



SPORTS

For Complete Varsity Reds Coverage



Sports Wire

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Michelle MacWhirter, Swimming

UNB's female athlete of the week is Michelle MacWhirter of the Varsity Reds Swim Team. The third year Physical Education student is from Stephenville, Newfoundland. Last weekend at the Dalhousie AUA Invitational, Michelle set a new AUA record in the 100 Backstroke. Her time of 1:04.34 which is a personal lifetime best, was fast enough to qualify her for Olympic Trials. This puts her third in the country in the CIAU rankings. In addition to winning all of her events, Michelle made CIAU cuts in the 100 Backstroke, 200 Fly and the 400 Freestyle and was named the All-Sport Female Athlete of the Meet. Coach Bob Connon states "Michelle's 100 Backstroke time puts her right up there among the top swimmers in the country."

Terry Pomeroy, Wrestling

The male athlete of the week is Terry Pomeroy of the Varsity Reds wrestling team. The fifth year Physical Education student is from Oromocto, NB. UNB won the men's division of the UNB Invitational this past weekend. Terry was undefeated as he took the gold medal in the 52 kg class and won 4 exhibition matches. A previous member of the AUA All-Star team, the team captain has cumulative season stats of 27-4 and he leaves Wednesday for the Olympic Trials. Terry will defend his AUA Gold Medal in two weeks at the AUA Championships at UNB. Coach Don Ryan stated "Terry's matches were the most exciting to watch: head and shoulders above the rest."

RESULTS

Hockey	Women's Basketball
UNB 13-6 SMU	MUN 70-67 UNB
MtA 4-2 UNB	MUN 59-56 UNB
Women's Volleyball	Men's Basketball
StFX 3-2 UNB	MUN 97-79 UNB
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THIS WEEK IN UNB SPORTS

Men's Basketball

Friday, 2nd - StFX @ UNB, LB Gym - 8:30pm
Sunday, 4th - Acadia @ UNB, LB Gym - 3pm

Women's Basketball

Friday, 2nd - StFX @ UNB, LB Gym - 6:30pm
Sunday, 4th - Acadia @ UNB, LB Gym - 1pm

Hockey

Friday, 2nd - AUA All-Star Game @ Metro Centre, Halifax
Saturday, 3rd - UNB @ UPEI
Sunday, 4th - UNB @ UPEI
Wednesday, 7th - UNB @ STU, 7:30pm LBR

Men's Volleyball

Saturday, 3rd - UNB @ MUN
Sunday, 4th - UNB @ MUN

Women's Volleyball

Saturday, 3rd - Acadia @ UNB, 7pm LB Gym
Sunday, 4th - Acadia @ UNB, 10:30am LB Gym

SEEN AT THE AUC

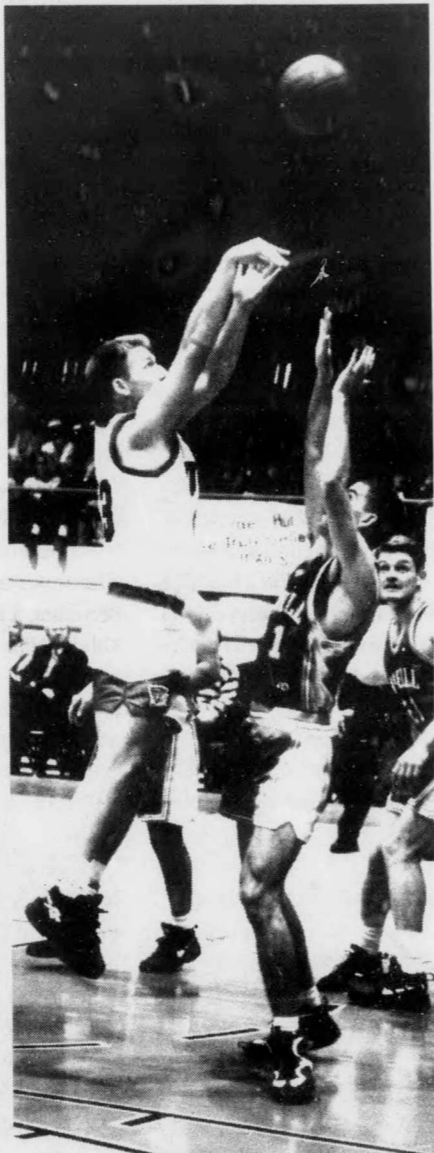


Maurice Roy enjoys yet another penalty filled game at the AUC. See commentary on page 21.

