Championship team. He describes Jeffrey as "a good person. When he cared about a cause, he gave all of himself to it and expected others to as well. Whatever



Mark Jeffrey
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the effort needed for success is what he would give. Mark cared deeply for UNB hockey."

Kelly states, "There is no doubt that I am looking forward to that game as anything."

As part of the preparation for the game Kelly has been "talking about Mark for the last week and half, not everyday, but little clippings from the previous years and I'll continue to do that and tell Mark Jeffrey stories every once and a while."

Former captain Todd Sparks says, "Mark was hardworking, backed down from no one and above all else, wore his heart on his sleeve. He epitomized what every UNB hockey player should be."

Kelly explains the game as a "celebration of a spirit, a desire and a character of a person. I challenge the guys to meet that standard."

"The greatest tribute a coach can make to a player is to call upon him or her in a crucial situation. Mark was called upon many times," says former coach Danny Grant.

Files from Christina Atkinson

UNB hosts Open Wrestlers take to the mat

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UNB wrestlers wrap up the competition.



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The Reds will wrestle the title away from the competition.

The UNB Varsity Reds wrestling team will be having their Open on Saturday. UNB will be hosting Concordia from Montreal, Memorial, Dalhousie.

The Reds are coming off of capturing the Dalhousie Open. UNB's Corey Palmer was named MVP for his 4-0 record.

UNB won their seventh straight wrestling AUAA title last year. The Reds had

six AUAA All-stars in 1995-96.

The Reds went to the CIAU's and finished their highest in team history placing sixth, two points out of third.

UNB's top recruit is Tim Pomeroy, an Oromocto, NB native. Pomeroy is a five time national medallist including 1996 Under 20 National silver medallist, 1994 Under 20 National silver medallist and 1993 Canada game team captain.

The UNB Open will begin at 10am until 4pm on Saturday, January 25th with the action taking place in the Main Gym in LB Gym.

Upcoming UNB Games Results Athletes of the Week

Saturday, January 25

Swimming (W & M) @ 8:30am (heats) & 4pm (finals) (SMA Pool)

Basketball (W) vs MUN @ 6:30pm (LB Gym)

Basketball (M) vs MUN @ 8:30pm (LB Gym)

Wrestling Open @ 10am - 4pm (LB Gym)

Volleyball (W) @ Saint John Tourney

Hockey @ UPEI

Sunday, January 26

Basketball (W) vs MUN @ 12pm (LB Gym)

Basketball (M) vs MUN @ 4pm (LB Gym)

Swimming (W & M) @ 8am (heats) & 4pm (finals) (SMA Pool)

Volleyball (W) @ Saint John Tourney

Hockey @ UPEI

Wednesday, January 29

Hockey vs STU @ 7:30pm (AUC)

Hockey

St. FX 2 UNB 3

U de M 0 UNB

Basketball

Women

UNB 83 SMU 69

UNB 50 St. FX 56

Men

UNB 75 SMU 87

UNB 69 St. FX 81

Volleyball

Women

MUN 1 UNB 3

MUN 2 UNB 3

COREY PALMER, WRESTLING

Corey Palmer, a member of the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds wrestling team has been named UNB's male athlete of the week for the second time this season. Palmer, who won all 4 of his matches on the weekend to help UNB capture the Dalhousie Open. By virtue of his 4-0 record, he was named the MVP of the meet. For the season, Palmer has posted and overall match record of 11-4. He also won a gold medal at the Eastern Canadian Wrestling Championships. In reference to Palmer's performance at the Dal open, UNB head coach Don Ryan stated that "Corey was overpowering all of his opponents on his way to gold." A native of Shubenacadie, NS, Palmer is in his first year of study within the faculty of Kinesiology.

CHANTAL MARTIN, VOLLEYBALL

Chantal Martin, a 5th member of the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds women's volleyball team has been named UNB's female athlete of the week. This is Martin's second week this season as UNB's top female athlete. UNB swept a pair of contests from Memorial University over the weekend. Saturday, the V-Reds defeated MUN 3 games to 1, and completed a sweep on Sunday with a 3-2 victory. Martin led UNB with 48 kills, 5 stuff blocks, and 6 service aces over the course of two games. She had a 47% kill efficiency in Saturday's game, and 42% in Sunday's match. On Saturday, she was named the All-Sport player of the match, which marks the 5th time this season that she has received that honor. UNB head coach Al McGarvie was impressed with his team captain's performance and stated that "up against a big, strong blocking Memorial team, Chantal showed her tremendous offensive power with an amazing 48 kills." For the season, Martin has gone over the 200 kill mark, and still has 6 matches remaining. The native of St. Inac, NB, is completing her Bachelor of Arts degree. Martin is also a 3-time member of the AUAA All-Start team, and is a current member of the Canadian National University team.

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