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VARSITY BRIEFS

UNB sweeps AUAA honors

Derek Cormier and Sara Ouellette were named AUAA athletes of the week this week. Cormier notched 8 points with the hockey team helping them to wins over Mt. Allison and UdM last weekend while Ouelette had 18 kills for the women's volleyball team in a pair of wins over Dalhousie. This is the first time UNB has swept the AUAA athlete of the Week honors this year.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Sara Ouelette, W. Volleyball

Sara Ouelette, a second year Education student from Bathurst, NB of the Varsity Red's women's volleyball team has been chosen as this week's Female Athlete of the Week. Sara had 11 kills on Saturday and 7 kills on Sunday helping the Reds to victory over the Dalhousie Tigers last weekend. "She is very consistent both offensively and defensively, she's steady as a rock." says coach Al MacGarvie. "She proved to be the determining factor in Saturday night's match." Sara was named player of the game on Saturday.

Derek Cormier, Hockey

Derek Cormier is a first year Arts student with the Varsity Reds hockey team. Derek was a key factor in the Reds' success last weekend accumulating 8 points in the first two games of the term. ""Derek has the capability of raising the tempo of the game through his intensity and creative offensive ability." Says coach Mike Johnston. Derek was named Player of the Game on Sunday after a 5-1 uprooting of UdM.

THIS WEEK IN UNB SPORTS

Friday, January 14
W. Basketball @ Acadia
M. Basketball @ Acadia

Saturday, January 15
Hockey vs. St.Mary's (2:00 pm @ AUC)
W. Volleyball vs. St. Mary's (6:30 @ LB Gym)
M. Volleyball vs. Dal (8:30 pm @ LB Gym)
M. Basketball @ St. Mary's
W. Basketball @ St. Mary's
Swimming @ Acadia
Wrestling @ Queen's Open

Sunday, January 16
W. Volleyball vs. St. Mary's (1:00 pm @ LB Gym)
M. Volleyball vs. Dal (3:00 pm @ LB Gym)

RESULTS

CIAU Top Ten: Jan. 10

Hockey	W. Basketball	W. Volleyball
1. Lethbridge	1. Winnepeg	1. Winnipeg
2. Acadia	2. Laurentian	2. Manitoba
3. Calgary	3. Toronto	3. Calgary
4. UQTR	4. Western Ontario	4. Montreal
5. Wilfred Laurier	5. Manitoba	5. Alberta
6. Western Ontario	6. McGill	6. Laval
7. Dalhousie	7. Victoria	7. York
8. Alberta	**8. New Brunswick**	8. Toronto
9. Ottawa	9. Concordia	9. Sherbrooke
10. Regina	10. Lethbridge	10. Saskatchewan

(Ed. note: Please note the conspicuous absence of both our women's volleyball team and our hockey team from these rankings.)

— HOCKEY —

New look, new attitude for Reds

Team carries 5 game win streak into weekend matchup at Aitken Centre

by Bruce Denis
Sports Editor

With a couple of new faces and a new found intensity, the Varsity Reds hockey team heads into this weekend's game against St. Mary's looking for their sixth straight win.

The team looked brand new in a 13-3 throttling of the lowly Mount Allison Mounties and followed up with a solid 5-1 win over Université de Moncton last weekend.

Thanks to a 5-3 win over the St. Thomas Tommies before 2000 fans Wednesday night, the Reds have notched 9 wins in their last 10 games. They sit atop the MacAdam Division and are only 1 point behind first place Acadia in the AUAA.

St. Mary's has an 8-4-2 record good enough for third place in the tough Kelly division. UNB shelled the Huskies 10-3 in Halifax in their first matchup of the season but Husky Craig Teeple has garnered 11 goals and 24 assists for 35 points in only 14 games and should be a big threat to the Reds.

The game will be the first for newcomer Craig Brocklehurst. The former Amherst and Charlottetown Jr. A player will bring offensive spark to the team. Brocklehurst was a nominee for the Canadian Jr. A Player of the Year award which Derek Cormier won last year.

Rookie defenseman Jeff Walker joined the team in Montreal for the Concordia Invitational and showed promise. The 19 year old 6'4" stalwart was drafted 214 th by the Detroit Red Wings in the 1992 NHL entry draft and played last year with the OHL champion Peterborough Petes. Walker is a good two way defenseman who brings size and offense to the defensive corps.

