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CLUB NEWS

Two Fredericton Rowing Club members have just returned from the CRASH-B World Indoor Rowing Championships at Harvard University (Boston, Mass.). Matej Ircha, a grade 12 student at FHS, placed seventh overall in the under 18 Men's division with a personal best time at 8:06.8 min for 2500 m race. The Germany entry broke the world record for that division with a time of 7:34.0 min. Chantelle Hanlet, a master's student at UNB, placed 31st in the Women's Lightweight division. Canada's Renatta Troc won the event with a time of 9:02.6 min.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Megan Nesbitt, Field Hockey

The female Athlete of the Week is Megan Nesbitt of the Varsity Reds indoor field hockey team. A Virginia native who attended high school in Ontario, Megan is a first year Arts student at UNB. Last weekend, she scored four goals as the Varsity Reds finished second to the Club Espoir from Moncton at an indoor tournament hosted by UNB. Other teams attending were Bishop's, University of Maine and the Quebec Provincial Team. Coach Stacey Bean says that "Megan has steadily improved throughout the indoor season and was a key contributor to the team's success this weekend".



Terry Pomeroy, Wrestling

The Male Athlete of the Week is Terry Pomeroy of Oromocto. The three time AUAA All-star and co-captain of the Varsity Reds wrestling team led the Reds with a fourth place finish at the CIAU Championships in Calgary this weekend. Terry lost a close bronze medal match to Elder from the University of Regina. Coach Ryan says that "Although Terry was disappointed he didn't get a medal, he still led the team by recording two victories". Terry is a fourth year Physical Education student who has also been named as an alternate for the 1995 Canadian Pan/Am Games team.



RESULTS

Basketball

Men's
UNB 50 Dal 65
UNB 64 StFX 81

Women's
UNB 47 Dal 64
UNB 67 StFX 77



Swimming
Womens 7th
Mens 9th

THIS WEEK IN UNB SPORTS

Friday, March 3

Women's Volleyball at CIAUs - Edmonton
Swimming at CIAUs - Laval

Saturday, March 4

Men's Basketball vs MUN (LB Gym @ 8:30pm)

Women's Volleyball at CIAUs - Edmonton
Swimming at CIAUs - Laval

Sunday, March 5

Men's Basketball vs MUN (LB Gym @ 3pm)
Swimming at CIAUs - Laval

Swimming

Large contingent going to Nationals

Reds hope for big splash at CIs

by Adam MacMillan
Brunswick Sports

A strong contingent of UNB Varsity Reds Swim Team members are competing at the CIAU's this weekend at Laval University. Led by AUAA Swim Coach of the Year Andrew Cole and a strong performance at the AUAA's two weeks ago, the Reds hope to finish within their national rankings of seventh for the women's team and ninth for the men's.

Going to the CIAU's on the women's team are Anna Baker, Robin Fougere, Michelle MacWhirter, Megan Wall and Alex Yaxley. While representing the male contingent are Thom Giberson, Jason Lukeman, Dave Pelkey and Brian Woods. Robin Fougere, a native of Dartmouth, N.S., a rookie on the team will be competing in her specialty, the backstroke. Anna Baker, who is from Norwich, England, is a Breaststroke and Butterfly specialist who can also compete in the Individual Medley, as was seen at the AUAA Championships. UNB Varsity Reds Swim Coach Andrew Cole described Anna as having "a very positive attitude" and has "really improved dramatically over the whole season."

Megan Wall, originally from Scarborough, Ontario, is another rookie on the team going to the CIAU's. She will be swimming the Individual Medley and the Butterfly. Michelle MacWhirter, a native of Stephenville, Nfld. and a CIAU finalist last year, will be competing in a variety of events and she is expected to be competitive in each of her events. Alex Yaxley, another member of the team from Norwich, England, will be competing as



The Varsity Reds swim team for the CIAU championships
Front: Thom Giberson, Megan Wall, Anna Baker & Jason Lukeman.
Back: David Pelkey, Robin Fougere, Alex Yaxley & Brian Woods.
Absent: Michelle MacWhirter
Photo Maria Paisley

a distance freestyler.

Making the trip on the men's team are Brian Woods, also from Norwich, England, who broke the AUAA 50m Backstroke Record two weeks ago, Jason Lukeman, a native of Port Hawkesbury, N.S., who can swim a number of events and could be a finalist in any of them, Moncton native Dave Pelkey a sprint freestyler and Thom Giberson, who is from

Oromocto, who qualified in the Breaststroke and the Individual Medley for the CIAU's.

The nine athletes going to the CIAU's is one of the largest from UNB in the last few years and the women's contingent is the biggest since Coach Cole has been at UNB. The fruit of the team's hard work and dedication all year round will show at the CIAU this weekend.

Basketball

Women's Hoopsters season ends

B.Ballers have double loss on the road

Men's Red's last chance at Playoffs

by Caroline Gross
Brunswick Sports

The Varsity Reds women's basketball team had the air taken out of their playoff basketball.

The Reds end their season by losing twice and thus being officially eliminated from the playoff race. UNB ended with a 10-10 record and in sixth place—only the top four teams make the playoffs.

UNB lost to first place Dal Tigers 67-47 on Saturday, despite the 12 points Donna Retson tossed in. Rookie Shelly Ryan added 11 more points for the losing cause.

Sunday wasn't any better for the Reds as they were defeated by St. Francis Xavier X-ettes 77-67. Fourth year veteran Dana Coles tossed in 15 points for the Reds, while Erin Savage scored 12 and Krista Foreman and rookie Bonnie Munn each added 11. St. FX led 42-34 at the half and never looked back.

This double loss officially eliminated the Reds from the playoff running. It is the first time in five years that the Reds have been eliminated from playoff contention.

by Christina Hunter
Brunswick Sports

The Varsity Reds Men's Basketball Team suffered a crucial loss last weekend at Dalhousie and St. Francis Xavier. Nevertheless, this will make their performance this weekend all the more exciting. It's your last chance to see the Men in action at home (against Memorial) this season. The Reds have a shot at a playoff spot if UPEI is knocked out of the competition. Coach Clint Hamilton believes that if his team plays well, UNB could go to Halifax.

Unfortunately, the Reds struggled both offensively and defensively and: "just didn't play

well against Dal and St. FX," according to Hamilton. In a brief statement, forward Bryan Elliot also noted defensive problems. Head manager Kevin Lamb echoed Hamilton's sentiments, namely that the Men "were not themselves." Injuries plagued the team in both games; Dave Low was knocked out of the Dalhousie game with a concussion, and Stanleigh Mitchell was "banged up" as well.

Hamilton characterises the losses as "very tough", but the Reds anticipate playing as hard as possible in order to end the season with two wins. When asked what brought his team success this year, Hamilton stressed solid contributions from different individuals, as well as the Men's ability to come together as a team. When they struggled, the bottom line was "inconsistency" and a lack of playing "together", he says.

This weekend, Hamilton expects MUN to offer stiff competition, as Memorial is a well-balanced team with "all-round" strengths. The do-or-die games will take place at the Pit, on Saturday, March 4th at 8:30pm, and Sunday at 3:00pm both at the LB Gym.

