



# SPORTS

For Complete Varsity Reds Coverage



## Sports Wire

### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

March 11, 1996

#### Gordon McNeilly, Basketball

UNB's male athlete of the week is Gord McNeilly of the Varsity Reds basketball team. Gord is a 3rd year Physical Education student from Fredericton, NB. The Varsity Reds lost a close playoff game to St. FX on Friday by a score of 78-71. Gord had 24 points for the Varsity Reds as they made their first appearance at the AUSA Playoffs in 14 years. Coach Clint Hamilton stated "Gord showed a big improvement over the second half of the season. His step up in play has been a major factor in the success UNB has had over the 1995-96 season."

March 4, 1996

#### Jon Kreiner, Basketball

UNB's male athlete of the week is Jon Kreiner of the Varsity Reds basketball team. Jon is a 2nd year Education student from Timmins, Ontario. The Varsity Reds had two big wins over UCCB this weekend to give them a fourth place finish in AUSA regular season play and a playoff spot for the first time in 14 years. Jon had 30 points in 23 minutes of play in Saturday's 101-74 win over UCCB. He shot 5 for 6 from 3 point range, was 10 for 14 in overall field goals and had 4 rebounds. Jon was named All-Sport Player of the Game for his outstanding play in Saturday's game. Coach Clint Hamilton stated "Jon really provided a big spark for our team coming off the bench and stepping up his play in a provincial game."

### RESULTS

#### Men's Basketball

UNB 101 - 74 UCCB  
UNB 99 - 90 UCCB  
St. FX 78 - 71 UNB

#### Intramural Gambling

McKenna 56 - 0 Gann Dambler  
Nosa Costra 12 - 40 Sgib Steb

### CLUB NEWS

#### UNB's Fencing Club tournament

The L.B. West Gym was filled with flashing blades and white breeches as the UNB/STU Fencing Club hosted the "1996 UNB Shield" fencing tournament last weekend. Athletes from Fredericton, St. John and Halifax gathered to compete for medals in the three weapons of modern fencing, the Foil, Epee and Sabre. The competition was friendly but intense, and for many of UNB's fencers it was their first tournament experience, as well as being the first contact with fencing for many of the spectators who attended the free event. In addition to having a great time, many UNB fencers attained "personal best" performances and UNB also took bronze medals in the women's Sabre (Mandy Lee), men's Epee (Mike Jenett) and women's Epee (Katie McLaughlin) events.

#### Men's Intramural Ice Hockey

A Manager's meeting for all competitive teams will be held:  
Monday, March 25th at 7:00 pm  
Room 210, L.B. Gym  
AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM EACH TEAM MUST ATTEND!

### THIS WEEK IN UNB SPORTS

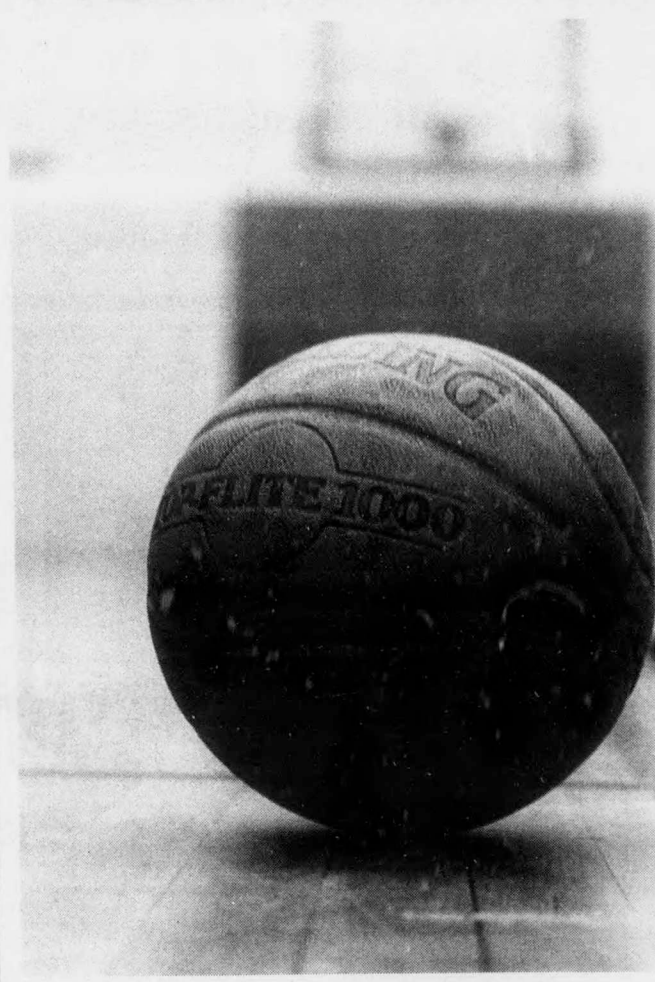
#### Watchout

The Annual Sports Awards Banquet is coming faster than Liz Taylor running to the altar. Stay tuned for more details. Like right next to the Scorebox.

