

"Look back" continued

Volleyball

There was a lot of uncertainty for the Lady Reds volleyball team when they began the season. They only had two returning players, but throughout the year overcame the lack of experience very well. Rookie Head Coach Mark Thibault guided the team to a fifth place finish and they just missed the playoffs. Now that they have experience, the team should be a serious challenger for the AUAA title in 1990-91.

The men's team would have been the dominant team in the league had it not been for Dalhousie. Dal had a perfect 18-0 season compared to the Rebels 8-8 season. Three Rebels were honoured by the AUAA and selected to the all-star team, Claude Cullinan, Guy Gallibois and Mark Thome.

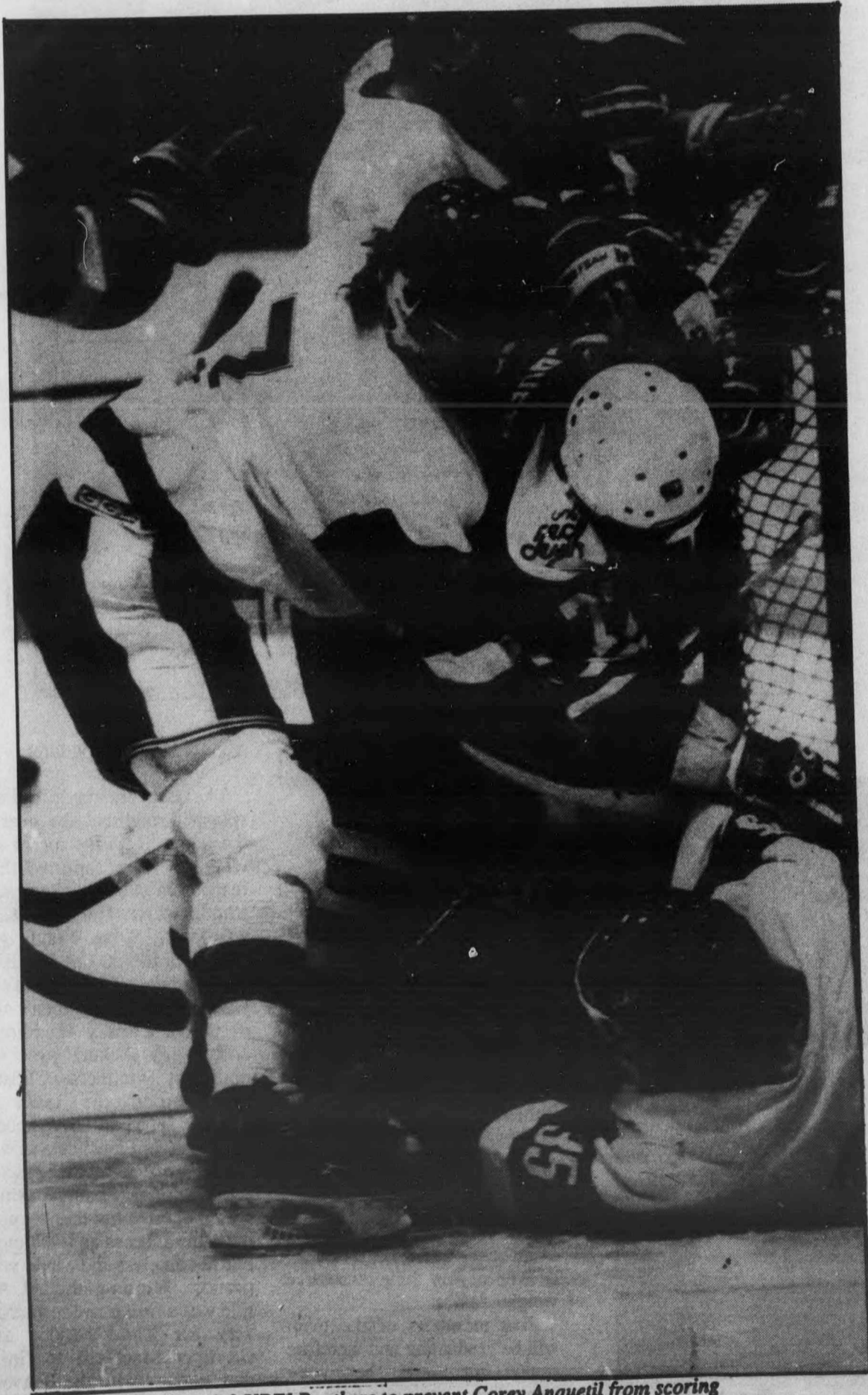
Red Devils Hockey

Probably the most surprising varsity team this year, the Red Devils finished with a much improved 11-9-1 record. The team played exciting, competitive hockey and were led defensively by AUAA all star goaltender Scott MacDonald and offensively by rookie sensation Ken Murchison.

