

Black Bears have high hopes

This year the UNB Black Bears are working toward a winning season. Leading the team is rookie coach Leo McGee. Leo has an impressive list of credentials which includes 5 AUAA championships, AUAA outstanding wrestler in 1982, winner of the Atlantic Open 5 times, 3rd in the nationals for the 79-80 season, just to name a few. Leo is looking forward to a title

winning year with 3 to 6 AUAA hopefuls.

The team is comprised of 7 rookies and 7 returning members. Dave Bessey is the co-captain of the team and is the defending AUAA champion in his weight class of 177 lbs. He placed 3rd in the Canada Winter Games and has the potential for AUAA champ and the Canadian Junior Champ. Wayne Wiggins shares the captain

responsibilities with Dave. Wayne has defeated the AUAA champ at the AUAA open, and has won 3 silver medals in competition so far. Brian Bessey and Gary Wilson are good wrestlers but have been plagued with injuries. Ron Richard, another Bear, has tremendous wrestling ability and the proper attitude on the mat. Ron Allison was fourth in the AUAA last year and is working hard to improve his record. Last returning member is Mike Sharpe. He placed 3rd last year in the AUAA and Leo feels that he is the key to where the team finishes for the year.

The 7 rookies all have some wrestling experience which is a great asset to the team. Dwyane Wakerell is 3 time Atlantic Junior Champion in his weight class of 134 lbs. He won a silver medal at the Mt. A. Open, outclassing all wrestlers in his weight class except the Canadian Outstanding wrestler for '79. Dwyane has the AUAA championships in his sights for his weight class. Troy Shanks also won a silver medal in the Mt. A. Open in his class losing to the 3rd place winner in the Canada Winter Games. The remaining players Murry Reed, Ray Ny, Terry Lawrence, Mike Hooper, and Collin Codogan are using their experiences to develop their wrestling talents to their peak.

Last year the Bears lost to Memorial by 2 points for the overall title. It will be close again this year but there are 14 guys who say UNB will beat Memorial and bring the banner home.

The Bears next home meet will be the UNB Open on February 11. It starts at 10:30 a.m. at the West Gym. Competing teams include: St. FX., Mt. A., N.S. Provincial Team, and clubs from Dal., Acadia, U.M.P.I., and Mt. A..

There is no admission charge so come and see of the best wrestling in the conference.

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I've just about run out of things to say about the Bloomers. Words simply cannot describe the ease at which they are cruising thru the AUAA en route to what hopefully will be a strong showing at the nationals. Last weekend's thumping of the UPEI Lady Panthers is the tenth in a series of Euthanasia whupping delegated by the Bloomers upon their AUAA counterparts.

The win over UPEI last weekend was the Bloomers 25th regular season consecutive victory. The last team to beat the Bloomers, ironically enough, in regular season play was the Lady Panthers. That game, played on the Island late in the 81-82 season, saw the Lady Panthers, who did not even qualify for the playoffs that year, upset the Bloomers in the second to last regular season game for the Bloomers. They eventually lost in the AUAA finals to the Dalhousie Tigers that year, that being the last time that an AUAA opponent has even given the Bloomers a run for their money.

The CIAU rankings this week show the Bloomers holding down the number ten spot. This marks the Bloomers return to the top ten after their disastrous Christmas fall from number two to number who-knows-what. Don't look for the Bloomers to be much higher than sixth of seventh seed at the nationals.

On the men's side of things, the ways of the Red Raiders continue to be inconsistent. Last weekend's double loss to UPEI certainly did not help their confidence, as their playoff hopes were generally conceded as vanished a long time ago. The Raiders will be hosting the CIAU Eastern Regionals, so fear not basketball fans, although the Raiders may just not have the stuff yet, look for some very exciting basketball to come at the AUC as the AUAA champions, and two Ontario squads will join the Raiders in the tourney which will join the Raiders in the tourney which will decide one of the final four who will take to the hardwood in the National tourney.

The rest of the league looks tough, with any of St. Marys, Dalhousie, St. FX, and Acadia to come away with the hardware. Acadia still remains my favorite, as they stand in first place and look strong in a strong position to capture the top spot for the playoffs. The Dave Nutbrown coached squad are young, but they play like a bunch of seasoned veterans.

While in Montreal last weekend, I had a chance to tour the Montreal Forum, which is one of the two or three greatest sports facilities in the world. While there I couldn't help thinking of what an NBA franchise would do to that city. It was just last year that Harold Katz was talking of moving the Sixers to the Forum. Although nobody considers that Katz was really serious, I guess we can still hope that the NBA will become an international league.