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### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

#### Krista Foreman, Womens Basketball

Captain Krista Foreman of the Varsity Reds basketball team is the Female Athlete of the Week. On Friday, Krista had 11 points and 4 rebounds as UNB defeated Acadia 65-52. On Saturday, she contributed 17 points, 12 rebounds and 2 steals and was selected as Pepsi Player of



the Game in a tight 56-51 victory over St. Mary's University. Krista also shot 75% from the foul line in both games. Coach Mitton says that Krista's consistent play on the weekend was ":an awesome contribution to the team's success. She grabbed many key rebounds and sparked the defense to lead the team to victory". Foreman has also been awarded AUAA Athlete of the Week for her performance this week.

#### **Derek Cormier, Hockey**

The Male Athlete of the Week is Derek Cormier of Shediac, NB. The 1993-94 AUAA Rookie of the Year was a key contributor in three Varsity Reds hockey wins this week. Last Wednesday, Derek scored a thrilling last second breakaway goal as UNB defeated STU 5-4. On Sat-

urday, Derek opened the scoring and added some key assists to lead the Varsity Reds to a 10-3 victory over UPEI. On Sunday, he had 2 goals and 2 assists and was selected as Pepsi Player of the Game in a 9-2 win over the Panthers. Derek also participated in the AUAA Allstar Game last Friday and scored the winning goal for the MacAdam Division in a shootout.

# VARSITY BRIEFS

Varsity Reds field hockey goaltender Krista Thompson has been selected for the Canadian team that will be travelling to Argentina in March for the Pan Am Games.

UNB Coach Donna Hornibrook says that "Krista is an extremely hard worker, has been outstanding at the CIAU Championships the past three seasons. We are thrilled for both Krista and the program to see her efforts rewarded." Krista was a CIAU All Canadian this past season and has been selected to the CIAU Tournament Eleven in each of the past three seasons. She is currently training with the National team in Toronto at York University.

by Maria Paisley **Sports Editor** 

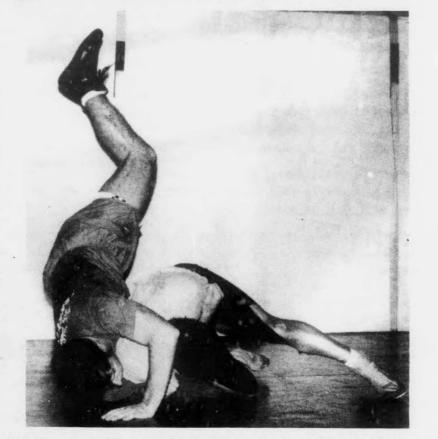
UNB will be hoping to capture their sixth consecutive AUAA title this weekend.

The wrestling team has had a strong showing in the past winning 19 out of 25 AUAA titles, first as the Black Bears then as the Varsity Reds. The team captured their first AUAA title as the Varsity Reds last year. This year Coach Don Ryan "realistically believes the team can win seven out of the ten events." The team only needs to win five or six events in order to capture the AUAA title. According to Ryan the team is "the most technical team to coach as well as the best conditioned team." The team is also comprised of "experienced wrestlers with most of them being in their fourth year." The team will be going into the AUAA's ranked ninth in the nation and the only team to be ranked by the CIAU. Co-captains Terry Pomeroy and Jason Pleasant-Sampson have put in strong performances this year and are expected to make the medal standings. Pomeroy is a three time AUAA Champion and has placed fourth twice at the CIAU's. The former five time national champion is also the 1995 Pan American Games Team alternative. Meanwhile teammate Pleasant-Sampson is a two time AUAA silver medalist and is after his first AUAA title.

Fourth year veterans Jesse and Adam Simon have beaten the MUN opponents in the past and Ryan expects that they will be able to "crack the medal standing this year." Three time silver medalist Jamie Eastwood is another veteran that Ryan expects to be able to "crack gold".

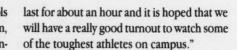
The women's wrestling club will be putting on a demonstration at the meet with the in-

Sparks and MacWhirter garner award



Wrestlers preparing for the AUAA's at home. **Photo Mark Bray** 

tent of recruiting. There are not many schools in the AUAA which have a female wrestling team, most teams are found in high schools and junior high schools. Although the number of female wrestlers has doubled in the last year. This year the format of the AUAA championship will be different than in previous years. Ryan states that "in the past the championship would go for several hours and as a result people would only show up to watch their friends compete. This year the final will



The championship final will pit UNB against Memorial with the winner being declared the AUAA champion. MUN has a large number of rookies who Ryan states are "chomping at the bit and are eager to win a championship title as the team has not won a title in a long time." The preliminary match is at 10am Saturday and the final will begin at 1pm in the Main Gym.