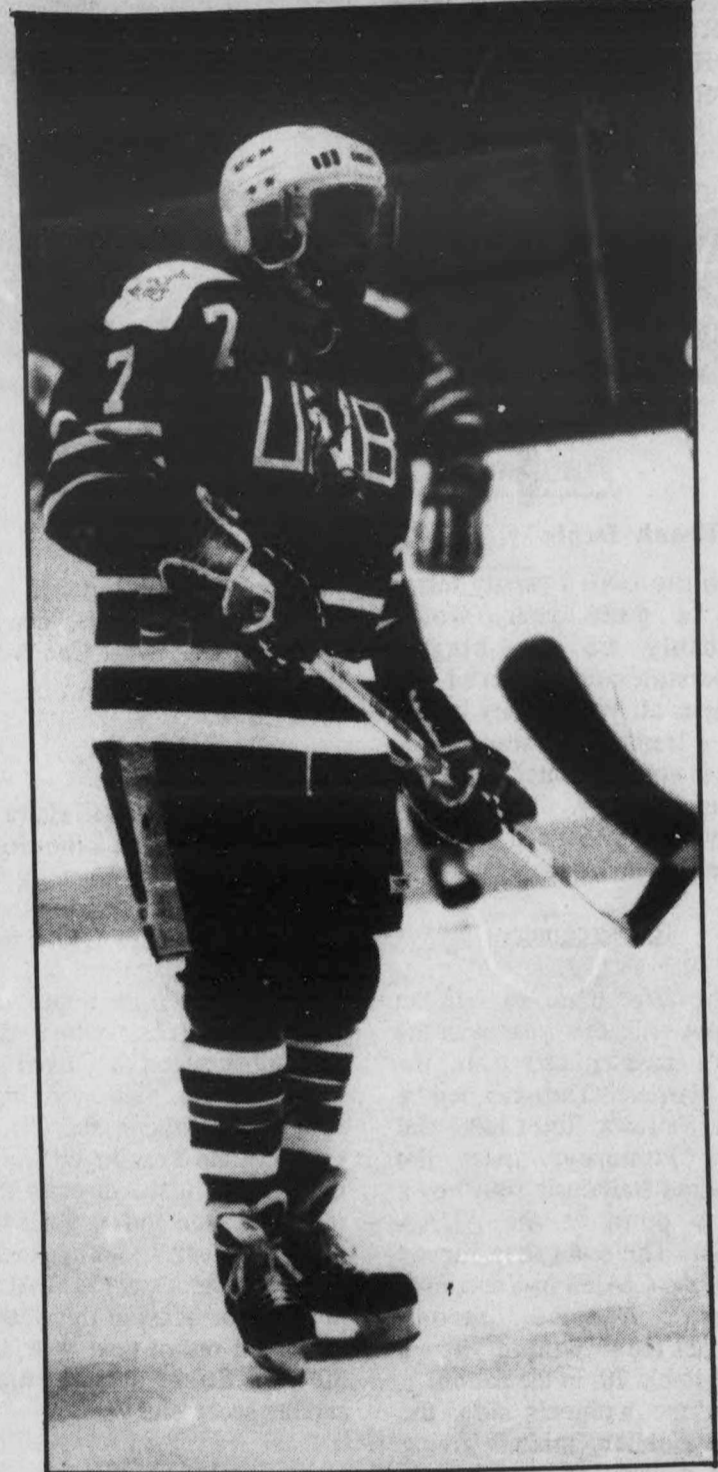
There were many highlights to the season with the most memorable one being when the Devils beat St. Thomas 5-4 in overtime before 2,500 fans at the Aitken Centre. Their rookie coach, Mike Johnston, directed the team into the playoffs for the first time in five years where they were defeated by UPEI. The playoff experience should help the young team next year as they shoot for the AUAA title.

Red Raiders

It's a common expression in sports to say that a team played better despite what their record indicates. This is true for the men's basketball team this year. Despite ending the season with a 3 and 13 record, the team was very competitive against teams that were nationally ranked, such as Acadia, St. FX and UPEI. The season did not begin well for the Raiders, as they lost post man Bryan Elliot for the season due to an injury suffered in the first game. Glenn Read led the team offensively by averaging over 21 points a game while freshman Roy Coccillo was the Chairman of the Boards as he pulled in just under 9 rebounds per game. Other consistent playmakers were Yaw Obeng, Kirk MacDonald and Steve Taylor.



It took 3 UPEI Panthers to prevent Corey Anquetil from scoring



Dominic Niro

Red Bloomers

After losing two games early in the season, the Bloomers fought back and manhandled their opposition the rest of the way and ended with a 12-2 record. The team ran into some very strong competition at the Nationals in Toronto where they lost both games, however the national tournament experience should pay dividends for the team down the road.

Kara Palmer and Jennifer Hale both had solid seasons and will provide leadership in years to come. Lynn Christiansen, who has been with the team for 4 years is graduating as is Pauline Lordon. Lordon's

contribution to the team over the last five years is immeasurable. She has been a leader both on and off the court and was named AUAA MVP and UNB's all-around athlete this year. It's very hard to replace someone of her calibre and it will take some very tough recruiting for Coach Claire Mitton to do so.

So what can we expect next year in UNB sports? Well to begin with, it will be hard to have another Dream Season, but with hard work and perseverance it is possible. In fact with UNB sports, anything is possible.

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