V-Red's rookie point guard

Scaling new heights at UNB

by Maria Paisley
Brunswickan Sports



Brian Scales shoots over a McGill Redman. Photo Warren Watson

Varsity Reds rookie Brian Scales is considered by many to be the most physical player in the AUA.

Scales agrees with them stating "that is part of my game. It's a physical game and I'm a big guy and I like to use my strength to my advantage, especially being a guard. I find that I am much bigger than most guards. A lot of players aren't used to playing a physical style out here, I don't think, and they get surprised by a bigger, stronger guard."

V-Reds head coach Clint Hamilton recruited Scales when he was in high school, they have known each other for six or seven years. At that time Hamilton was coaching UVic and was interested in Scales, but due to academics, Scales was unable to attend, so he went to Langara College. While there, Hamilton saw him and kept in touch and Scales eventually followed Hamilton to UNB.

The former Langara player, he played there in 1991-92 and, after a two and half year absence, returned in 1995, helped the team to two Canadian College National Championship finals. In fact, Scales is not the only recruit from Langara College. Simon Orr-Ewing, currently Scales' roommate, went there and was Scales' teammate in 1995. They "struck up a pretty good friendship" and Scales convinced him to attend UNB.

In comparing the AUA and small colleges, Scales finds that he can compete "but definitely the calibre is a lot higher and on the whole a lot better players. You may get three or four guys on a team in a small college league who are good enough to play at the university level but you don't get 12 guys

on a team that are that good."

With regards to his physical style of play, Scales commented "I think that I am just used to playing with guys out there and they know me and they know my name, so it is not a big deal. They understand how I play, that I do play a physical game, and they like to compete against me and play that style. I don't think that anyone out here really likes to see someone play a physical game, particularly at the guard position, so maybe they are a little surprised at that."

Scales found that he didn't have "too much trouble adjusting to the AUA, because I am an older player, which I think helped and physically I think I fit in okay as I was strong enough to compete right away."

The one adjustment Scales has had to make is that of the programs. He is accustomed to programs that have achieved a lot of success, usually the number one program. Scales graduated from Richmond High School, a big powerhouse in Vancouver, having won a number of BC championships and ranked number 1 when he was in Grade 11 and 12. So Scales finds it "a bit of a shock to be coming here to a program that hasn't achieved a lot of success. But the guys are playing tough and there is definitely a lot of spirit here and there is no reason why we can't do it."

Scales feels that in terms of reaching the AUA finals "it is looking a little bleak right now but if you look at our schedule we played a lot of games on the road and this is a really tough league to win on the road."

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Hockey

SMU Huskies: All bark and no bite

by Neil Duxbury
Brunswickan Sports

The dawgs' bark was certainly louder than their bite. The Saint Mary's Huskies spent more time whining about the officiating than attempting to take chunks out of the Varsity Reds lead, ending up on the sharp end of a 13-6 scoreline, Friday night at the Aitken University Centre.

The tone of the game was set early. A mere 19 seconds into the game, a pair of Huskies were on their way to the box for roughing Kayle Short and just 1:09 later Chris Peach cashed in for the V-Reds. By the end of the period, the scoreboard showed a 5-1 UNB advantage, all five goals on the powerplay, and three of them with a two man advantage.

Paul Boutillier, SMU coach, had seen enough. Feeling victimised by the refereeing, he told his opposite number that his team was leaving. Eventually, they decided to return after hearing of the fine for defaulting. However

the intermission had been completely devoid of coaching for his players, as all three coaches had spent the 15 minutes bemoaning their situation.

After initially closing the gap a little, the Huskies lack of discipline allowed the Reds to build an 11-4 lead on 10 powerplay goals and a penalty minutes advantage of 83-8. A lack lustre third period left the final score at 13-6, and both coaches confused.

Paul Boutillier did not explicitly comment on the quality of the refereeing, referring instead to a comment made by Lionel Jackson, SMU's trainer "What happened to the game we used to love?"

UNB coach Danny Grant saw the game a completely different way. "The other team, from coaches to trainers to players...that was probably one of the most undisciplined atmospheres or performances I've ever seen in my life."

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Referee Marc Ouellette takes stock of the situation. Photo Judson Delong

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AUA Basketball - Acadia @ UNB, 4th February, LB Gym, 1pm & 3pm