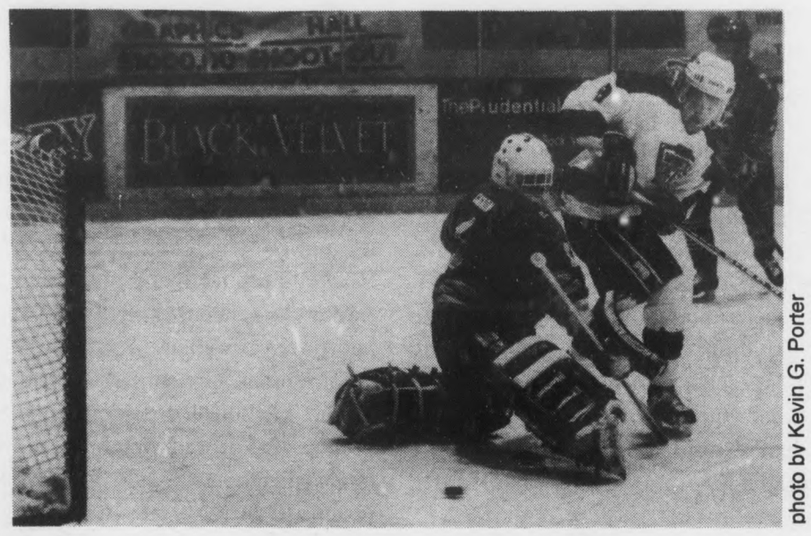


photo by Kevin G. Porter

Scott Muscutt (9) was in front of the net against the Blue Eagles but found the penalty box against the Tommies thanks to Mark Rupnow.

Derek Cormier lead the charge for the Reds last weekend netting a hat trick and two assists against the Mounties and adding two goals and an assist against UdM for a total of eight points in two games.

Rob Knesaurek, Chris Peach and rookie Troy Ryan each had pairs against Mt. A while Trevor Boland, Jason Underhill (back after an injured stint) and Peach netted singles against UdM..

Goalie Mark Dawkins got both starts and looked sharp throughout the weekend. He notched an assist for his efforts on Underhill's goal against the Blue Eagles.

All was not so rosy however, at the Concordia Invitational Tourney in Montreal in late December. Under assistant coach Jim Fuyarchuk, the Reds outscored Queen's University 9-6 to gain a berth in the final against Union College of Albany, NY. But the NCAA division 1 team proved to be too much for the Reds as they prevailed 6-2.

Greg Reid began the final game in nets but limped off the ice with a strained knee. Mark Dawkins, who played poorly during the first game, filled in for Reid before being shelled with 5 straight goals in the second period.

Mike Cavanagh was named defensive MVP for the tournament while Union defenceman Reid Simonton was named tournament MVP.

Red Notes: Reid is expected to be another two weeks with his knee while Captain Ken Murchison, out since the beginning of the season with a broken wrist, is practicing with the team and should return before February.

— WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL —

Coach's early predictions ring true

Perfect 8-0 record was on Al MacGarvie's menu before the season

By Sports Staff

At the annual UNB Meet the Coaches press conference in September, women's volleyball coach Al McGarvie guaranteed that his squad would finish the AUAA season in the top two of the nine team division, a step up from last year's third place finish.

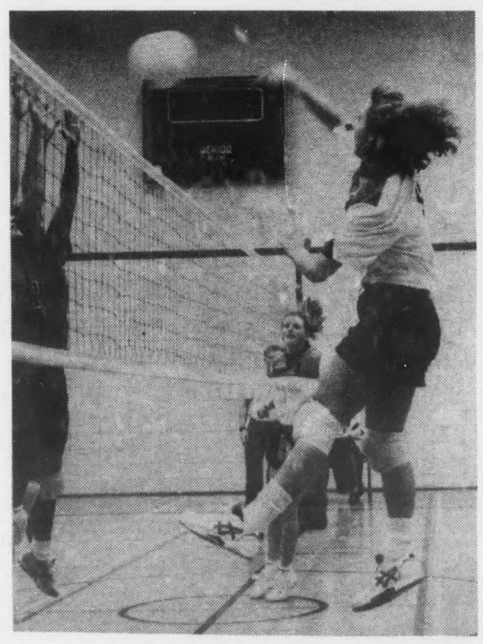
Four months later his team appears to be doing everything in their power to live up to their mentor's prior billing.

The Lady Reds, who finished out last season with a 12-4 record, currently sit at 8-0, atop the league as they head into a pair of weekend contests against the fifth place St. Mary's Huskies. The Huskies and Reds, who have yet to do battle thus far this season are slated to do double duty this weekend, on Saturday at 6:30 pm and again on Sunday at 1:00 pm. Both matchups are to be played at the LB Gym.

The Huskies currently hold a very respectable record of 3-1 against AUAA opponents thus far this season.

The Lady Reds are coming off a pair of resounding wins over perrenial rivals Dalhousie Tigers last weekend. On Saturday, UNB was led by power hitter Sara Ouellette of Bathurst, who had 13 kills and 2 stuff blocks. The Tigers handed the Varsity Reds their first game loss of the season but the Reds still cruised to an easy match win, notching scores of 13-15, 15-6, 15-7, and 15-6.

On Sunday, Newcastle Native Carla Mason set the court on fire, contributing 21 kills and 7 stuff blocks as her teammates trounced the Tigers in 3 straight games by scores of 15-12, 15-9 and 15-11.



Carla Mason had 21 kills last Sunday

On Monday, Ouellette was named UNB Female Athlete of the Week and also AUAA Female Athlete of the Week. UNB now sits alone atop the nine team division with 16 points, having won all matches played this season, and compiled a 24-1 record in games played.