

# SPORTS

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## Sports wire

### Varsity Briefs

#### UNB Athletes of the Month



From left to right: Ross Antworth (Valley Graphics), Michelle MacWhirter, Derek Cormier, Robert Knesaurek (Moosehead). Photo Kent Rainville.

Michelle MacWhirter and Derek Cormier have been named January Athletes of the Month. Michelle, a Varsity Red swimmer, was named Diet Pepsi Swimmer of the Meet against Dalhousie and was also named UNB and AUAA Athlete of the Week enroute to qualifying for the CIAUs. Derek scored 9 goals and added 9 assists in 7 games during the month and added UNB and AUAA Athlete of the week honours.

### Athletes of the Week

#### Carla Mason, W. Volleyball

Carla Mason has been chosen as UNB and AUAA Female Athlete of the Week. Carla is a fourth year Education student from Newcastle, N.B. The Varsity Reds defeated the Dalhousie Tigers and UdeM Blue Eagles to win the AUAA Championships. Carla was selected Player of the Game for both matches, she received MVP honors for the tournament as well as league MVP. "Carla has been virtually unstoppable all season," said Coach Al MacGarvie, "and she proved this on the weekend by leading her team to the championship."

#### Chris Peach, Hockey

Chris Peach is this week's Male Athlete of the Week. Chris is a first year Arts student from St. John's, NFLD. He scored the overtime winner and the first goal in UNB's second playoff game against UdeM, saving the Reds from elimination. Chris has 2 goals and one assist in this playoff series and a total of 15 goals and 9 assists for the year. "Chris is an opportunist and he made the best of his scoring opportunities on Sunday, giving us life for the third game," said coach Mike Johnston.

### This Week in UNB Sports

#### Friday, March 4

##### AUAA W. Basketball Championships

- UNB vs. SMU (6:30 pm)

- St. FX vs. DAL (8:30 pm)

All Games @ LB Gym

#### Saturday, March 5

##### AUAA Basketball Championships

- Final (2:00 pm)

##### AUAA Hockey Championships

- UNB vs. ACA (7:30 pm @ AUC)

M. Basketball vs. UPEI (7:00 pm @ LB Gym)

#### Sunday, March 6

##### AUAA Hockey Championships

- UNB vs. ACA (7:00 pm @ AUC \*if necessary)

M. Basketball vs. UPEI (2:00 pm @ LB Gym)

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

## Reds breeze into Winnipeg

Team captures AUAA title with wins over DAL, UdeM, head to CIAUs

by Mark Savoie  
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They say nobody's perfect, but you might notice that they don't say it real loud around UNB's women's volleyball team. That is because this team has finished their AUAA season with a perfect 18-0 record which saw them lose only six games to their fifty-four won.

The last two match victories on this list were three game sweeps over first Dalhousie and then UdeM in the championship tournament. These were by scores of 15-9, 15-6, and 15-12 over Dalhousie, and 15-11, 15-8, and 15-4 over UdeM. Carla Mason was named Player of the Game for each of these victories, amassing a total of thirty-six kills over the weekend. The AUAA championships were hosted by Saint Mary's University. With these wins the Varsity Reds earn the right to travel to Winnipeg for the CIAU championships. Their first match was yesterday against the top ranked host University of Winnipeg squad.

En route to Winnipeg the Varsity Reds have earned themselves some impressive individual awards. Capturing the most hardware was Carla Mason, who was named the league's MVP and

was also selected to the CIAU's second team All-Star team. Chantal Martin joined Mason on the AUAA's All-Star team. Coach Al MacGarvie rounded out the individual awards by capturing Coach of the Year honours.

Despite the Varsity Reds' great success this year they have been given bottom seed for the eight team tournament in Winnipeg. Ahead of UNB at this tournament are two wildcards: Laval and U of Alberta. Because of their poor seeding the Varsity Reds will have the most difficult route to the championship of the teams entered. Joining UNB, Laval, Alberta, and host Winnipeg are U of Calgary, U de Montréal, U of Manitoba, and York.

This will be the first entry of a UNB volleyball side to the CIAU tournament for since the 1986-87 season. As a result, a major goal of the tournament will be to gain experience at the national level of play. They will also hope to earn respect for the AUAA at this level of play, such that their seeding will not be so low in future championship tournaments.

Key to the Varsity Reds' hopes of success will be the play of Carla Mason. She has consistently lead the team in kills throughout season, helped along

the way by setter Kerry Maher. But the crucial component of their play will be the team's overall defence. Their defensive play will have to excel if they hope to neutralise the powerful hitters developed by Western Canada.

