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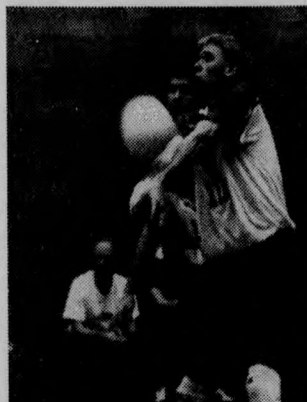
## Men one step closer to AUSA Championships as... Volley Reds sweep Memorial

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THE BRUNSWICKAN

The Reds are on a roll. This past weekend the UNB Varsity Reds men's volleyball team defeated their conference rivals the Memorial Seahawks twice at the LB Gym. Despite missing one of their starters, Jeff Byrne who is out for a few weeks with a sprained ankle, the Reds attacked the Seahawks from every angle. In the end, UNB's hard work paid off, defeating Memorial in convincing fashion, 15-10, 15-11 and 15-9 on Saturday, and then again on Sunday 15-2, 15-10, and 15-6.

**"Our goal this year is to win the AUSA Championships."**  
Darcy Harris

On Saturday, UNB grabbed an early lead in each game, but seemed to have a bit of trouble in the middle stages before getting a second wind and coasting to a 3 games to 0 victory. "We gave them a lot of easy points that we shouldn't have. We made a lot of mental errors," explained a fourth year setter and co-captain Darcy Harris. Fourth year power hitter Chad Rennie led the V-Reds on Saturday with 16 kills,



Reds bump the competition.  
AARON MACEachern PHOTO

2 stuff blocks, and 5 digs earning him player of the game honours. On Sunday, the UNB squad improved on these errors and simply proved to be too much for the Seahawks to handle. The Reds blocking and defence took over, however as Harris comments, "it was the solid production from the bench that enabled us to be successful." The player of the game on Sunday went to second year middle hitter Scott Munroe, who had 7 kills, 6 stuff blocks, and 3 digs. UNB is coming off a gold medal per-

formance at the Ryerson Invitational in Toronto. It was a tournament which included some top volleyball teams, such as York University and Windsor. However, UNB isn't taking anything for granted. They have their minds on one thing—bringing the AUSA Championship to Fredericton. In order to accomplish this feat, the Reds will have to dethrone the reigning AUSA champions, the Dalhousie Tigers.

Dal has been the league powerhouse for the last number of years, but UNB is hoping this is the year of the Reds. Beating the Tigers would be something that would sit just fine with fifth year power hitter Mike Pitre. "This team believes that we can beat Dal, where as before we were happy just to get points on them and possibly take a game from them. We want to show them that we are for real this year," says Pitre.

If this weekend is any indication of what the future holds, the UNB men's volleyball team could be enjoying an AUSA championship and CIAU berth. UNB will be traveling to Halifax on the weekend to meet the Dal Tigers in a double header. The Reds next home game will be held Friday, February 21 against Dalhousie, and meet Memorial on Sunday, February 23.

## Reds tame Panthers over weekend Head into Dal on 6 game win streak

SCOTT WEEKS  
THE BRUNSWICKAN

The Reds are breathing easier now. Two victories this past weekend against the UPEI Lady Panthers gave the UNB women's volleyball team a little bit of breathing room in the standings heading into their final four games this season.

**"...we can climb up into third or fourth spot easily."**  
Al McGarvie

Saturday's action at "the Pit" saw the

Reds come out strong winning the first game of the match by a lop sided count of 15-3. Chantal Martin lead the Reds the rest of way with 27 total kills for a 3-1 victory. Despite the victory UNB's head coach Al McGarvie feels that the team could have played better, especially when serving under pressure. McGarvie says, "You can't miss your serves in those (pressure) situations...It gives the other team a chance to come back at you...what I've got to do is simulate pressure situations in practice."

On Sunday afternoon the two teams hooked up again in a see saw type affair which the Reds won 3-2. Neither team had a distinct lead until the Reds came through with some strong team spirit in the fifth and final game. McGarvie says, "They started to get excited near the end of the match, it paid off for them in the end." Martin and Sandra Morrison lead the team with 25 and 17 kills respectively. This weekend the team heads to Dalhousie to hook up with the Tigers for a pair of important games. McGarvie feels, "We have to come up big there. If we can win those two we can climb up into third or fourth spot easily."

## MacLean & MacWhirter January Athletes of the Month

DAX MACLEAN, HOCKEY

The male athlete of the month is Dax MacLean, a 2nd year right wing on the Varsity Reds hockey team. MacLean sits in 13th in AUSA scoring with 16 goals, and 17 assists, for 33 points. UNB went 6-1 for the month of January, and continues to lead the MacAdam Division with 32 points. MacLean played an integral part in UNB's team success as he totalled 14 points for the month. In addition to being named UNB male athlete of the week (Jan. 13/97), he was also named the All-Sport player of the game in UNB's win over St. FX, in which he scored the overtime winner. UNB head coach Mike Kelly stated that "Dax has the ability to be a consistently dominant force in this conference." MacLean's performance has been noticed by more than just his coach as he was chosen to represent the MacAdam division in this year's AUSA All-Star game. Playing in his first AUSA All-Star game, MacLean continued to impress and added an assist for the MacAdam division All-Stars. MacLean is a native of Miramichi, NB, and is studying in the Faculty of Kinesiology.



