

UNB VARSITY REDS SPORTS

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UNB puts 6 past Panthers to give Stick Reds 8th consecutive title

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An intense 6-0 win over the UPEI Panthers has proven the V-Reds field hockey team are still the reigning champions of the AUSA. This is their eighth consecutive AUSA title, making for a total of twenty-five AUSA championships. Their perseverance, speed, experience, and team playing made it all possible.

At the start of the final game, the Reds came out a little shaky. UPEI started the game playing extremely hard, while the Reds appeared to still be dealing with some pre-game jitters. The Reds had some difficulties in keeping UPEI out of their end. Even when they moved the ball upfield, there wasn't the usual offensive attack. Once the Reds became more focused on the job at hand, they exploded into the dominating team they are.

It became apparent the Reds were regaining control when their offense caught on fire. The speed of the forward line was burning the UPEI defence, providing numerous offensive opportunities. Though UNB has previously had some difficulty getting the ball in the net, Sunday was not one of those days. Jolene Bourgeois started the onslaught of scoring, and it didn't stop. Of the six goals, Jolene rang in two, Charla Currie also had two, while Rachel Bartlett and Tina Cormier scored one goal a piece. Had UNB's offense started as strongly at the beginning of the game, the score would

have been even higher.

Not only was the offense clicking, so was the defence. The Reds expertly moved the ball around in the backfield. The ball was continuously switched from one side of the field to the other through precise co-ordination of the halfbacks and fullbacks. This was followed by blazing passes across the fast paced turf which reached the forwards who simply out ran and out maneuvered the UPEI defence.

Another aspect of the field hockey team's game which came together for the AUSA final was their penalty short corners. Initially, the Reds were unable to get off much of a shot on their short corners before UPEI was able to clear the ball. After a few frustrating attempts, that all changed. The Reds had two picture perfect corners. The first saw Becca Wright receive the ball cleanly on top of the circle. As the UPEI defenders rushed the top of the circle, Charla passed the ball in perfect position for Jolene Bourgeois to blast a one time shot past defenders and goalie alike. Later in the game, Charla took one direct shot off Becca's stick stop. It was a bullet that the UPEI goalie had no chance of stopping, and didn't.

Overall, the Reds played extremely well. Not only was the offense on, so was the defence. While UNB's goalie didn't have as much work as the UPEI goalies, Krista Harris also played very well to earn the shutout in the championship game.

There were also many individual

awards won by UNB last weekend.

UNB's entire forward line of Rachel Bartlett, Tina Cormier, and Paulette Poirier, were all named to the AUSA all-star team last weekend. As well, Charla Currie and Jolene Bourgeois were granted all-star status. Rookie Tina Cormier not only won AUSA Rookie of the year, but MVP as well! By winning the AUSA Player of the year award, Charla Currie is nominated for the CIAU Gail Wilson award which is granted to a player who is an exemplary leader, all around great athlete, contributes to the community and has strong academic standing. As well, Stacey Bean won AUSA Coach of the Year.

Presently at the CIAU championship in Victoria, UNB will attempt to continue their winning streak. Still, there must be some improvements if UNB hopes to realize its potential. UNB is in a very tough pool, first playing U of T and then UVic. In pre-season play this year, U of T defeated UNB. Making the situation more difficult is the fact that UVic are the defending national champions with a lot of talent on their team.

Coch Stacey Bean stated the team's goal, "from the start of the season has been to medal at CI's." This will be tough, but entirely possible. UNB does have what it takes to succeed, but they are going to have to use it for the entire seventy minutes of each game. If they can do this, they may return with more awards than they came home with last weekend.



Action from the AUSA field hockey championships

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AUSA ASIA Cross Country Field Hockey

Reds run Tigers close

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Meghan Roushorne on the run at the AUSA's last weekend.

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The Varsity Reds cross country teams went into last weekend's AUSA finals hoping that the familiar course in Odell Park would provide them with an edge to get past the Dalhousie teams which have dominated the AUSA meets this season.

The women's race started the day's events. Julie Dupois from UdeM was quickest away from the starting line, closely tailed by Dal's Cindy Foly. After passing Dupois during the first lap Foly never looked back, crossing the finish line 29 seconds ahead of the Moncton runner.

With three Dal runners across the finish line before the first UNB runner (Meghan Roushorne) arrived, it was going to be tough for the Reds to catch up. Each team's score is made up of the sum of the first five places (of 7 eligible runners) with the lowest score winning. Strong final laps from UNB's Joanne Bellavance and Bev White pushed them up to 7th and 8th places.

As the runners continued to cross the line it became apparent that Dal had the places to win; the official result was 25 to 41. St FX took third with 61 points, behind a fourth place finish from AUSA Rookie of the Year Lavinia Gough.