Expectations are not high, but the Varsity Reds hope to join the Canadian Olympic hockey team in proving the experts wrong.

### CIAU Championship Seeding

1. U. Winnipeg
2. U. Calgary
3. U. Montréal
4. Laval
5. U. Manitoba
6. York
7. U. Alberta
8. U. New Brunswick

### HOCKEY

## Peach leads Reds to MacAdam title

Acadia takes first game of Conference Final in last minutes of third

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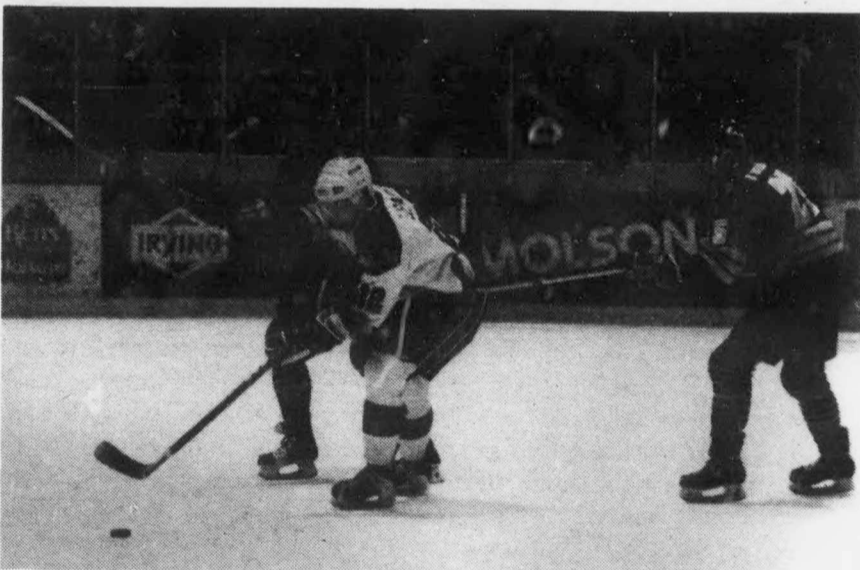
With a win over the Université de Moncton Blue Eagles last Monday, the UNB Varsity Reds won the MacAdam Divisional Championship 2 games to 1.

The Reds will be going to the AUAA finals for the second consecutive year. This year's AUAA Championship will see the same two teams matched up as last year - UNB and Acadia Axemen. The Reds hope to do better this year than they did last year, losing in two straight games in 3-1 and 6-0 decisions.

Acadia won the first game at Acadia Arena this Wednesday by a score of 5-3. Thanks to the goaltending of Greg Reid, the Reds matched the Axemen over the first forty minutes. UNB put the pressure on in the third and broke a 2-2 deadlock on an exceptional individual effort by Trevor Boland who notched the point. However Acadia withstood the pressure netting two straight within two minutes while Duane Dennis added the empty netter to secure a 1-0 lead in the best of three series.

The series now moves back to the Aitken Center for game 2 on Saturday at 7:30 pm and if necessary game 3 on Sunday at 7:00 pm.

The winner will be going to Toronto for the CIAU championships from the 18th to 20th of March.



Todd Sparks does battle with a pair of UdeM defensemen during Monday's win.

Photo by Kevin G. Porter

In the Division finals, U de M won the first game of the series in Moncton 5-4. The Reds came back to the Aitken Center to win the second game 4-3 in overtime before a crowd 2000 strong. Chris Peach, Derek Cormier and Ken Murchison each notched a goal for UNB. Murchison's goal in the third tied the game forcing sudden death overtime. Officially, Toby Burkitt picked the puck out of a scramble in front of the net during the overtime period and dumped it behind UdeM netminder Pierre Gagnon. However, there was some question as to whether it was Burkitt or Peach who actually put the puck in the net. Regardless, the Reds sent the series to game three.

The Reds doubled the Blue Eagles 8-4 in the final game played on the 10th anni-

versary of UNB's last AUAA title which ironically came at the hands of the Blue Eagles. The Varsity Reds' Trevor Boland had three goals, Derek Cormier added two and Toby Burkitt, Chris Peach and Alistair Still each added one goal.

In the second period after Alistair Still scored his goal, a melee broke out that included almost everyone on the ice. It happened when Clyde Simmons interfered with Moncton goalie Pierre Gagnon, knocking him away from the net and allowing the UNB goal. Once the referee signalled the goal Gagnon reacted by jumping on Simmons. The result was that Gagnon and three other Moncton players got minors and game misconducts. Alistair Still and Dan Sherstenka got minors and majors.