Michelle MacWhirter (Female Athlete), and Dax MacLean (Male Athlete)  
JUD DELONG PHOTO

SWIMMING

The female athlete of the month is Michelle MacWhirter, a 4th year member of the Varsity Reds women's swim team. By virtue of winning 5 individual gold medals and 2 relay gold medals, MacWhirter was named the AUSA swimmer of the meet at the AUSA Invitational swim meet, held at UNB. She finished first in the 200m Freestyle, the

200m Butterfly, the 50m Butterfly, the 200m Backstroke, and the 50m Backstroke. Her times in all 5 events were faster than the CIAU qualifying standards. She has also been honored twice this season as UNB's female athlete of the week. MacWhirter is a native of Stephenville, NF, studying in the Faculty of Kinesiology. She is also a member of the UNB's women's cross country team.

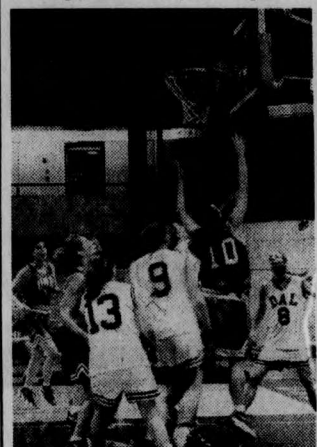
## Women's basketball stay in first Reds grabbed 4 points but lose Ryan

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HALIFAX - UNB might have beat Dal last weekend if it hadn't been for Shelley Ryan. Or lack of her, that is.

The UNB Varsity Reds women basketball team's Ryan poured in 15 points in 13 minutes of play, almost single-handedly keeping pace with the Dal's offence. But with the score tied 26-26, Ryan suffered a sprained ankle, preventing her from returning to the game.

And UNB never recovered. Ryan was unstoppable in her brief time on the court throughout the first half. Scoring on seven-of-eleven shooting, Ryan outdistanced the Dal players on the fastbreak and her pull-up jumpers kept UNB at an even level. But the team couldn't pull away from the Tigers. Their early-on full-court press bothered Dal, but UNB was often caught in transition themselves, and their high lob passes into the paint were seemingly almost always intercepted. So



Ryan goes for the basket.  
JUD DELONG PHOTO

when Ryan went down, so did the team. "Somebody else will have to come through for us," Slipp said after the game, commenting on the fact that



V-Reds and Tigers battling for the ball in Dalplex.  
JUD DELONG PHOTO

UNB lacked presence in the second half. "[But Dal], in the second half, played very well. ... She (Dr. Carolyn Savoy, head coach of the Tigers) got a good game out of everybody."

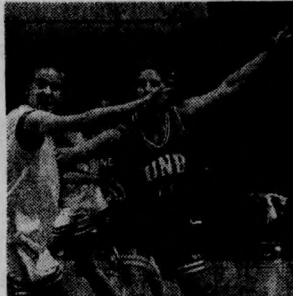
Bonny Munn and Chuck Woolaver each tallied 11 points, but the V-Reds couldn't come through in the second half. Leading 36-33 at half-time, the women pushed the lead to five points after Woolaver simply abused her height advantage to score over Dal. But the Tigers quickly regrouped. Carolyn Wares, Dal's 6'1 centre and an AUSA All-star the past three years, laid in two and then made two free throws to bring her team within one, 38-37. And then Dal took over.

Dal constantly sunk open jumpers from the perimeter, capitalizing on UNB's casual defensive play. The V-Reds appeared confused and flat for most of the second half until Munn drained a three-pointer to come within two with 8:53 remaining in the game. But Wares' turnaround jumper in the paint pushed Dal back to a four point lead. UNB called a timeout, and appeared to threaten once more when Heather Grasman took a pass under the net from Bridget Gamble to make the score 56-54. But Wares then scored seven of Dal's

next nine points to send a dejected UNB team to the locker room with a 66-57 loss.

"[Wares] has been an All-star every year, so you've got to expect that," Slipp said after the loss. "[And] it's tough when it's your first time playing them. And they all came in last weekend when we were playing against St. Mary's, so they watched our game."

Now that both teams are familiar with each other, they're set for the rematch this weekend. The game tips off at 6:30pm on Saturday at the LB Gym. Shelley Ryan is expected to play.



