

# View From The Cheap Seats

by Mark Savoie

UNB Athletics is having a tremendous season in the scholastic year 1989-90. Last term UNB athletes competed in four AUAA sports, won two of them, lost the final in another, and were damn competitive in the last. This term there have been three AUAA competitions to date, and all three of them were taken by UNB. All three of these wins came last weekend, as both the Men's and Women's Beavers were able to take the swimming titles from Dalhousie and the Black Bears brought home the wrestling crown.

Last term saw the soccer Red Shirts rebound from last year's disappointing non-playoff effort to win the AUAA West Division. They finished first in this division and so earned the right to host the AUAA's at Chapman Field. After disposing of Acadia in the semi-finals they battled the St. Mary's Huskies in the finals only to lose 4-0.

The Red Sticks were able to beat St. Mary's in the field hockey championship but were unable to defeat national competition in Toronto at the CIAU's. However, they were extremely competitive and only a very questionable call kept them from tying the eventual winner UVic.

In cross country the Red Harriers were also able to capture the AUAA Championship, hosted at St. FX. They then traveled to UBC for the nationals where they discovered that the AUAA just isn't ready for national competition yet. The Lady Harriers were unable to defeat Dalhousie in the AUAA's, but won an AUAA meet earlier in the season, showing great promise for the future.

Last weekend both UNB Beavers swim teams managed to take home an AUAA title. In doing this they managed to break a lock on this title by the Dalhousie squads that seemed impenetrable. On the front page of this issue you can read Lynne Wanyeki's account of their tremendous effort.

The Black Bears have a history of winning the AUAA wrestling pennant. Unfortunately, in recent years they have failed to do so. This year they made amends by winning the tournament, hosted by the club at the Main Gym last Saturday. Three members of the team: Sean Dockrill, Donald Ryan, and Stacy DesRoches have all made it to the CIAU tournament later this term to compete for a national title.

Of the five remaining teams we can only realistically expect one more AUAA title. This is from the Red Bloomers, who are almost assured of the right to host the Women's basketball AUAA's depending on this weekend's games against Memorial. The Bloomers are considered favourites to win the AUAA's but will face some very tough competition from Dalhousie and UPEI.

Both volleyball teams can not realistically expect to win the conference. To do so would mean a couple of major upsets, as the Rebels have proven unable to defeat the Dal Tigers; and the Reds seem to be a level below teams such as UdeM and Mt. A. Upsets are definitely possible, but are not likely.

In hockey the excitement has returned to the UNB campus. The Red Devils have made the playoffs for the first time in five years, creating an excitement I haven't seen about the team since they hosted the U of T Blues for the National Championship. They will meet UPEI in the first round, and should they get by that round, will have the honour of battling either Acadia or UCCB. They're not favourites, but they have proven that they can beat all of these teams and can very realistically pull off the upset.

The lonely team that has not been a solid force is the AUAA this year has been the basketball Red Raiders. Much has been said about this team's lack of success over the last two years, but the fact is that they are a young team that is very capable of improving as they mature.

UNB Athletics has been very successful this year after a disappointing season last year. They have been extremely competitive, at times dominant, and most teams show signs of improving and being even better next year.

by Tim Lynch

Fate is in the hands of the UNB Reds.

Heading into the last weekend of their AUAA women's volleyball regular season schedule, the Reds are playing the team they must surpass if they hope to make the playoffs. In fact, the Reds will be playing the Memorial Seahawks this weekend in St. John's.

The Reds currently have a 7-7 record after dropping their last four matches against the top three teams in the AUAA. The Seahawks, meanwhile, have an 8-6 record at the present time. Thus, the Reds must sweep both matches if they hope to make the playoffs.

Last weekend, the Reds lost a pair of games at the Main Gym to the Dalhousie Lady Tigers. The experienced Dal team entered last weekend's action with a record of 10-2 having lost only nine games during those twelve matches. The Tigers still have lost only nine games as they disposed of the Reds in three games straight both Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

Game scores were 15-8, 15-7, and 15-11 in Dal's favour Friday night while the Tigers won 15-9, 15-9, and 15-7 Saturday. The Reds have now won 23 games and lost 27 in their 14 matches.

