

SPORTS

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Varsity Briefs

W. Basketball chop Axewomen

Laura Swift led the Varsity Reds women's basketball team to victory over the Acadia Axewomen last weekend. Her 29 points set the precedent for an overwhelming 74-39 win. The Reds are one win away from clinching the regular season title and gaining home court advantage for the AUAA Championships. This weekend they head to Nova Scotia to play second place St. FX and third place Dalhousie.

More wrestlers added to CIAU's

In last week's *Brunswickan* we incorrectly stated that four wrestlers had qualified for the CIAU Championships at Brock University this weekend. In fact, six Varsity Reds have been selected and a seventh was added after another competitor dropped out of the tournament. Along with Terry Pomeroy, Denis Gagnon, Marcel Saulis and Paul Crevatin, Darren Anderson and Jason Pleasant-Sampson will compete in the 72 kg and 61 kg categories respectively while Charlie Ash has made the 68 kg category. A full review of the tournament will appear in next week's *Brun.*

Athletes of the Week

Michelle MacWhirter, Swimming Iona Allen, Swimming

Michelle MacWhirter and Iona Allen, both swimmers for the Varsity Reds, are this week's co winners of the Female Athlete of the Week honours. Michelle, an Education student from Stephenville, NFLD, won every event that she entered (6 of 6) this weekend at the AUAA Swimming Championships. She was named AUAA Female Rookie of the Year, and qualified for the CIAU's and the Commonwealth Games Trials. "This dark horse surprised the competition by upsetting perennial winners in everything she swam," said coach Andrew Cole. Iona, and Education student from Halifax, N.S., also won every event she swam (6 of 6). She was named AUAA Female Swimmer of the Year. At the championships this weekend she broke a 10 year old record set by world record holder Nancy Garapick. "She's an incredibly tough athlete," said Cole.

Jason Lukeman, Swimming

Jason Lukeman, another swimmer for the Varsity Reds, is this week's Male Athlete of the Week. This weekend at the AUAA Championships Jason won 5 gold medals and 1 silver, was the high point-getter among the males, qualified for the CIAU's and the Commonwealth Games. "You can always count on Jason to race anyone," said coach Cole. Jason is also an academic All-Canadian.

This Week in UNB Sports

Saturday, February 26

W. Volleyball @ AUAA's (to 27th @ SFX)
W. Basketball @ St. FX
M. Basketball @ St. FX

Sunday, February 27

AUAA Championships
*Hockey vs. Udm (2:00 pm @ AUC)
W. Basketball @ DAL
M. Basketball @ DAL

Wednesday, March 2

AUAA Championships
Conference finals @ MacAdam winner

* If necessary

SWIMMING

Swimmers jump AUAA hurdle

Lukeman leads men, MacWhirter, Allen lead women at meet

By Bruce Denis
Sports Editor

Varsity Reds' swim coach Andrew Cole breathed a sigh of relief Sunday night as his men's squad won their third consecutive AUAA Championship.

But there was the slightest hint of disappointment as the women finished a very close second to the Dalhousie Tigers.

"We're very pleased with the performance of both our teams. The women did extremely well considering we had only 6 swimmers entered in the meet while Dalhousie had 18. But a Championship would have been very rewarding for the girls," said Cole.

After all was said and done, UNB had swept all 6 relay events while 8 Varsity Reds had qualified for the CIAU Championships and 8 had qualified for the Commonwealth Games Trials, both in Victoria, B.C. in March.

Iona Allen bested two AUAA records over the weekend. She bettered her own 200 m. breaststroke mark by 1.14 seconds and beat a ten year old standard set by current world record holder Nancy Garapick in the 200 m. backstroke. Allen swam a 2:17.27, 1.21 seconds faster than Garapick's record. She also took gold in the 400 m. IM, beating her nearest rival by over 14 seconds and was honored as AUAA Swimmer of the Year.

Michelle MacWhirter also had a fantastic meet. She won all four individual



events she entered and beat the CIAU qualifying standard in both the 200 m. butterfly and the 100 m. backstroke. She was also named AUAA Rookie of the Year.

Cole sees a lot of potential in the freshman. "It is very difficult for a rookie to qualify for the CIAU's. Michelle should be extremely strong next year."

Paula Crutcher and Heather Palmeter also qualified for the national Championships but failed to make the slightly higher Commonwealth Games standards.

Jason Lukeman led the men with the most points overall, bettering Dalhousie's Jason Shannon by one point. Lukeman won the 50 and 100 m. freestyle as well as the 50 and 100 m. butterfly. Veteran Iain Tennent finished third overall winning the 200 and 400 m. freestyle and the 200 m.

Butterfly. Both swimmers will be going to the CIAU's and the Commonwealth Games Trials.

Brian Woods gave the performance of a lifetime in the 100 m. backstroke. Woods beat AUAA record holder Jason Shannon by .23 seconds and beat the CIAU qualifying standard by 2/100ths of a second. Woods will be following Tennent and Lukeman to Victoria as well.

The final men's qualifier for the CIAU's was Stephane Leblanc who captured gold in the 100 m. breaststroke. He also nabbed a silver medal in the 50 m. breaststroke.

Thanks to a strong weekend, both David Pelkey and Thom Giberson qualified for the Commonwealth Games Trials.

Reds handle Panthers, face Eagles

by Maria Paisley
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The UNB Varsity Reds eliminated the UPEI Panthers from the AUAA quarter-finals in just two games last week. In the first game of the series the Reds defeated the Panthers 3-1 in Charlottetown on Wednesday, the 16 February. The Panthers came to the AUC and were shut out 6-0 by the Reds in the series final Saturday, the 19 February.

UNB outshot UPEI 49 to 20 and it was only the Panthers goalie Kevin MacDougall who kept the Panthers alive. Ken Murchison started off the scoring for UNB in the first period, Rob Knesaurek added another goal to end the first leading the Panthers 2-0. UPEI was never able to catch up as in the second period Murchison got his second goal of the game and 9 seconds later Derek Cormier scored for UNB. Chris Peach finished off the second for UNB by adding another goal to bring the total to 5-0. The final UNB goal was scored by Craig Brocklehurst in the third.

The Reds are facing the Université de Moncton who were the winners of the St. Thomas Tommies and Blue Eagles semi-final. Moncton won the series two games to one with all games going into overtime and the final game going into double overtime.

The Reds and the Blue Eagles match up began on Wednesday in Moncton as Game two was last night at the Aitken



Craig Brocklehurst (4) looks for the slot against UPEI last Saturday. The Varsity Reds beat the Panthers 6-0 to win their division semi-finals in two straight games. Photo Kevin G. Porter

Center while game three if necessary will be Sunday at the AUC. UNB dropped the first game 5-4 in Moncton.

UNB played Moncton in their last game of the season tying the game 3-3 and Coach Mike Johnston says that "both teams have a good feel for each other." The Reds have a 2-1-1 record against the Blue Eagles and in games at Moncton UNB has won and lost a game.

Johnston expects that "the series against Moncton to be a good series from what I saw from the series against STU as they played against them very well and St. Thomas has a good team

this year. We're anticipating a good series from them and we're also anticipating that it will be a tough place to play on Wednesday night."

He expects that "Moncton will be up for the games as they are coming off two overtime wins against St. Thomas and they will be very confident, feeling good about the way they're playing and have been playing well lately."

The winner of the UNB and Moncton series will be the MacAdam Division winners and will take on the winner of the Kelly Division for the AUAA title.