

SPORTS

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VARSITY BRIEFS

Men cagers split, women sweep

For the first time since 1990, both basketball teams played one of their home games at the Aitken Centre. But the real story from the weekend was the men's 78-72 victory over the league leading UCCB Capers Saturday at the Pit. Stanleigh Mitchell led the way for the Reds with 23 points. However, the arena venue proved to be hostile as the Capers disappointed the 1000 fans on hand with a 101-77 victory. Mitchell again led the way notching 19 points. One bright spot for the Reds was forward Al Whitley who had solid performances in both games.

The women made mince meat out of the lady Capers over their two game series. Laura Swift had 26 points and 15 boards Saturday in a 66-53 win and added 20 points and 9 rebounds in Sunday's 70-38 lashing. The Reds improve to 14-1 on the season and sit in the ninth position in CIAU rankings. Both teams head to UPEI today for a pair of games this weekend.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

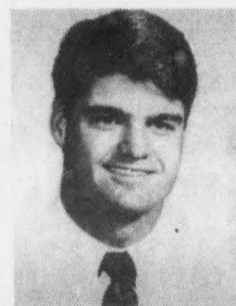
Laura Swift, Women's Basketball

This week's Female Athlete of the Week honours go to the captain of the Varsity Reds women's basketball team, Laura Swift. "Laura dominated on the defensive boards and was the top scorer in both games this weekend helping the Varsity Reds to a pair of wins over the UCCB Capers" said coach Pauline Lordon. Laura, a fourth year BPE student from Fredericton, averaged 23 points per game and 12 boards per game and was also named Diet Pepsi Player of the Game for both games.



Clyde Simmons, Hockey

Clyde Simmons is this week's Male Athlete of the Week. A fourth year player with the hockey team, Clyde scored 3 goals and added three assists in this weekend's games at UPEI. "Clyde is expected to kill penalties and play sound defense, when he contributes offensively it is a bonus and gives the team a big lift" said coach Mike Johnston. Clyde's strong work ethic finally paid off in points as he led the Reds to a weekend sweep of the panthers on the Island.



THIS WEEK IN UPEI SPORTS

Saturday, February 11
Hockey vs. Udm (1:00 pm @ AUC)
 Wrestling @ AUAA's (@ St. FX)
 M. Basketball @ UPEI
 W. Basketball @ UPEI
 W. Volleyball @ UPEI
 M. Volleyball @ MUN

Sunday, February 12
 M. Basketball @ UPEI
 W. Basketball @ UPEI
 W. Volleyball @ UPEI
 M. Volleyball @ MUN

Wednesday, February 16
AUAA Hockey Championships
 UNB @ UPEI

HOCKEY

Reds prepare for AUAA playoffs

Host Udm tomorrow at AUC in final regular season showdown

by Maria Paisley
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The last two games of the season against Mt. A and U de M will be crucial for the Varsity Reds in order to clinch first place in the MacAdam Division.

The Reds will have to win one of these two games in order to remain in first place. In the second half the Reds have only lost three games and they have played much more consistently than the first half of the season.

If the Reds remain in first place then they will have home ice advantage in the playoffs and Coach Mike Johnston states that "in our league home ice is very important and it will be our divisions' chance to host the final round, last year Acadia did, this year it will be the winner of our division."

Coach Johnston states that "having home ice advantage will be the teams'

biggest advantage as we have always played well on home ice. Last year we only lost one game on home ice and that was in the finals against Acadia, this year we have lost 2 or 3, but this year we play more comfortably at home."

Coach Johnston believes that "the second thing is that you want to head into the playoffs healthy and we have a couple of injuries right now. Trevor Boland is out for four weeks and Greg Reid our top goal tender is questionable whether or not he will play."

If the Reds remain in first place then they will play against the UPEI Panthers in the playoffs and they have won 3 out of 4 games against them. The latest wins were last weekend when the Reds soundly defeating the Panthers 8-0 on Saturday and 8-5 on Sunday.

The AUAA Playoffs will begin on Wednesday, 16 February for the top four teams in the division. Currently in the

MacAdam Division the Reds are in the top spot, the Tommies are close behind in second place, the third place is held down by U de M, and UPEI is fourth, and Mt. A is in last place.

All of the games in the playoffs will be a best 2 of 3 games. The quarter finals will see the first and fourth place teams meet, which will probably be UNB vs. UPEI, and other game will be the second and third place teams. In the UNB - UPEI match up the first game will be in Charlottetown and the next 2 games will be in the Aitken Center. The winner of this series will take on the winner of the STU - U de M series for the Divisional Title with the winner going on to meet the Kelly Division winner.

The Reds final game of the season will be on Saturday at 1pm in the Aitken Center against the U de M Blue Eagles.

WRESTLING

AUAA PREVIEW

Wrestling team arms for AUAA's

by Paul Mysak
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Tomorrow the Varsity Reds will be at St. Francis Xavier, competing against Moncton, Memorial, and St. Francis Xavier in the AUAA's. Also present at the tournament will be Concordia. Each team will enter one wrestler in each of the ten weight categories. The wrestlers will compete in a round robin with the top two qualifying for the CIAU's. To confuse matters, Concordia's wrestler, while able to earn a spot at the national championships, will not be eligible for AUAA medals.

UNB will be putting forth one of the strongest, if not the strongest team's ever. Coach Don Ryan sees, "depending on their performance and the competition, anywhere from six to ten wrestler's could make the CIAU's." This wrestling team will consist of, 52kg: Terry Pomeroy; 57kg: Jason Pleasant-Sampson; 61kg: Denis Gagnon; 65kg: Charlie Ash; 68kg: Darren Anderson; 72kg: Marcel Saulis; 76kg: Paul Crevatin; 82kg: Adam Simon; 90kg: Sonny Uruquart; 90kg+: Jamie Eastwood.

Captain Jason Pleasant-Sampson rates the team as, "The strongest team that I've ever participated on. When you come to practice every day you have to make sure you have to work hard because there are no free spots on the team like previous years. There's always someone to take your place if you aren't willing to put forth the work ethic." This is very high praise indeed for a team that has won eight of the past ten AUAA championships, losing in '88 and '89 by but a single point. Terry Pomeroy gives credit for UNB's edge to the extra tournaments they have participated in, "Outside the



photo by Paul Mysak

Heavyweight Jamie Eastwood trains with Nathan Richard.

AUAA the competition has been good. I've had great matches throughout the country." Terry sees this competition as a stepping stone towards the Nationals in St. Catherine, "As a team we will finish top ten in the country. Several individuals have chances at medalling."

There are very few weak spots on this team. The defending champions Terry Pomeroy and AUAA MVP Marcel Saulis have proven themselves this year, each having won their respective weight category in Atlantic competition. Both look ready to reclaim their thrown. Last year's AUAA Rookie of the Year Denis Gagnon is prepared to challenge for the title he narrowly lost last year, "Wrestling is not only power or (being) agile, you got to know your technique. Continued on page 22...

stronger than power...This weekend I'm not going to try and overpower people but try to use technique and learn (the opponents weaknesses), because we have a lot better technique than other teams."

Charlie Ash and Paul Crevatin are the two rookies competing for UNB this weekend. Jason commented, "Coming in we knew Paul was going to be fairly good but he still worked extremely hard and improved a lot. Charlie Ash just came in as a walk-on and has definitely proven he has a natural athletic ability to be a part of the team." Supporting his captain was Coach Don Ryan, "He's (Charlie) caught on to tech