

# Acadia wins UNB invitational

By GEORGE VON JAGOU

UNB's most consistent winner over the last decade has been its wrestling team, the Black Bears. In the nine years that Coach Jim Born has been here they have won a total of six AUAA team championships, including 3 in the last 3 years. This year they hope to win their seventh on February 23 at St. F.X.

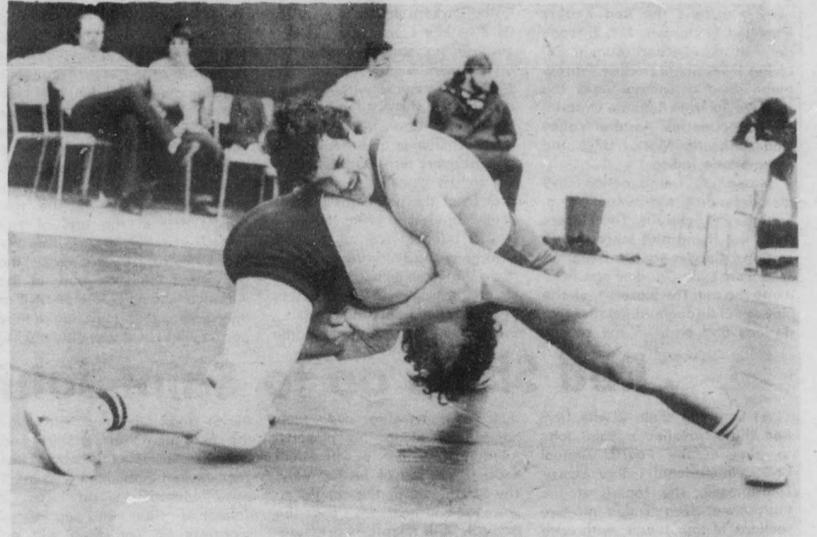
This past weekend the UNB 8th annual Wrestling Invitational was staged down at the West Gym and seven teams were entered in the meet. They were Acadia, Dalhousie, Mount Allison, University of Maine at Presque Isle, St. F.X. and the host UNB team. It was a two day meet finishing on Saturday.

The Black Bears had played the "pothost" at this meet in the past, winning the team title since the tournaments conception. Unfortunately this was not the case this year. Succumbing to injuries and a lack of wrestlers in the extreme weight classes, the team finished in fourth place. They did however have two individual winners. Leo McGee (last weeks Athlete of the Week) in the 158 lb class and Perry Kukkonen (Last year's male athlete of the year) in the 177 lb class. Leo had 5 matches and won all by pins, most in the first round, while Perry fought and won six, five by pins, one by decision. Best effort after that was Wayne Wiggins with a solid second place. Both Leo and Perry, along with a third member Mike Balyk (out with a shoulder injury) are heavy favorites to win in their weight classes at the AUAA's. It will be Leo's 4th, Perry's 3rd and Mike Balyk's 5th consecutive championships. The team to beat this year is Acadia who won the UNB meet,

and Balyk is quick to point out that there is no love lost between these two schools. Acadia he feels, "sucks out" by concentrating on the extreme weight classes where there is less competition. "Through the middle," he says, "they are no competition for UNB." He is even willing to predict that UNB will best Acadia at the championships. The wrestling team points out, is probably the hardest spot on campus. It's not uncommon for a wrestler to lose 5 lbs in a single workout, and these guys practice.

One might think that dieting would then be something that wrestlers have only heard of, but "making weight" is a constant worry for these athletes. To them it's called "sucking it out" and it's a tortuous way of life. Wrestlers have been known to eat jello for a whole week to keep their weight down (and you thought you had it rough). One wrestler from St. F.X. fought at a muscular 215 lb a week ago and hopes to be down to 190 in two weeks time. It's not uncommon to see a wrestler wearing a garbage bag and 3-4 sweatshirts the night before a meet, trying to work off those last few pounds just to make weight. If you think that these athletes are machines, not people, then change your thoughts. They, unlike most of us, are willing to make sacrifices to attain their goals.

Members of this year's team are Paul Simmond (118 lb), Phil Pappard (120), Rick Fray (134), Dave Matthews and Monte Judges (142) Ian Pineau and Steve Woodsworth (150), Leo McGee (158) Bob Pelletier (167), Perry Kukkonen (177), Wayne Wiggins (190) and Mike Balyk. They are coached by Jim Born.



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Ian Pineau of UNB (right) wrestles an unidentified opponent during the UNB invitational

## Gymnasts win

UNB Men's gymnastics team easily defeated their opposition this weekend. Before an enthusiastic home audience UNB scored 127 points, 32 points ahead of Dalhousie and University of Moncton. Rick Weiler led the team with 40.8 all around, good for second place behind Steve Banks of Dalhousie. Scott Hill of UNB, leading after five events was unable to complete the last event and finished, third followed closely by Terry Laurence of UNB

In individual events, Scott Hill won floor exercise, rings and horizontal bar. Steve Banks won pommel horse and parallel bars while Jamie MacKinnon of Fredericton Eagles won vaulting.

