

# SPORTS

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## Black Bears place third at Mt.A

by Kelly Craig

This past weekend the UNB Black Bears travelled to an invitational tournament in Mount Allison. They were joined there by Concordia University and St.FX as well as the host Mount Allison team. Concordia is not an AUSA team but they compete in the AUSA tournaments to qualify their wrestlers for other tournaments. In this case, the wrestlers at the Mount Allison open were qualifying for the Guelph tournament. The Guelph tournament is a very prestigious tournament in Canada. It is the next best thing to the CIAU's as the teams will get a chance to wrestle against other teams from Canada.

At the Mount Allison tournament, the UNB team fared quite well and qualified several wrestlers for the Guelph tournament. Although there was only one wrestler that won in his weight class, which happened to be Don Ryan whose points don't count for team standings, the rest of the crew did very well in the competition.

Co-captain Sean Dockrill qualified with a third place finish in his weight class with a tough loss to a Concordia wrestler. Concordia is a national training center in Canada and the UNB

team fared well against them. It does seem strange though that most of the Concordia wrestlers ended up in the same pool as the UNB wrestlers except for Don Ryan who placed first in his class but did not have a Concordia wrestler in his pool.

Stacey Desroches and Pat Zwicker placed third and fourth; however, since they were in the same weight class there was no match to break the tie and it was left as a third and fourth placing for UNB. Stacey did, however, qualify for the Guelph tournament. However, whether or not Pat Zwicker qualified for the Guelph tournament remains to be seen.

Big man Quincy Knox placed second in his weight class which qualifies him for the Guelph tournament. Marcel Saulis placed fourth in his weight class but it is still unknown as to whether or not this was adequate to qualify him for the Guelph tournament. Several of the team members did not qualify for the Guelph tournament but did put a great effort forth on the weekend. The rookies and veterans on the team made a terrific effort at the tournament. According to co-captain Sean Dockrill, "Everyone wrestled well."

The team has been showing vast

improvement since the season started. There practices are well attended and all the athletes work very hard to perfect their wrestling skills. Coach Multamaki and Coach Ryan work continuously with the team helping them to perfect their skills. The rookies are looking strong for the team as well. Jason

Sampson had a very good weekend for the Bears although not finishing in the top three. Rookie sensation Marcel Saulis has finally returned to action after a minor shoulder injury. His third place finish in Mount Allison was most definitely not indicative of his talents. Marcel is a tough opponent and should

be wearing the AUSA gold medal in his weight class at the end of the season in February.