# **Reds strike gold** at Mt. A

by Tobi Emerson **Bruns Sports** 

Hockey
MacAdam All-stars 9
Kelly Div. All-stars 8
UNB 10 UPEI 3
UNB 9 UPEI 2
Swimming
Men
UNB 75 Mt. A 24
Women
UNB 63 Mt. A 68

## THIS WEEK IN UNB SPORTS

Friday, February 10 Hockey at Mt. A Mens Volleyball at UNB AUAA Tourney

Saturday, February 11 Hockey at UdeM Mens Basketball at MUN Womens Basketball at MUN Womens Volleyball vs MUN (8pm @ LB Gym) Mens Volleyball at UNB AUAA Tourney

Sunday, February 12 Mens Basketball at MUN Womens Basketball at MUN Womens Volleyball vs MUN (2pm @ LB Gym)

Wednesday, February 15 Hockey Quarterfinals (to be arranged) Womens Volleyball vs Mt. A (8pm @ LB Gym)



**Athletes of the Month** 

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Lesley Reddon, Todd Sparks, Michelle MacWhirter and Rob Knesaurek Photo Mark Bray

The UNB Athletes of the Month for December/ January are Michelle MacWhirter and Todd Sparks. This month's Female Athlete of the Month honours go to Michelle MacWhirter of the Varsity Reds swimming team. Michelle is a Phys Ed student from Stephenville, Nfld. The 1993-94 AUAA Rookie of the Year has continued her strong performance this season. At a mid-January meet at Maine against the University of Maine and University of Sherbrooke, Michelle swam season best times to capture 5 gold medals and came within 4/10ths of a second of beating Maine's records in two events. The following week, she added 6 more gold medals to her collection at a meet at the U de M. Michelle is now ranked in the top ten in Canada in her freestyle, butterfly, and backstroke totals. Todd's efforts have been recognized by events. Coach Cole says that "Michelle faces the media as he was voted to the starting lineevery race with the determination to win-a up for the AUAA All-Star Game.

highly motivated and committed athlete who knows what she is capable of."

Todd Sparks, captain of the UNB hockey team, is the Male Athlete of the Month. Todd is a fourth year Arts student from Fredericton, whose leadership and on ice performances have made a key contribution to the success of the Reds to date. UNB is currently in first place in the MacAdam Division and ranked seventh in the nation. Todd's strong play this season has seen him selected as Pepsi Player of the Game and Offensive Player of the Game on several occasions. Todd has also consistently appeared near the top of the AUAA and CIAU scoring race throughout the season. In the past month, Todd has scored 13 goals and added 7 assists to his

Tre UNB Varsity Reds swim team won an array of gold medals last weekend at Mt. A. Coach Andrew Cole described the meet as a "very strong showing from all of the swimmers and was a step closer to the AUAA's".

There were many first and top three finishes. Leading men were Dave Pelkey (gold - 400m and 100m Fly), golds from Mike Albert (200m Free), Andre Desaulniers (50m Free), Karl Babinea( 800m Free), Brian Woods (100m Free), Jason Lukeman (100m Back), Keith Dwyer (400m Free) and Rob Brander (100m Breast).

Anna Baker (gold - 100m Back and 800m Free) described it as "an unusal event for me, but it felt great." Megan Wall (silver - 800m Free and 100m Breast). Alex Yaxley ( gold -400m IM and silver -100m Back). Heather Palmateer (100m Fly) with Paula Crutcher close behind. Michelle MacWhiter (100m Breast and second - 50m Free) and Robin Fougere (gold - 100m Free and silver - 400m IM). Most of the swimmers shone that day. Connie MacIsaac (200 and 800m Free). Andrea Leitch (bronze - 200m Free), Erika Cameron (silver - 100m Free), Sue Galgay (bronze - 400m IM), DAn Bryne (third - 200m Free) and Jeff Roach (third - 400m IM and second - 100m Back). Jamie Cleveland (silver - 400m IMand 100m Free), Tim Brooks (third -100m Free). Ian Tanner (bronze in the 100m Breast) and Brander (silver - 800m Free). The team swam well in their events considering that many weren't in their strongest events. The hard work and versatility of the team combined with increasing team spirit and determination for a good AUAA Championship sets realistic goals on each swimmer to reach personal bests.