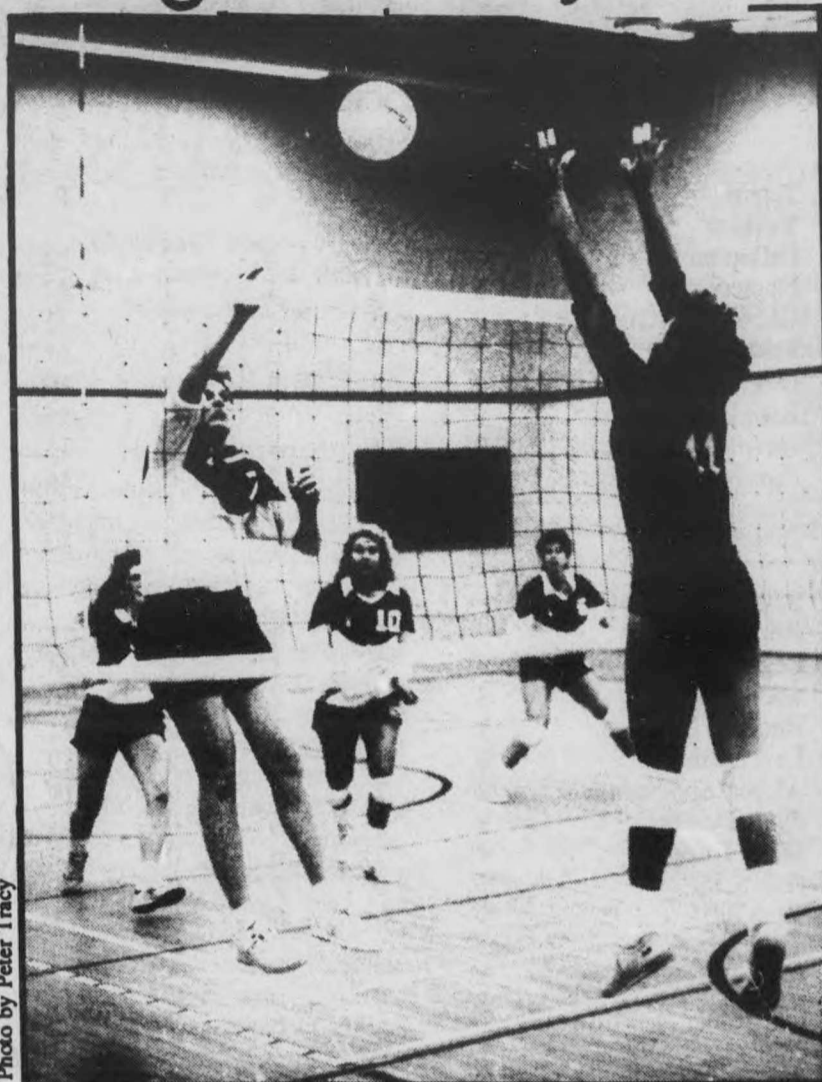


Photo by Peter Tracy

Julie Campbell of the Reds spikes with authority against Dal

At the outset of the season, head coach Mark Thibault set some obtainable goals. One of which was a post-season appearance in Sackville next weekend at the AUAA

championships. This weekend will certainly give the Reds the opportunity to fulfill that goal which would give them the chance to gain some valuable playoff experience.

March 2 to March 4 **UNB Red Bloomers** at UNB Main Gym  
A.U.A.A Ladies Basketball Championships

### CIAU Top Ten Rankings

Hockey (M)	Volleyball (M)
1. Calgary (2)	1. Manitoba (1)
2. Waterloo (3)	2. Laval (2)
3. Alberta (1)	3. Calgary (4)
4. UQTR (4)	4. U. Sask. (3)
5. Moncton*(5)	5. Waterloo (5)
6. Acadia*(7)	6. UBC (6)
7. Wil. Laurier (6)	7. Sherbrooke (7)
8. Regina (9)	8. U. Vic (9)
9. UBC (NR)	9. Alberta (8)
10. McGill (8)	10. DAL* (10)

Basketball (M)	Basketball (W)
1. U. Vic (3)	1. Calgary (1)
2. UBC (4)	2. Laurentian (2)
3. Western (1)	3. Regina (3)
4. St. FX* (2)	4. Lethbridge (4)
5. Alberta (5)	5. McMaster (5)
6. Concordia (7)	6. U. Vic (6)
7. Calgary (6)	7. Winnipeg (7)
8. Guelph (10)	8. Lakehead (8)
9. UPEI* (9)	9. Bishop's (9)
10. Brandon (8)	10. Western (NR)

Swimming (M)	Swimming (W)
1. Calgary (1)	1. Toronto (1)
2. Toronto (2)	2. Alberta (2)
3. Manitoba (3)	3. McGill (3)
4. Laval (4)	4. UBC (4)
5. U. Vic (5)	5. Manitoba (5)
6. McMaster (6)	6. Western (6)
7. Alberta (7)	7. Montreal (7)
8. McGill (8)	8. Calgary (8)
9. UBC (9)	9. Guelph (9)
10. Western (10)	10. Brock (10)

\* denotes a school in the A.U.A.A.

### MOOSEHEAD Varsity Schedule

Saturday, February 24

Basketball (W) MUN at UNB  
Volleyball (W) UNB at MUN  
Wrestling Atlantic Open  
Hockey UNB at UPEI  
Quarter Finals - Game #2

Sunday, February 25

Basketball (W) MUN at UNB  
Volleyball (W) UNB at MUN  
Hockey UNB at UPEI  
Quarter Finals - Game #3

Wednesday, February 28

Hockey Semi-Finals\*  
TBA at UNB  
7:00 A.U.C.  
\*if UNB wins the Quarter-Finals

Friday, March 2

Basketball (W) AUAA Playoffs  
TBA - LB Main Gym  
Wrestling CIAU's  
Volleyball (M) AUAA Champ.  
Volleyball (W) AUAA Champ.  
at Mt. A

Saturday, March 3

Basketball (W) AUAA Playoffs  
TBA Main Gym  
Basketball (M) UPEI at UNB  
8:00 Main Gym  
Wrestling CIAU's  
Volleyball (M) AUAA Champ.  
Volleyball (W) AUAA Champ.  
at Mt. A  
Hockey Semi-Finals\*  
UNB at TBA  
\*if UNB wins the Quarter-Finals

Sunday, March 4

Basketball (W) AUAA Playoffs  
TBA - Main Gym  
Basketball (M) UPEI at UNB  
2:00 Main Gym  
Wrestling CIAU's  
Volleyball (M) AUAA Champ.  
Volleyball (W) AUAA Champ.  
at Mt. A  
Hockey Semi-Finals\*  
UNB at TBA  
\*if UNB wins the Quarter-Finals

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Moosehead Breweries would like to wish the best of luck to all the UNB Varsity Teams during the Playoffs

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