

VARSITY BRIEFS

Swimmers qualify for CIAU's

Two more UNB swimmers qualified for the CIAU championships as the men romped to victory and the women notched a second place finish at the Dalhousie Invitational last weekend. Paula Crutcher swam the 800 m Freestyle in 9:28.69 and Jason Lukeman swam the 100 m. Butterfly in 58.96 to earn their tickets to the CIAU's in Victoria, B.C. Lukeman also claimed the 50, 100 and 200 m freestyle events while Thom Giberson won the 200 and 400 m individual medley and Brian Woods took the 50 and 100 m backstroke. On the women's side, Iona Allen showed her versatility by winning the 100 m breaststroke, 800 m freestyle and the 200 m individual medley. Michelle MacWhirter continued her winning streak by claming gold in the 100 m backstroke, 50 and 100 m butterfly and 50 m freestyle. the team heads to Mt. A this weekend for their final dual meet of the season.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Laura Swift, Women's Basketball

This week's Female Athlete of the Week honours go to Laura Swift, a fourth year Physical Education student with the women's basketball team. Laura helped the team get two big wins against the Dalhousie Tigers and the St. Francis Xavier Xettes. "She dominated on the boards and showed excellent leadership and composure when things were close." said coach Pauline Lordon. Laura had 8 rebounds and 22 points against St. FX and 10 rebounds and 24 points against Dalhousie. She was named Diet Pepsi Player of the Game.

Duff Adams, Men's Basketball

Duff Adams is this week's Male Athlete of the Week. Duff is a fifth year Chemical Engineering student who plays with the men's basketball team. Last weekend, Duff scored 23 points against St. FX and 17 points in a big win against Dalhousie. Duff has been averaging 20.5 points per game since the Christmas break. "He has stepped up his play on the court and his leadership is really starting to show with the young Reds squad." said coach Clint Hamilton.

THIS WEEK IN UNB SPORTS

Saturday, January 29

M. Volleyball @ Dal Inv. (to the 30 th)

W. Volleyball @ St. FX Swimming @ Mount Allison

W. Basketball @ Memorial

M. Basketball @ Memorial

Sunday, January 30 W. Volleyball @ St. FX

W. Basketball @ Memorial M. Basketball @ Memorial

Wednesday, February 2 Hockey @ STU (7:30 pm @ LBR)

W. Volleyball vs. Mt. A (8:00 pm @ LB Gym)

Team by team coverage by Bruns Sports			
Team	total stories	front page	Sports- wire
Soccer Field Hockey Cross Country M. Basketball W. Basketball Hockey M. Volleyball W. Volleyball Swimming	57 4 6 8 7 2 3 5	460 453223	32 4 2 1 6 1 4 1

- Teams in bold have completed season
- Teams in italics have volunteer writer

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Elliot leads team to weekend split

Solid win over Dal, narrow loss to St. FX sets up weekend against 0-8 Memorial

by Matt Collins **Sports Staff**

"If you build it, we will come." These are the words of the mysterious voice which haunts the empty bleachers of the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium.

In the past few years, its presence has been felt strongest during any one of the men's basketball games held at 'The Pit.' But not until the arrival of Clint Hamilton did anyone actually listen to the

Within two years, Coach Hamilton has come a long way in giving University Men's Basketball fans what they have wanted for a long time - an exciting team which could rise to the upper echelon of competition in the AUAA Conference. As any one of the fans who were present for last weeks match-ups could tell you, construction of this plan is well under

Approximately 1600 people turned out last weekend to cheer on both Varsity Reds squads. On Saturday night, the reds battled tooth and nail with the defending National Champion St. FX X-Men. Although they managed to pull within four with minutes remaining, they could not fight off the X-attack and loss by a score of 85-77.

However, the team bounced back on Sunday against Dal to play what was possibly their best game of the season. A game in which the Reds never trailed,

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Bryan Elliot (left) was the difference against Dalhousie. Photo Kevin G. Porter

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Reds meet their match at Dal

by Stacey Barton **Sports Staff**

The women's Varsity Reds volleyball team have been having a tremendous season this year thanks to a talented group of players. Sara Ouellette and Carla Mason, both of whom have been named Athlete of the Week this season, are two of the reasons why the Reds are on a 10 and 0 winning

streak. Ouellette is a second year education student from Bathurst, NB who excels in her offensive and defensive skills. Her consistency has helped the team reach its top spot and stay there. She plans to continue playing with the Reds until she finishes her education at UNB.

Mason is a fourth year education student from Newcastle, NB. She has been with the Reds all four years and is said to be one of the strongest middle hitters and blockers in the AUAA league this year. Carla is undecided about her plans to return next year as she graduates from education this spring, but says if she decides to return to Newcastle, she would like to do some coaching.

This past weekend, the Lady Reds travelled to Halifax, N.S., for the "Dalhousie Classic". Of the eight teams at the tourney, UNB, UdeM and Dal represented the AUAA while the remaining five teams were from the CIAU. Overall the team came in fifth place and Ouellette and Mason felt they did quite well.

Their first match was against Winnipeg, (who is currently in the number one spot in the CIAU).

They were unable to pull off a win against the team but were not discouraged. They went on to play the team from Sherbrook who is currently in the tenth spot in the CIAU. Said Ouellette of the match "If we had have defeated this team, we would have taken over the tenth position and therefore had a ranking in the CIAU." They were on their way to securing this spot with a win in the first game.

Unfortunately in their third game Chantal Martin, one of the teams key players sprained her ankle and they were unable to pull off a win. Coach Al McGarvie said he was a little bit discouraged that Chantal went down but was very pleased that the girls were able to rebound despite the loss of the player. McGarvie also stated that the incident proved that player for player the Red's skills were better than those of the other teams they went on to play. The Reds went on to beat Dalhousie in the consolation round as well as defeat the Université de Moncton.

This week the Lady Reds played the Université de Moncton on Wednesday night and felt confident for a win. They will be travelling to St. FX over the weekend to defend their first place position in the AUAA. They haven't seen St. FX play since a tournament at the beginning of the season but

both Carla and Sara feel confident that they can maintain the number one spot against them.

Coach McGarvie plans on stepping up the girls' conditioning to get ready for the weekend and the rest of the season. "The girls aren't in as good of shape as they were before the Christmas break."

He plans to have the girls do some aerobic training, instructed by team captain Monica Gaudet, three times a week, along with the three two hour practices the girls normally have.

After this weekend, the girls have a weekend off and then the following weekend will be travelling to UPEI who again. they have not seen. The girls say they feel confident that they can defeat this team as well because they have been able to defeat other teams who have played them

There are six matches left in regular season play for the Lady Reds while they continue to hold on to first place. St. Mary's University is their closest rival with a record of 8 and 3, and U de M follows with a record of 6 and 2. McGarvie says of their opponents: "They have some tough matches left ahead of them whereas the Reds have already played their hardest teams to beat". McGarvie feels that as long as they keep us their defense and offense and step up their conditioning, the girls should be able to maintain the top