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Let the playoffs begin: UNB wins game one, 4-2

UNB men's hockey team takes on UPEI

by Jeff Smith



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UNB face off against the UPEI Panthers in the first-round of the Atlantic University Sport playoffs. The Reds won the first game of the best-of-three series, 4-2 on Wednesday. They return to the Aitken this weekend on Friday and again on Sunday (if necessary).

It's final. The UNB Varsity Reds men's hockey team will play the UPEI Panthers in the opening round of the Atlantic University Sport playoffs.

The Reds finished in fourth place with a 14-10-4-0 record after losing to Moncton at the Aitken Centre on Sunday 3-1. A win would have allowed them to finish the season in third.

Instead, Moncton will play the final team to make the playoffs, StFX. The two teams that finished the regular season in first and second places get byes to the second round – Dalhousie and Saint Mary's.

First-place Dalhousie will play the lowest remaining team in the second round whereas Saint Mary's will play the highest.

UNB improved on their record from last season with one extra win, but still finished the season in the same place.

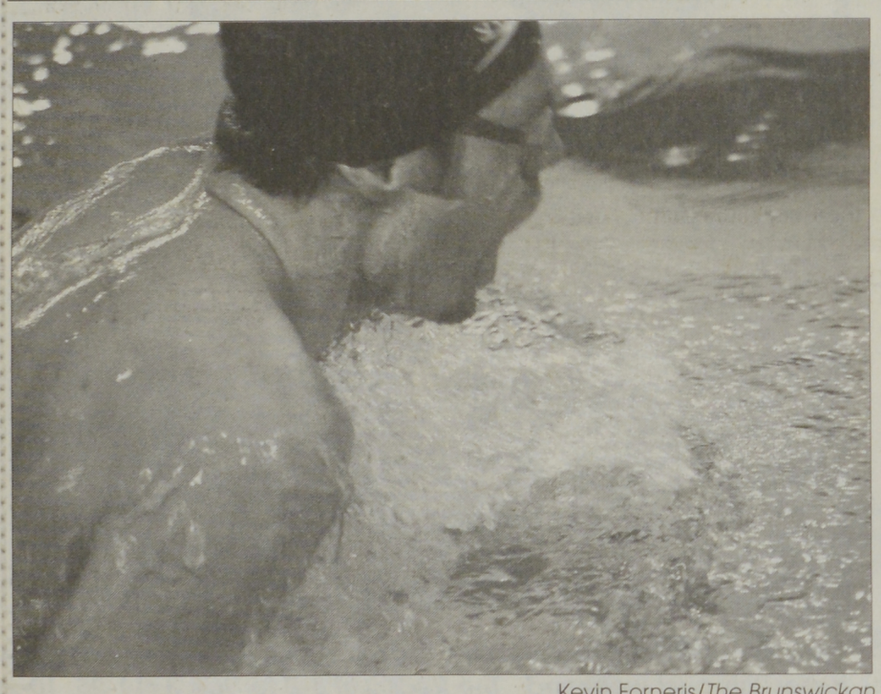
The Reds started the post-season this past Wednesday in PEI, winning convincingly, 4-2 to take the first game of the series. The game finished as *The Brunswickan* was going to press. Craig Soke scored two goals and added an assist with Joe Gerbe and Kyle Werner adding singles.

They return to the Aitken Centre this weekend for the final two games of the best-of-three series. The Reds can wrap up the series with a win Friday night at 7:00 pm or have another chance on Sunday to take the series, if necessary, at 7:00 pm.

Breaking down the season series between the Reds and the Panthers, they were tied with a 2-2-0 record, with each team splitting the home matches. UNB last met UPEI in the playoffs in 1997/98. UNB won the series 2-to-1 and went on to win their first CIAU title.

In the final game of the season against the Moncton Aigles Bleus, the Reds played an effortless first period in front of a home crowd of 1,500. As a result, Moncton jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead just 13 minutes into the match and went on to the 3-1 victory. Moncton fired 14 shots in the first period on UNB goalie Gene Chiarello in contrast to the Reds' five. The Reds played a better final 40-minutes, only allowing eight shots, but it was too late. Their lone goal, scored in the second period by Todd Alexander was not enough for the Reds. His quick shot from Ryan Walsh beat Moncton's goalie, Jonathan Pelletiera, t 12:29.

"I think the game was won in the first period," Alexander said. "We came out fairly groggy and they capitalized on a power play chance we gave them early."



Kevin Forneris/*The Brunswickan*

Many of the Varsity Red's swimmers had great showings at the Atlantic University Sport Championships held his past weekend at the LB Pool.

Dalhousie swims away with AUS title

UNB swimmers face tough competition at AUS Championships

by Kevin Forneris

UNB's Lady Beaverbrook Pool played host to this year's Atlantic University Sport Swimming Championships from February 8th to the 10th. The three-day meet was a show of tough competition with many UNB swimmers coming out on top.

Head Coach Paula Crutcher was very pleased with the teams' performance even though both the men and the women just missed the AUS Champion titles. When asked to comment about the weekend, Crutcher said, "It was an incredibly successful weekend. Even though we walked away without a banner we walked away on top. There was a record number of CIS qualifiers for UNB Swimming and a large percentage of the top finishers proved we are champions in the water." Dan Monid was awarded both the Male Rookie of the meet and Male Swimmer of the Meet, with Carla Geurts earning the Female Swimmer of the Meet to stress the point.

