

## Complete Varsity Reds Coverage



— Field Hockey —

### Hornibrook to leave Reds UNB Field Hockey team to get new coach

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The Varsity Reds field hockey team are looking for a new coach as the current head coach Donna Hornibrook will be taking a year's leave of absence.

Hornibrook will be going with her husband Dwight to Houghten College in upper New York. He will be taking the position of assistant athletics director and to be the head coach of the Higherlanders men's soccer team, which was ranked eighth in the nation in the NAIA last year.

Donna will be the part time head coach of the women's field hockey team at Houghten College. During her time at UNB she was both a coach and an athlete — having coached for five years and played for a number of



Donna Hornibrook

years. Hornibrook coached the field hockey team to four AUSA Championships, two silver medals at CIAU Championships and was the

AUSA Coach of the year three times. The team earned a berth to the CIAU Championship for the sixth consecutive year after going undefeated in regular season play. The Reds have been undefeated in the AUSA for the fifth consecutive year.

In addition to her coaching duties she is the campus recreation sports club coordinator.

Houghten College has a population of 1,200 students in a community about 70 miles southeast of Buffalo.

"A search for a new field hockey coach is currently underway and an announcement is expected in the near future as to her replacement," said Jim Born in a press release. The Hornibrooks will relocate to New York in August to begin the contracts which will go until May.

— Soccer —

### Goalie says Reds "best time of life"

## 'Hard working' Red goalie graduates

by Maria Paisley  
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Pat Byrne a Surveying Engineering student is the lone graduate from the Varsity Reds men's soccer team. Byrne a native of St. Lawrence, Newfoundland has played with the Reds for four years as a goalie and considers playing on the team "the best time of his life." He also considers Coach Gary Brown "a good coach, have learned a lot from him and in addition worldly man."

Byrne was highly recommended to Coach Brown by Joe Turpin a former captain of the team, which was called the Red Shirts at that time. Turpin was a CIAU All-Star and a recipient of the James Downey Shield for the top male athlete.

Brown states that Byrne is a "strong team man with a good sense of humor and a hard worker." Byrne was a starter every year that he played and this year he capped his career at UNB



by shutting out the opponents for 50% of his games. And as a result garnered the Canon W.J. Clarke Award as the top defenceman on the team. In addition Byrne has also been named the Player of the Game, UNB Athlete of the Week, and UNB Athlete of the Month.

The keeping duties this year were split between Byrne and Darcy McCourt and as coach Brown explained "they have a strong friendship, which is something that isn't often seen at the university level since keepers are competing for the same position." Byrne stated that the friendship began last year when the two keepers met and developed because they "had the same outlook and expectations."

As for the future Byrne's first priority is to find work, but he would also like to travel in Europe and around the world. In addition he intends to continue to play soccer with the hope that some day of coaching a team. He has in fact coached for a couple of summers in Newfoundland. Brown states that as a goalie he could play until he was 30 to 40 years old and that "goal tenders are always welcomed, therefore they get into the community quicker."

### Athletics Banquet con't

#### AUSA Coach of the Year

Donna Hornibrook - field hockey  
Don Ryan - wrestling  
Andrew Cole - swimming

#### CIAU Athletes of the Week

Carla Mason - volleyball

#### All Canadian Club (CIAU All-Canadians)

Field Hockey:  
Charla Currie, Tammy Jewer, Krista Thompson, Natasha Connell

Hockey:  
Todd Sparks, Frank Leblanc

Swimming:  
Jason Lukeman, Anna Baker

Volleyball:  
Carla Mason

BRUNSWICKAN ACADEMIC  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
Alastair Still

PEPSI COLA SCHOLARSHIP

#### AWARD

Tammy Jewer

#### FEMALE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Anna Baker

#### MALE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Frank LeBlanc

#### GARNET COPELAND MEDAL (Best All Round Athlete)

Jamie Cleveland

## VIEW From The Cheap Seats

By Mark Savoie

Once again a Canadian athlete has been wrongly stripped of a gold medal because of a drug violation. While the importance of Silken Laumann's gold medal in single skulls at the Pan-America Games pales in comparison to that of Ben Johnson's gold medal in the 100 metres at the Olympic Games, Laumann's efforts at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona have placed her within the hierarchy of Canadian sporting heroes. Unfortunately for her, her use of Benadryl as a recommended cold remedy caused her to test positively for a banned substance, leaving her reputation supposedly sullied. Fortunately, however, few people - if any - actually believe that Laumann is guilty of intentionally taking a performance enhancing drug. But what if she had? If that revelation were ever to come to the fore, then Laumann's reputation as an athlete and (more importantly) as a marketing tool would be at an end. The irony of this would be that she would be censured for trying to achieve what she had been praised for in the first place: being the very best performer at her chosen sport.

The ludicrousness of Silken Laumann's disqualification from the Pan-American games serves only to point out the idiocy of testing athletes for drugs, performance enhancing or otherwise. Drug testing is simply a modern manifestation of the outdated middle class ideal that the purpose of sports is to better the individual. Any person who watches modern sports at something beyond a casual level knows that this is a crock; the purpose of sports is to win. Cheating and the athlete who is unwilling to bend the rules a bit is often adjudged to be inferior to the athlete who proves to be more willing to do what it takes to win.

However, should cheating become the rule, or should the rules regarding cheating become so complex that it is impossible to obey them with any surety, then the legitimacy of the sport is called into question. At present, the legitimacy of international sports has been called into question because of the Silken Laumann fiasco. Every for watching an international event must now wonder if the winner of that went is truly the best at the event, or simply the best among those competitors whose doctors were sufficiently conversant with the list of banned substances and the products in which they may be found.

The logical extension of this argument is that anabolic steroids should also be permitted especially since they are among the very best performance enhancing substances to be found. The case against anabolic steroids is that they have been shown to be hazardous to the health of the athlete taking them. To this case only one question can be asked. So what? The pursuit of a career in sports has become extremely lucrative, and it may well be that many athletes will look upon an early death as being a risk worth taking in return for a professional athletic career. The point is that this decision should be left in the hands of the athlete. It is extraordinarily arrogant for any of us to decide that we are better capable of making this decision than is any individual athlete.

It is true that the pressures upon young athletes to succeed have become immense, and that in some sports anabolic steroids have become necessary in order to remain competitive. Again, so what? The solution to this problem is not the abolition of anabolic steroids, since even with education of the dangers many young athletes will continue to take the pills in the vain hope that they will somehow pass the urine test.

What needs to be changed is the importance that modern society places upon sport. I am as much a sports fan as anyone I have ever met, and yet I realise that sports should not be a matter of life and death. This is, however, merely a lovely sentiment. Sports has acquired a position of enormous importance, and there are no signs that that importance is diminishing. Thus, athletes will continue to employ extraordinary means such as anabolic steroids in order to achieve victory. Until sporting authorities realise the fundamental truth of this, their drug policies will have only two types of victims: innocents like Silken Laumann and those cheaters who have literally seen their reputations and probably careers pissed away because of a drug which the ethos of modern society's image of sport encourages them to take.

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#### Correction

In last week's View from the Cheap Seats, written by Neil Duxbury, it was implied that Todd Sparks of the Varsity Reds hockey team was now playing with the Cole Harbour Colts of the MJHL. The Todd Sparkes in question plays for the Halifax Oland Exports of the same league and has no affiliation with the UNB team.

Brunns Sports apologises for any embarrassment or inconvenience that this incorrect assertion may have caused.