

# SPORTS

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## SPORTSWIRE

### Close fight with UNB and Dal will go down to wire

#### Basketball (M)

The Red Raiders split a weekend series against the Memorial Seahawks notching their first win of the season. The Seahawks, also searching for their first win, proved stronger than the Raiders in the first game, winning 69-64. However, the Raiders were not about to let their second chance slip away as Diet Pepsi Player of the Game Greg Mapp led the team to a 61-57 win. Mapp had 13 points in the game while Clint Simmons contributed 10. The Raiders are in the middle of a two week break and will resume play with two road games next weekend.

#### Basketball (W)

The Red Bloomers split two games at the AUAA League tournament last weekend. They defeated St. Mary's 67-32 as Jackie Flieger and Kara Palmer each connected for 21 points but couldn't handle UPEI, losing 84-72. Laura Swift had 17 points and Kara Palmer had 16 in the losing effort. The Bloomers host UPEI in a rematch tomorrow at the L.B. Gym. Game time is 2:00 pm.

#### Volleyball (W)

The Lady Reds had a successful weekend in Halifax, defeating the St. Mary's Huskies 3-1 and 3-0 in a pair of matches. Chantal Martin led the team with 29 kills and Carla Mason followed with 28. The Reds sit in second place in the league with a 7-3 record.

#### This week in UNB sports

##### Friday, Jan. 23

M. Volleyball @ Dal Classic (to 24th)

##### Saturday, Jan. 23

W. Basketball UPEI @ UNB (2:00 pm at L.B. Gym)  
Hockey @ Acadia (CHSR 97.9 FM, 7:30 pm)  
Wrestling @ St. FX Classic (to 24th)  
Swimming @ Acadia AUAA Invitational (to 24th)

##### Sunday, Jan. 24

Hockey @ Dalhousie (CHSR 97.9 FM, 3:00 pm)

##### Wednesday, Jan. 27

Hockey STU @ UNB (7:30 at AUC)

#### AUAA scoreboard

<b>Hockey</b>	<b>Men's Basketball</b>
UDM 5 MTA 4 (OT)	DAL 81 SMU 69
ACA 9 SMU 1	SFX 64 ACA 62
<b>UNB 10 STU 5</b>	SFX 94 PEI 93
MTA 8 SMU 6	UCB 70 ACA 59
STU 5 PEI 4 (OT)	<b>MUN 69 UNB 64</b>
DAL 7 SFX 5	DAL 71 SMU 68
ACA 6 UCB 5 (OT)	<b>UNB 61 MUN 57</b>
PEI 3 UDM 2	
<b>UNB 8 SMU 2</b>	
ACA 7 UCB 2	

#### AUAA standings

<b>Hockey</b>						
<b>MacAdam Division</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGN</b>	<b>PTS</b>
UNB	13	4	1	113	74	27
STU	8	8	2	86	87	18
UDM	7	9	1	59	70	15
PEI	4	10	4	65	89	12
MTA	3	13	1	66	106	7
<b>Kelly Division</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGN</b>	<b>PTS</b>
ACA	16	1	1	117	53	33
DAL	8	6	0	78	66	16
UCB	7	8	1	82	86	15
SMU	7	10	1	84	104	15
SFX	6	10	0	72	87	12

As the Beavers draw closer to their AUAA championships in February the Dalhousie Tigers have proven throughout the season that they will be the main competition for both the mens and womens swim team.

This was proven once again during the past weekends dual meet against the Tigers here at the SMA pool. Both teams have some extremely talented swimmers and the competition was high. Producing some very high quality swims such as Paula Crutcher's 800m freestyle with a time of 9:39:86 placing her first overall as well as setting her very close to qualifying for CIAU's. Other impressive swims were Dave Kirulta's first place 50 freestyle in :24:95, Iona Allen's 200m, in 2:26:36 as well as Stephane LeBlanc's 200 breaststroke winning in a time of 2:29:52. The men won by 28 points while the women were close being shy by 23 points.