Qualifying for the Canadian Interuniversity Sport National Championships at the meet was Jane Gregg, Shannon Quirk, Chris Jones and Leonardo Monteiro. They will join Carina Waycott, Kara Folsom, Heidi Morrison, Sienna Quirk, Tracy Guimond, Lauren Jukes, Vikki Lally, Carla Geurts, Aaron Lee, Chris Grimes, Dan Monid and Andrew Hulse in Vancouver later this month.

Carla Geurts led the women in medals with four gold in 100m & 200m Butterfly, 400m Individual Medley and 200m Backstroke. Sienna Quirk also won big, receiving three gold medals in 200m, 400m & 800m Freestyle. Tracy Guimond also came away with three medals, swimming for silver in the 50m & 100m Breaststroke and bronze in the 200m Breaststroke. Heidi Morrison equaled Guimond with silver medals in the 400m & 800m Freestyle and a bronze in the 400m Individual Medley. Vikki Lally swam for gold in the 50m Freestyle and silver in 50m Backstroke. Shannon Quirk took bronze in both the 100m & 400m Freestyle. Jane Gregg took bronze in both 200m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley. Carina Waycott swam for silver in the 50m Butterfly, Kara Folsom bronzed in the 50m Freestyle and Lauren Jukes bronzed in the 200m Butterfly. Emma Hulse swam for bronze in the 50m Backstroke just missing CIS qualifying time by fourteen tenths of a second.

For the men, Dan Monid came away big with three gold medals in 50m & 100m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly. Andrew Hulse followed closely with a gold in 100m Backstroke and 200m Individual Medley and silver in the 200m Backstroke. Adam Moore swam for gold in the 200m Freestyle, silver in the 400m Freestyle and bronze in the 50m Butterfly. Chris Grimes swam Breaststroke for silver in both the 50m & 200m and a bronze in the 100m. A new adition to the team, Leonardo Monteiro, the "Thrill from Brazil" took silver in the 50m & 100m Freestyle and a bronze in the 50m Breaststroke. Aaron Lee came away with two gold medals in the 100m & 200m Breaststroke. Chris Jones rounded out the men's medals swimming Backstroke and taking silver in

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UNB knocks off No.7-ranked X-Men

David Myers leads team in front of 1,500 at Aitken Centre

by Marc LeBlanc

For the third time this season, the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds have defeated a top ten team.

The Saint Francis Xavier X-Men join the Saint Mary's Huskies and the Laval Rouge et Or on the list of top ten contenders who have fallen to the Varsity Reds this year.

In front of 1500 spectators at the Aitken Centre in Fredericton on Saturday night, the Reds improved their regular season record to 8 and 5 with an 86-85 victory over the Saint Francis Xavier X-Men.

In usual X style, the two-time defending national champion X-Men came out fast and furious, with their smothering defensive press and streaky offensive attack. As for the Reds, their starting five came out looking pumped and ready to impress their hometown crowd.

Having lost to X by an embarrassing 21 points on the road last month, UNB was looking for a much closer result this time around. The one on one match up between Denny Oliver and Mike Kierstead began early on, with the two All-Star players scoring in double digits in the first half. With a score of 44 - 44 going into the locker rooms after 20 minutes, UNB coach Thom Gillespie got his bench fired up for the second half.

Having a superb game on Saturday was 6'7" David Myers of Fredericton. Myers virtually owned the paint, scoring 12 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in only 18 minutes of play. Jeff Cotter, a 5th year guard also from Fredericton, shot 80% from 3 point range and finished with 19 points. Rounding out the clutch performances from the bench was Kirt Mombourquette, who played 24 minutes and notched 13 points. As for Kierstead, he finished the game with a solid 24-point performance, making all seven of his free throws.

As for Saint Francis Xavier, Denny Oliver went 9 for 17 and made 6 of 9 free throws for a game high 25 points. Jordan Croucher had 14 points in 35 minutes of court time, going 4 for 12 in field goal attempts.

Having lost two games on the road last weekend against the UPEI Panthers, UNB was looking to shape things up and get the momentum back in their favour at home. With the Atlantic University Sport championships only one month away, the UNB Varsity Reds sit in first place in their conference, just two points up on the Panthers.

"We did the little things right tonight and had an excellent game from the entire team. In our practices we work as hard as we work in a game, so we're going to keep that going right into playoffs," said Kierstead.

This weekend the Varsity Reds travel to Halifax to play the Dalhousie Tigers on Friday night at 8pm, and then again at 3pm on Saturday.



Stephanie Brunet/*The Brunswickan*

The UNB Varsity Reds men's basketball team pulled off an upset this past weekend, edging the seventh-ranked StFX X-Men 86-85. David Myers led the way for the Reds with 12 points and 10 rebounds in only 18 minutes of play. UNB hopes to continue their winning ways this weekend when they travel to Halifax to take on the Dalhousie Tigers. Game times are 8 pm on Friday and 3 pm on Saturday.

Weekend Schedule

Support your UNB Varsity Reds!

UNB

Friday, February 15th
Hockey (M) UPEI @UNB 7pm at AUC
Hockey (F) ACA @StFX 1pm
Basketball (F) UNB @ DAL
Basketball (M) UNB @DAL
Volleyball - AUS Championship @DAL

Saturday, Februay 16th
Basketball (F) UNB @ DAL
Basketball (M) UNB @ DAL
Wrestling - AUS @ UNB - 10am Main Gym

Sunday, February 17th
Hockey (M) UPEI @UNB 7pm at AUC (if nec)
Volleyball (F) Mount Allison @ UNB 2pm

Tuesday, February 19th
Basketball (F) SMU @ UNB 6pm at AUC
Basketball (M) SMU @ UNB 8pm at AUC

Wednesday, February 20th
Hockey (M) Semi-Finals Begin