Roushorne was very pleased with the performances of both the team and herself. She concluded her varsity career with a personal best, despite having her training hindered by a sprained ankle and an illness.

"It's a fairly tough course," she commented afterwards, "it's really hilly." While the course was an obstacle, the

weather behaved, providing the races with about as much warmth as can be expected in late October. While each runner's legs decide their destiny, Roushorne was glad to be in the company of her teammates. "We're a very close team, we try and do a lot of stuff together. It really helped us today."

And the tattoos? "They're fake. We had a team bonding session last night. We had a pot luck supper and put the tattoos on each other." Roushorne herself was sporting a flaming skull and a snake. Spiders were also popular choices.

The team spirit showed in other ways. One of them was rookie Jennifer Brown's 24th place. Brown has been sidelined by shin splints for almost the entire year. To the surprise of the team, Brown was fit enough to suit up for the race. "We felt she was a pretty important part of the team," said Roushorne, explaining why Brown was in the starting seven. She added that Brown had been helping the team even when she was unable to run herself.

If the men's team have rookies as committed as Jennifer Brown, then the future looks good for the young team. This year's squad may lack experience, after losing Andrew Dunphy and David Fraser from last year, but they put in a valiant effort against strong squads from Dal and Memorial.

By the end of the second lap of their race, three runners had split away from the field: Dan Henniger and Neil Manson of Dal and Scott Young of MUN. Within a lap Young had been dropped. One lap later Henniger was alone, stopping the clock at 31:53 to claim the AUSA crown.

UNB's James Murphy also had an



More action from the AUSA cross country championships

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impressive final lap. He began it in sixth, but by the time he sprinted through the finish line he was fourth, half a stride ahead of James Gorman from SMU.

"James [Murphy] ran amazingly well," said UNB coach Tim Randall. "That's the difference between someone who believes he's supposed to be there and someone who doesn't."

Murphy, a third year student at UNBSJ, added another Top 10 finish to a fifth place and two fourth places obtained throughout the year. The men's team should be returned virtually intact for next season with Randall projecting the potential loss of only one runner.

Jeff Seaby, John Rice, Kris Carpenter and Rob Hutchings battled to the end

to secure third place overall for the men's team.

With the AUSA season finished, attention now turns to the CIAU championships. Dal will send both of its teams as AUSA champions. Tim Randall hopes to be able to send a few of his top placed runners to compete. "They deserve the opportunity," he said.

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Women 2nd

Field Hockey
AUSA's
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Men's Soccer
UNB 2 - 2 MUN
UNB 1 - 0 MUN

Women's Soccer
UNB 0 - 2 MUN
UNB 1 - 1 MUN

Women's Basketball
UNB Fall Classic
UNB 70 - 51 Bishop's
UNB 78 - 63 PEI
UNB 70 - 78 Laval

Swimming
AUSA Invitational
Men 1st
Women 2nd

At Home:
UNB Men's Volleyball Tournament
Friday, Nov. 1st
1st Rd - 6, 8pm
Saturday, Nov. 2nd
1st Rd - 10am, Noon
Semis - 3, 4pm
Final - 5pm

Athletes of the Week

Charla Currie, Field Hockey

Charla Currie, a fifth year member of the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds field hockey team was named UNB's female athlete of the week. Currie, a team co-captain, scored 2 goals on Sunday to help UNB to its eighth consecutive AUSA Championship. UNB defeated UPEI 6-0 to earn a trip to this weekend's CIAU Championships in Victoria, BC. In addition to her being named player of the game, Currie was also voted to the AUSA All-Star team, and was named as the recipient of the "Gail Wilson Award" as the AUSA Player of the Year. Head coach and AUSA Coach of the Year Stacey Bean stated "Charla is having an excellent season, and is by far the leader of the team as she has been for the last 3 seasons. Charla is one of the most talented players in the CIAU." Currie is a 2-time AUSA MVP, and a 3-time AUSA All-Star. Currie, a Kinesiology graduate, is now studying in the Faculty of Education. She is a native of Summerside, PEI.

Marty Laycock, Swimming

Marty Laycock, a member of the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds men's swimming team was named UNB's male athlete of the week. Laycock was named "athlete of the meet" at the AUSA Invitational held at Dalhousie University over the weekend after he finished first in 3 breast stroke events. Laycock won the 50, 100 and 200 metre events to lead the UNB men to the first place finish in the meet. Head coach Andrew Cole was very pleased with the individual and team result and stated "Marty did extremely well in all 3 events. I was very pleased with his performance this weekend." Laycock who is a native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, is in his second year of study in the Faculty of Business Administration.