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VARSITY BRIEFS

AUAA Female Athlete of the Week

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

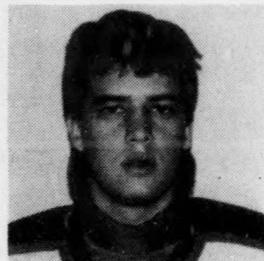
Michelle MacWhirter, Swimming

The Female Athlete of the Week is Michelle MacWhirter of the Varsity Reds swim team. The 1994 AUAA Rookie of the Year turned in a strong performance this weekend at a meet in Maine against the University of Maine and the University of Sherbrooke. Michelle won more gold medals than any other athlete at the meet by capturing five golds in the 50m and 100m butterfly, 100m freestyle, 50m backstroke and the 200m individual medley. Michelle swam season best times in all of her events and came within 4/10ths of a second of beating Maine's records in two events. Coach Cole says that "Michelle faces every race with the determination to win - a highly motivated and committed athlete".



Jason Payne, Hockey

Rookie goaltender Jason Payne of the Varsity Reds hockey team is the Male Athlete of the Week. Jason stepped into the starting role admirably on the weekend and played an important part as UNB took three of four points from the Kelly Division powerhouses. On Saturday, Jason backstopped the team to a thrilling come from behind 6-6 tie against the #1 ranked Acadia Axemen. On Sunday Jason again came up big by making some key early saves to keep UNB in the game and performed well in the third period to preserve a 3-2 win over Dalhousie. The successful weekend allowed UNB to extend their lead atop the MacAdam Division. Jason is a first year Business student from Etobicoke, Ontario.



RESULTS

Basketball	Volleyball
Women	Womens
UPEI 63 UNB 71	UNB 2-2 4th (Dal Classic)
UPEI 87 UNB 77(2OT)	Mens
Men	UNB 1-4 4th (Dal Classic)
UPEI 55 UNB 75	CIAU Rankings
UPEI 79 UNB 75	Hockey 7th
Hockey	Wrestling 7th
UNB 6 Acadia 6	W. Volleyball 10th
UNB 3 Dal 2	

THIS WEEK IN UNB SPORTS

Friday, January 27

Swimming at Moncton

Saturday, January 28

Hockey vs Mt A (1pm @ AUC)
Women's Volleyball vs St. FX (8pm @ LB Gym)
Wrestling - UNB Open (10am @ LB Gym)

Sunday, January 29

Women's Volleyball vs St. FX (1pm @ LB Gym)

Hockey

Welcome to the "House of Payne"

Reds send Bluenosers home winless

by Bruce Denis
Brunswick Sports

Three big games produced three big results for the Varsity Reds hockey team. Facing STU, Acadia and Dalhousie in the last week, the Reds earned 5 of a possible 6 points.

Wednesday night the Reds avenged their loss of two weeks ago at the LBR by downing the STU Tommies 7-4 in a penalty filled game. Chris Peach led the team in scoring with a pair of goals while Scott Muscutt, Derek Cormier, Wade Simpson and Todd Sparks each had singles.

The Reds host the 2-17 Mount Allison Mounties tomorrow at 1 pm in what will likely be a vacation for the team. However, they face the most important game of the season next Wednesday night when St. Thomas visits the Aitken Centre for the Third Annual Mark Jeffrey game.

The event will be the final game in the 'battle of the hill' between UNB and STU. Both teams are tied at a 1-1-1. The Mark Jeffrey game, in honor of the former UNB



Leslie Reddon warms up.
Photo Kevin G. Porter



UNB puts the clutch on Acadia.

Photo Kevin G. Porter

assistant coach, began four years ago when a standing room only crowd watched the Red Devils beat the Tommies in an emotion filled game. The following year it was not held, but last year a decision by the Athletic Department to invite the Acadia Axemen to take part had disastrous effects, the Reds fell 5-0 to the reigning national champions.

This year it returns to its original format and will undoubtedly produce the most intense hockey of the season, with the city championship on the line. There will be reserved seating for this game and tickets will cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Game time is 7:30 pm.

Against all odds, the Reds trudged through their toughest series of the season at home last weekend, emerging with three out of a possible four points.

Without the services of four top players, they eeked out a 6-6 tie with the nation leading Acadia Axemen on Saturday and came back to beat the Dalhousie Tigers 3-2 on Sunday.

The Reds, backed by goaltender Jason Payne, allowed four straight Acadia goals in the opening period of the first game. But despite playing without forward Alistair Still who had arthroscopic surgery on his knee last week,

and Rob Knesaurek, occupied with a prior personal engagement, and losing captain Todd Sparks in the first period on a questionable 'hitting from behind' game misconduct penalty, the team managed to dig deep and fight back.

Bill Wright scored a pair and Wade Simpson, Toby Burkitt and Daniel Sherstanka added singles by the midway point of the third to snag a 5-4 lead over the sleeping Axemen. But Acadia snipers Kevin Knopp and Michael Dawson scored a goal each within eight seconds to test the nerves of various UNB Athletic Department officials before Peach rounded out the score to 6 apiece.

Both Payne and Acadia goalie Dennis Sproton sealed their respective doors during the five minute overtime period.

Drained from the emotional rollercoaster of the previous night, the Reds came up flat in the first period against Dalhousie. The Tigers ended the first period with a 2-0 lead thanks to goals by Timothy Hall and Ulrik Bengtsson.

Defensive stalwart Karl Taylor opened the scoring for UNB in the second and sniper Cormier added a pair to give the Reds the win and secure a three point lead atop the MacAdam Division.

Wrestling

Reds ranked 7th in nation

Wrestlers to host tournament

by Caroline Gross
Brunswick Sports

The UNB Varsity Reds wrestling team will be heading into their home meet this weekend in seventh place in the nation. The Reds are the only AUAA university represented in the rankings. In addition Terry Pomery, Marcel Saulis and Paul Crevatin have been nationally ranked in the top five of their respective weight categories.

Pomery returned to wrestle competitively for the first time at the Guelph Open last weekend after being out with back injuries. At the Guelph Open Pomery lost 12-3 in the

final to the 1994 Commonwealth Games Silver medalist and number one ranked CIAU



wrestler Paul Ragusa. Last year in his third trip to the CIAU's Pomery lost a close match in the bronze medal round and is currently ranked third in the country in his weight category.

The UNB Open will be the final meet for the Varsity Reds before the AUAA's on February 11 at UNB. The Reds will be defending their AUAA title, which they have held for five consecutive years. The following weekend the wrestlers will be competing at the Atlantic's in preparation for the CIAU's. The CIAU's will be on February 25, last years Varsity Reds came close to winning several medals but settled for two fourth and several sixth place finishes.

The next competition for the Varsity Reds is the UNB Open which will begin at 10:00 am and the finals will take place at 2:00 pm the meet will take place in the Main Gym on Saturday.