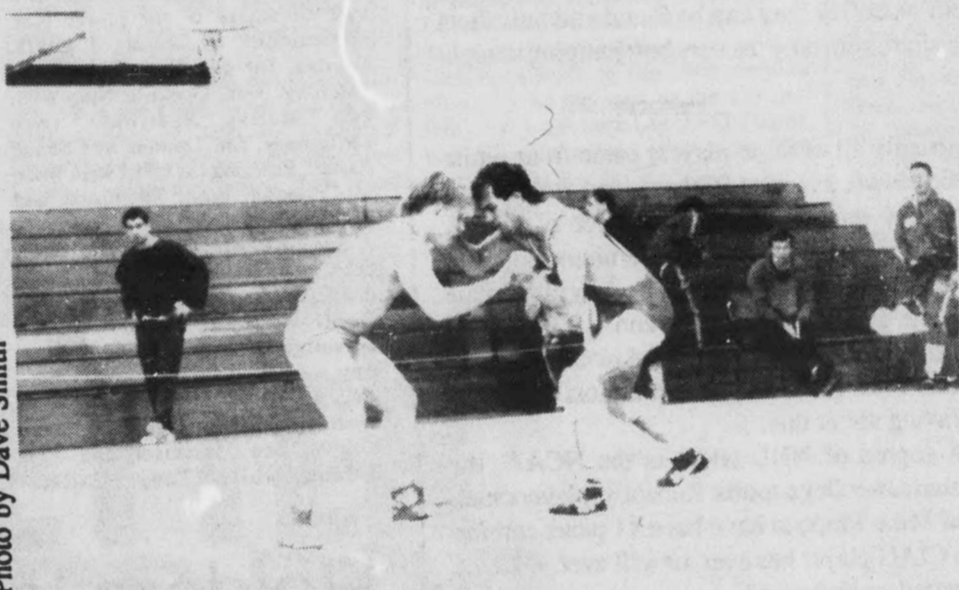


Photo by Dave Smith

Stacey Desroches in action

## Bloomers split weekend games

by Frank Denis

Heading into last weekend's two home games the Red Bloomers were glad to be finally playing on their home court. Prior to their home opener last Saturday, the Bloomers had played 8 consecutive games on the road; six of which were in tournament play. The home Varsity Mania crowd helped UNB put together a solid performance on Saturday as they easily downed the St Mary's Belles 65-49 and on Sunday it seemed the Bloomers couldn't find the basket and fell to the Acadia Axettes 58-50.

Jennifer Hale led the Bloomers both offensively and defensively and her strong performance earned her female-athlete-of-the-week honours at UNB.

On Saturday, Hale scored 16 points and grabbed 4 rebounds in the win over Saint Marys. Against Acadia the following day, Hale managed 14 points and more than twice as many rebounds, 9 giving her 30 points and 13 rebounds on the weekend. Not a bad weekend's work in any sense.

Jennifer's big weekend was good news to all those concerned as there was some question as to whether or not she was completely healthy. Three weeks ago, Hale suffered a leg injury that kept her out of the Dalhousie tournament and their regular season opener against St. FX. Coach, Claire Mitton described Hale's performance as "... played with great intensity. She was our best and most consistent player for both games as she did a great job at both ends of the court."

Co-captain, Kara Palmer also had a big weekend against Saint Marys and Acadia as she scored 18 points on Saturday and another 16 on Sunday for a total of 34 for the weekend. As far as the Acadia Axettes were concerned, Linda MacKinnon and Jennifer Lloyd led the way with 15 and 12 points respectively.

With the game last Sunday, the Red Bloomers played their last con-

ference match before Christmas. The record, for last year's AUSA champions stands at an even .500 at 2 and 2. Despite their record, the team is still hoping for a winning season. Sophomore, Tracy Lordon says "Last year we started off and had a similar 2-2 record after 4 games and we still went on to win the AUSA's. We all realize what we have to do to win it again. So far our play has been

inconsistent and in the new year we're going to have to capitalize on our strengths to earn a trip to the Nationals in Quebec City."

Tonight the Red Bloomers will be in Husson, Maine for an exhibition game and start the new year off at the McGill tournament in Montreal. Their next AUSA home game is not until the February 1 when St. FX comes to town.

**UNB 65 - St Mary's 49**  
**Acadia 58 - UNB 50**

### Athletes of the Week

Male                      Female

Dominic Niro of the UNB Red Devils has been named the UNB male athlete of the week. Dominic lifted the Red Devils with 2 goals and 2 assists as they swept the UPEI Panthers defeating them 6 to 3 in both contests. The wins allowed the Devils to stay on top of the MacAdam division boasting a 6-2 and 3 record.

Coach, Mike Johnson, felt, "both goals scored by Dominic were keys to the success of the Devils," and added that, "his intensity and work ethic certainly rubbed off on the team."

Dominic is a 22 year old business student, from Sault Ste. Marie.

Jennifer Hale of the UNB Red Bloomers has been named the UNB female athlete of the week. Jennifer had 16 pts. and 4 rebounds as the Red Bloomers defeated Saint Mary's in their home opener and added 14 pts. and 9 rebounds as the Bloomers dropped a game to the Acadia Axettes.

Coach Claire Mitton, said "Jennifer played with great intensity over the weekend. She was our best and most consistent player for both games as she did a great job at both ends of the court."

Jennifer is a 3rd year Science student that hails from Truro, NS.



Photo by Dave Smith

Bonnie Hale looking for a play in weekend action