### Men's Basketball

#### Refs may have screwed V-Reds chances

## V-Reds lose heartbreaker at the AUAs



Now the courts are empty and the dream is faded - at least for this year's Men's Basketball team.

by Matt Collins  
The Brunswickan Sports

A mere 7 points destroyed the UNB Varsity Reds Men's Basketball team's Cinderella AUSA playoff run. After waiting 14 years to make it to the AUAs, the Men lost to the St. FX X-Men last Friday night by a heartbreaking 78-71.

Yet, the Varsity Reds have very little to hang their heads about. In the words of team captain Marc Aube, "This team has more heart, more guts, and more pride than any other team I've played with here at UNB. Although we didn't win, we never gave up; and for that effort I am proud to be part of this team. It feels good to be known as the team that finally made it back to the playoffs."

Indeed, the entire squad should be proud of their accomplishments this year. Players like Dave Low, Jon Kreiner, and Gord McNeilly elevated their game to new heights, as did Dan Graf, who played formidably as a back-up to Brian Scales. Credit must also be given to Jeff Tegart and Simon MacDougall for the roles they played coming off the bench. Despite these highlights, there was no proverbial pot of gold at the end of the rainbow for the Reds. As second team all-star Orr-Ewing states, "The loss on Friday night was a disappointing end to a very successful season".

There was very little that Orr-Ewing or Scales could have done to change the outcome. Both players picked up three fouls within the first ten minutes. It was clear from

that point that it would be an uphill battle for the Varsity Reds.

As Scales comments, "I hate to knock the officiating and say we got screwed, but it was pretty obvious with Simon and I getting three quick fouls that they were not going to let us play. It's unfortunate, especially since they didn't give us the respect we deserved".

Orr-Ewing echoes his teammates comments. "I expected the playoffs to be a bit more neutral but that was not the case. It felt, like we were playing at Dal. (St. FX) had the homecourt refs, and we got screwed."

Scales' and Ewing's statements are not without validation. The X-Men went to the line 31 times, while UNB made it to the stripe a mere 15. And it wasn't until the Reds had an early 24-13 advantage that the whistles began to blow. The home team was in trouble, and unfortunately it was the officials, and not the St. FX players which ultimately determined the outcome of the game.

Coach Clint Hamilton states that his team simply did not play well enough to win and were out played. The Reds did shoot a dismal 1-17 from the three-point line, and several players were unable to turn it up a notch when they were needed.

Third year swing-man Gord McNeilly probably sums it best, "We made great strides over the season. Nobody thought this was a team that could make it to the playoffs, and we finally were able to open a few peoples eyes and get the measure of respect that we worked so hard to get and the respect we deserved. We'll definitely be fuelled for next year."

Over the last six games of the season McNeilly averaged upwards of 20 ppg, and he definitely shows signs of being a potential all-star next year. Gord McNeilly is a class-act both on and off the court, and his appreciation of the fan support through the season makes this evident. "It meant so much to us to have all of the UNB supporters in Halifax cheering for us when we stepped on the court. The fact that they travelled in one of the worst storms of the year to see us play really means a lot. We really want to thank them for their support throughout the year."

— On March Break

## The Bruns in Colorado



by Neil Duxbury  
The Brunswickan Sports

If you're looking for the hottest team in the NHL, then just look West. After being embarrassed by the upstart Devils in last year's Stanley Cup finals, the Detroit Red Wings are back. The Wings, having blazed a trail to 100 points

at record pace, head the Central division, and the Western conference as well as the entire NHL. Their closest rivals in the eastern half of the playoffs will likely be the Colorado Avalanche, the Pacific division leaders who, going into Friday's game, were tied for second best record in the NHL with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Last Friday's encounter at McNichols Arena in Denver, Colorado offered a preview of what many think will be the Western Conference final. The Avalanche fans may not have been so thrilled with this potential when the Wings took a 3-0 lead on Keith Primeau's shot past the screened Patrick Roy at 16:40 in the second. Within a minute the Avalanche were on the board, Peter Forsberg taking advantage of a break down in the disciplined Detroit defense to tuck away a loose puck in front. The Avalanche got within one when Joe Sakic was able to take advantage

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The UNB Varsity Reds Sports Awards Banquet Wed. March 27, 1996 SUB Ballroom