

Women's Volleyball

# Volley Reds suffer second loss

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The two best women's volleyball teams in the AUA met twice last weekend and didn't settle a thing. Instead, each team managed to prove that they are capable of being blown out by the other. In the first match of the weekend the second place St. FX X-ettes embarrassed the first place UNB Varsity Reds 3-0 (15-9, 15-12, 15-2). For the second match the tables were turned; this time it was St. FX being humbled by a 3-0 (15-9, 15-9, 15-1) match score.

The first match can only be classified as a pathetic display of volleyball by a team which has enjoyed national ranking this season. Meanwhile, the FX played with a great deal of controlled emotion, setting a tempo for the match which demoralised the shocked V-Reds.

"St. FX came to play," said UNB coach Al McGarvie. "They were fired up, and rightly so because of all the press earlier. They came in here tonight determined to beat us and they did it. They forced us into a lot of mistakes. This St. FX team played exceptionally well tonight [Saturday], and if they do that again tomorrow they're going to take over the league." Earlier this season McGarvie had publicly complained about St. FX being nationally ranked while UNB was excluded.

The V-Reds were perplexed by what had happened to them during the match. "I guess we just weren't ready for as hard as they came out to play," said

veteran setter Keri Maher. "We came out to play too, but we just didn't get it together like they did."

Before the next day's match McGarvie spoke to the V-Reds about peaking for the playoffs after having hit bottom the night before. "He's going to try and let us work our way up," commented fifth year veteran Carla Mason, "maybe beat the teams or maybe not, but



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when it gets to the AUAs we'll peak then. That's our goal, to peak at the AUAs and not before."

McGarvie was preaching a gospel of peaking at the right time after the weekend's matches. "We're in a position where we have got to be careful that we don't peak too soon. We want to move cautiously to a level where we'll be play-

ing our best volleyball of the season at the AUAs. If we play it before then, we're done."

Regardless of all this talk about peaking, the V-Reds came out the next day and crushed St. FX even more convincingly than they had been defeated the night before. Nevertheless, Mason does not expect to be able to handle the X-ettes so easily in the playoffs. "We don't expect to go in and just blow them straight out. They are a good team, so it's going to be a good match. I think that if we prepare like Coach McGarvie wants us to we'll be ready for it."

The difference between the two teams at the playoffs may turn out to be experience, according to McGarvie. "They're [St. FX] a young team. I have an experienced team. That's what it's going to come down to."

"This place is going to be rocking. There will be people here, there will be press here, there will be a lot of pressure on players, and the players that are going to play and play well are the experienced ones. The young ones are going to find it very difficult, and so I think experience is going to pay off on this floor in the AUAs." The LB Gym is the host site for the women's volleyball AUA championship tournament this year.

At this point of the season the V-Reds are a half game (two points) up on St. FX. Prior to Wednesday's game the V-Reds are 10-2 with four games left to play while St. FX is at 9-2 with five games remaining. The V-Reds next appearance will be next weekend against the MUN Seahawks.

Wrestling

# Wrestling for Golds

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Gold is the outlook for the UNB Varsity Reds wrestling team at the AUAs next week. Gold medals that is. This after a solid performance at the UNB Open last weekend, where they won two gold medals, three silver and two bronze and finished first overall in the meet.

Jason Pleasant Sampson won a gold medal in the 57 kilogram weight class while Terry Pomeroy not only won gold in his class of 51 kilo but was named the Most Valuable Wrestler of the Meet. Also winning medals were Denis Gagnon with bronze in the 61 kilo class, Charlie Ash won silver in the 65 kilo class, Travis McLeod with bronze in the 68 kilo class, Adam Simon won silver in the 76 kilo class and Jesse Simon also won silver for his weight class of 82 kilograms. The Varsity Reds finished with a total of 40 points to claim first place overall in the meet.

The Reds are continuing with their preparations for the AUAs on Febru-

ary 11 at UNB. Head Coach Don Ryan feels that the last weekend's meet was a good indicator of what the Reds will be up against at the AUAs. Ryan stated when asked how he would rate this meet in preparation for the AUAs that "It's always good two weeks before to have a competition like this."

As for the AUAs Coach Ryan feels that the real competition will come from Memorial University of Newfoundland, who placed second at the UNB open with 33 points. The Varsity Reds will be defending their AUA title at home, which they have won for the past five years. Some of the Reds to watch will be Pomeroy, who is ranked third in the nation, Sampson who is unranked which Coach Ryan feels is an asset, Saulis, who is ranked nationally fifth and Crevatin who is ranked fourth nationally in his weight class.

After the AUAs, the Varsity Reds are looking at the CIAU's at which Coach Ryan feels that this year may be the one where the Varsity Reds may get the medal that eluded them last year.

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replacement (scab) players be used, I would prefer to see the players give in to a salary cap, since to do so is to only postpone the inevitable dispute throughout all of sports as to whether such a restriction upon a free employer's/employee's market is legal. I, for one, am sick of all of these disputes and labour stoppages. I want the damn thing settled now, for once and for all.

One thing that I often hear people say is that it is time for the fans to reassert their importance, to remind both the players and owners that the game belongs to the fans, and that they can do without either the players and owners. This is such unmitigated bullshit! People who argue such a point try to recall the mythical days when players played for the love of the game and were unconcerned about such mundane things as money. What they fail to realise is that if you are truly playing for the love of the game you don't care if there are fans watching or not. You can play baseball without fans, but you can't watch baseball without players. The useless people in the equation are the owners.

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