Andrew Cole, the coach of the UNB Beavers Swim team says that the team has a strong potential of maintaining the men's AUAA title and regaining the women's reign over the AUAA conference. Though the ladies lost this weekend to Dal the numbers were not in their favour with Dalhousie having 18 females and UNB only having 10. "This number differential will be less of a factor when we compete with the rest of the conference".

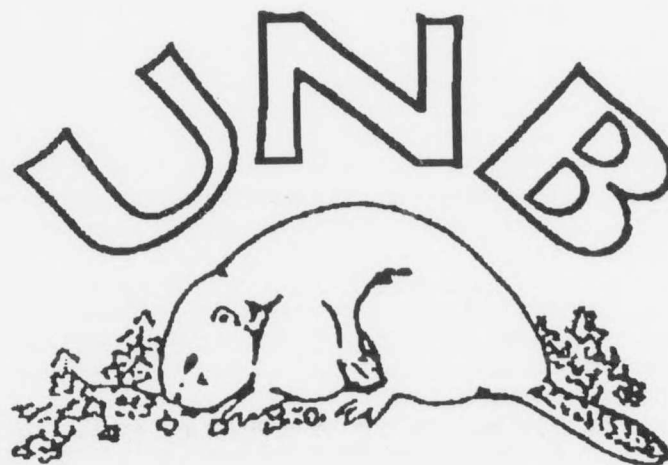
Paula Crutcher's impressive swim in her 800 freestyle as well as her first place finish in 50

freestyle, (:38:28) and second place finish in 400 freestyle, (4:43:38) on Saturday against Acadia lead her to the opportunity of being athlete of the week and also Pepsi player of the game. Paula has great potential to do very well in the distance freestyle events at AUAA championships.

The UNB men's squad, under the leadership of captain, Sean Penney, has a very strong team which includes both veterans and rookie athletes. They have a large number and quality this year and will be the team to beat at AUAA's. They maintain their reign over the AUAA conference last year and have the potential to do it again. The women's team, losing their title last year to Dalhousie, is training hard this year to recover the title. With the strong new team they have a good chance of regaining this leadership. Anne Allain, the

female captain feels "the team is a strong unit all working towards the team goal, though there are some individuals who stand out, they too are behind the team." She feels both teams, male and female have the potential to be the "superpowers in AUAA conference swimming".

This weekend will prove again to be a challenge to the swim team as they go to the Acadia Invitational. "This meet is like a dress rehearsal for AUAA's" says Andrew Cole. All the teams from the AUAA conference will be there and will want to show the abilities but won't want to give away their full strategy for the championships. This meet in Acadia will help both coaches and swimmers determine what would be the best events to choose for possible victory at AUAA's (Just three weeks away).



### Red Devils off to Acadia and Dal

by Frank Denis

The Acadia Axemen (16-1-1) have only lost two games hockey games in the past 12 months. One of those was the National Championship while the other was last November at the Aitken Centre against the UNB Red Devils (13-4-1). Tomorrow night UNB will be hoping to give Acadia it's third loss in 12 months when they take on the Axemen in AUAA hockey action in Wolfville, NS.

Acadia has been the number one ranked team in Canada for most of the season while UNB sits at number 5. The game which is a sell out, will be carried live by CHSR FM (97.9 FM) and gets underway at 7:30pm.

The Axemen will be playing without Norm Batherson, third leading scorer in the AUAA as he will miss up to six weeks with a hand injury. Missing from UNB's lineup will be Gord Christian as he will be serving the second game of his suspension he received for his altercation with Brian Forestell last week.

Sunday the Red Devils travel to face Dalhousie (8-6-0) for a

3pm game that will also be broadcast by CHSR. Also on deck for the Red Devils is another Battle of the

Hill against the St. Thomas Tommies next Wednesday at 7:30 at the Aitken Centre.



Red Devil forward Clyde Simmons eludes opposition in recent game photo by Kevin Porter