Kim Newman tries to keep the Tigers out.  
JUD DELONG PHOTO

## Tigers comes to "the Pit" Reds fight tough battle vs Dal

CHRISTINA ATKINSON  
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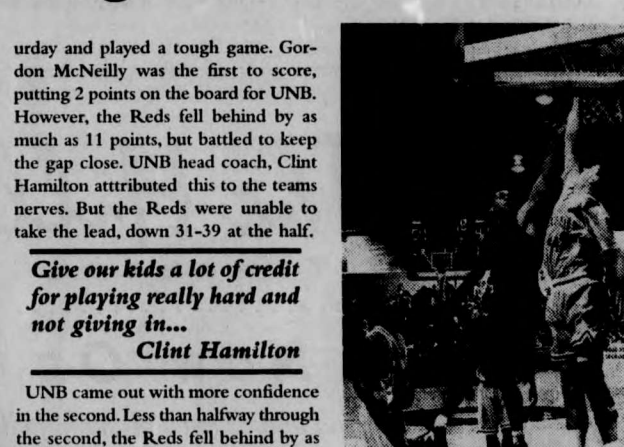
HALIFAX - The Reds miss it by a heartbeat. The UNB Varsity Reds men's basketball team took to the road last weekend, travelling to Nova Scotia to meet the Dal Tigers and the Acadia Axemen. The Reds lost both games, downed by Dal 82-81 and Acadia 70-45.

The Reds met with the Tigers on Saturday and played a tough game. Gordon McNeilly was the first to score, putting 2 points on the board for UNB. However, the Reds fell behind by as much as 11 points, but battled to keep the gap close. UNB head coach, Clint Hamilton attributed this to the teams nerves. But the Reds were unable to take the lead, down 31-39 at the half.

**"Give our kids a lot of credit for playing really hard and not giving in..."**  
Clint Hamilton

UNB came out with more confidence in the second. Less than halfway through the second, the Reds fell behind by as much as 20 points. But instead of throwing in the towel the Reds put pressure on Dal by closing the gap and came within 1 point of winning the game. The clock stopped with the Reds at 81 and the Tigers with only 82 points on the board.

"It was a very disappointing game but I thought our kids played really hard," says Hamilton. "Give our kids a lot of credit for playing really hard and not giving in and coming right back, you know, you've got to be proud of that." Hamilton also remarked, "I thought our kids did a tremendous job, did a lot



McNeilly takes on a Tiger.  
JUD DELONG PHOTO

of good things..." The Acadia game on Sunday was just as disappointing for UNB. The Reds were down 17-32 at the half and failed to up their score, losing to Acadia 45-70. UNB top scorer was Jon Stevenson, with 13 points in a losing cause.

The Reds face the Dal Tigers again this weekend in a home game 8:30pm on Saturday. Coach Hamilton remarked, "I expect a similar game as today (Dal game)."

Upcoming UNB Games	Results	Athletes of the Week
<b>Saturday, February 8</b> Basketball (W) vs Dal @ 6:30pm (LB Gym) Basketball (M) vs Dal @ 8:30pm (LB Gym) Hockey @ Dal Volleyball (W) @ Dal Volleyball (M) @ Dal  <b>Sunday, February 9</b> Hockey @ Acadia Volleyball (W) @ Dal Volleyball (M) @ Dal	<b>Basketball Women</b> Dal 66 UNB 57 Acadia 65 UNB 69 (OT)  <b>Men</b> Dal 82 UNB 81 Acadia 70 UNB 45  <b>Hockey</b> UNB 2 Mt. A 1 (OT) <b>AUSA All-Star</b> MacAdam 6 Kelly 7  <b>Volleyball Women</b> UPEI 1 UNB 3 UPEI 2 UNB 3  <b>Men</b> MUN 0 UNB 3 MUN 0 UNB 3	<b>SCOTT MUNRO, VOLLEYBALL</b> Scott Munro, a member of the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds men's volleyball team has been named UNB's male athlete of the week. Munro, a 2nd year Science student, led UNB to a weekend sweep of the Memorial Seahawks. In the pair of matches, he combined for 20 kills, 13 blocks, and 4 digs. In Sunday's match, he was named All-Sport player of the game for his accomplishments. The Varsity Reds won both matches by 3-0 scores. UNB head coach Mark Tibault stated that "Scott has begun to elevate his game as we prepare for AUSA's, and is establishing himself as one of the top middle blockers in the conference." Munro was named an all-star at this year's Ryerson Invitational and was the 1995-96 AUSA rookie of the year. He is a native of Fredericton, NB  <b>DONNA RETSON, BASKETBALL</b> Donna Retson, a 5th year member of the UNB Varsity Reds women's basketball team has been named UNB's female athlete of the week for the second time this season. The V-Reds earned a split in their weekend road trip to Nova Scotia, and 4 out of a possible 8 points. Saturday, UNB led at the half, but couldn't hold on as they dropped a 66-57 decision to Dalhousie. On Sunday, the V-Reds rebounded to defeat Acadia in overtime by a score of 69-65. Retson led UNB with 24 points and was named All-Sport player of the game for her tremendous performance. Her 24 points came by way of shooting 10/13 from the field, and 4/4 from the foul line. She also added 4 rebounds. For the weekend, Retson averaged 15 points per game and played strong defensively, which included a career high 2 blocked shots against Dal. UNB head coach Joyce Slipp stated that "Donna played like a 5th year captain is capable of playing in the Acadia game and really won the game for us." Retson, a former AUSA all-star, is a native of Truro, NS, studying in the Faculty of Education.