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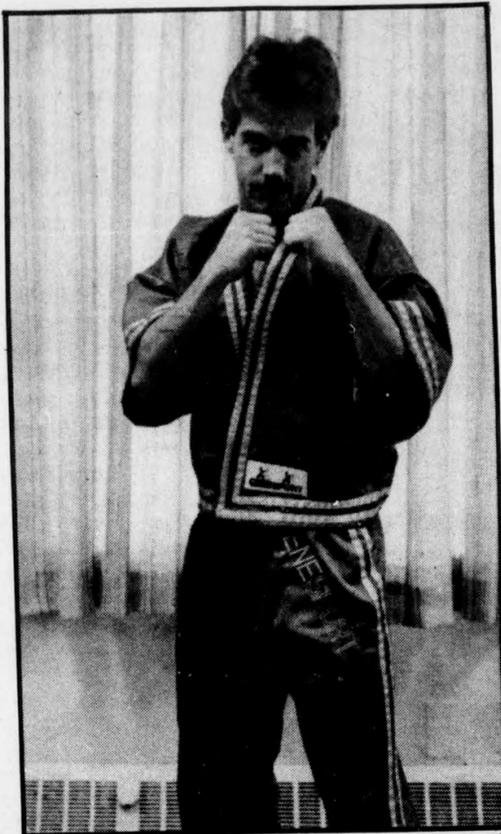
Getting a Kick Out of Kickboxing

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Dave Vautour, UNB Karate Club instructor, has been ranked 6th in Canada by the Professional Kickboxing Association in the Light Welterweight division. He stands 5 feet 8 1/2 inches and weighs 147 lbs.

Dave was recently informed by Reynalde Lamarre (former Canadian Light Welterweight Champion) that he will be fighting Paul Biafore from Toronto on May 24th in Toronto for the Canadian Title. Dave has a record of 4 wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie while Biafore has an 8-0 record (7 wins by knockout). When asked about Biafore and his own chances Dave replied "Never seen him - he is ranked #1. No idea. Hopefully I will bring the Canadian title to New Brunswick."

Dave is hoping to go to Montreal to train with Reynalde Lamarre - who is ranked 7th in the world. Dave sparred with Lamarre for his black belt



in Karate. He feels that training with Lamarre will provide him with the necessary and invaluable experience of a champion and will hopefully give him the winning mental edge.

Dave has been practising Karate for 6 years and kickboxing for the last 3 years. His present trainer is Guy Saultier who was ranked fifth in Canada and introduced Dave to both Karate and Kickboxing. Dave has found M. Saultier to be an inspiration (Dave was his first Black Belt) and goes on to say of Mr. Saultier "I owe

him everything because he taught me everything I know. How can I say it? I don't know except maybe - Thanks!"

When Dave was introduced to kickboxing he quickly discovered that the major differences between it and Karate are: all kicks must be above the belt, all punches are boxing style (with the exception of the spinning back-fist), it is full contact and the participants wear boxing gloves, mouthpiece, cup and foot pads.

Ontario held a 90 day moratorium on kickbox-

ing in the province and banned it due to the number of injuries caused by foot contact. The ban has recently been lifted

and the Vautour-Biafore card is one of the first major cards to be held in that province.

"What got me into it? It's just something that happens to many Karate practitioners - you end up trying out full combat and if you like the competitiveness you stick with it."

Dave is the first New Brunswicker since Jean Yves Therieault who has been given the opportunity to fight for the Canadian Title. Jean Yves Therieault is the world Middleweight champion. Will history repeat itself?

According to Dave the money is not good in comparison to boxing but "it is coming along". If you are world champion you can make a living at it - if not then it's more for the love of competition than the money."

Best of luck in all your endeavours Dave!

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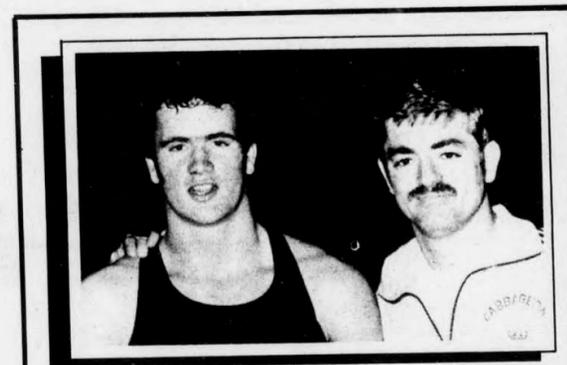
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No one makes it to the top alone. The Coaching Association of Canada has been working for over a decade to improve the effectiveness of Canadian coaches and strengthen the coach-athlete tandem.

Peter and Dan recognize that their reward is not just winning the match, but what they can accomplish for each other.

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