UNB's team score was nine points higher than last weeks, regaining the AUAA title on Feb. 16 should be an easy goal for the Saltos. Their real challenge will be to qualify four gymnasts for the CIAU's and to reach the 135 point mark for team score.

## Bloomers visit Nova Scotia

By TERRY CURTIS

This past weekend did not turn out quite like the UNB Red Bloomers had hoped. They travelled to Halifax to meet Dalhousie, St. Mary's and Halifax Midtown in hopes of defeating all three teams.

The girls worked hard all week preparing themselves for the tough Dal game ahead. They left for Halifax Thursday night instead of Friday morning so they could rest up for the Dal confrontation. Friday night at 8, UNB arrived at the New Dal-plex ready to give Dalhousie a run for their money.

Dal played hard and tough from the opening jump to the final horn. Expecting this, UNB stepped onto the court ready to show Dal that the Bloomers can play just as tough. Dalhousie took the lead right away, but the Bloomers kept within six points throughout most of the first half. With approximately 4 minutes left in the first half, The Tigerettes stormed to an 11

point lead, leaving for half time with a score of 35-24 over UNB.

The second half saw Dal pull away from UNB with a 20 point lead. Even when things looked grim, the Bloomers changed their defense to the new Diamond Press and rattled Dal to enable UNB to close the gap by 8 pts. Ann McClellan on her first road trip after a timely injury, showed Dal that she is one to watch in future games. By pulling down two rebounds and chalking up 5 assists, Moira Pryde showed her ability to score while under pressure by hooping! 12 points and shooting 50 per cent.

Once again with only a few minutes left in the half, The Dal squad's momentum picked up and the final score was 45-65 for Dal.

Saturday afternoon the Bloomers were looking for someone to beat and St. Mary's just happened to be that team. Sharon Keays first time Bloomer, led UNB to a 60-59 win by scoring 16 points-shooting 70 per cent from the

floor. The Red Bloomers were up by 7 points at half. Even after dumping St. Mary's by 20 points in a previous game, the Bloomers had a tough time keeping the lead from the Belles. SMU showed they are not a team to take lightly. SMU has a lot of good outside shooters and one particularly excellent rebounder. SMU closed a 15 point lead to 1 point with one minute to play. So UNB had to play extra tough and do a lot of hustling to keep the lead and win the game.

Usually the girls would have packed up and headed home after the SMU game, but this weekend was to be an extra long one. There was still one more game to play and that was against Halifax Midtown, the NS Senior "A" team on Sunday.

At first, Midtown looked as though they had improved considerably since the last game. They scored basket for basket

with UNB throughout the 1st half. The Bloomers felt this wasn't right so they went all out to gain a 6

point lead for the half. During the first half it was noticed that many Dal players had come to watch the game. To show Dal they can also gain momentum, UNB charged into the second half and pulled away from Midtown. Laura Sanders and Joanne Maclean tied for top scorer with 10 points each. Moira Pryde displayed both defensive and offensive talents by pulling down 9 rebounds and collecting 9 assists, which are not that easy to get. Final score -71-57 for UNB

The Bloomers were extremely pleased with their play by improving their usual 35 per cent shooting average to a high 55.5 per cent. Although many players did not chalk up a lot of stats, every member of the UNB Red Bloomers played extremely well and most importantly as a team.

## Lanny's quiz

- Where do the Miami Dolphins play their home game?
- What number does Wayne Gretzky wear?
- Who won the women's singles in the US tennis open from '75 to '78?
- Who is the NHL Supervisor of Officials?
- Who is the only Cuban ever to win a Major League batting title?
- Only one pitcher in baseball history has ever pitched three World Series shut-outs in a single series. Who?
- What is the standard size of an NHL ice rink?
- Who is nicknamed "Dr. Dunk"?
- What is so special about Chicago's Wrigley Field?
- Which major league pitcher has appeared in the most games?

Answers on 23

## Co-ed basketball

The Intramural Co-ed Basketball Tournament will be held on Saturday February 16 and Sunday February 17. All co-ed events are open events, that is, any group of guys and girls may form a team regardless of faculty or residence affiliation. Each team must have minimum of four girls and four guys on its roster. Rules will be modified to ensure equal playing opportunities for both girls and guys. Team entries must be submitted to the Intramural Office by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13. If you want to play but cannot find a team, register in the Intramural office. Team managers may pick up an Information Kit in the Intramural Office.

## Badminton

On the evening of Monday, Feb. 18, a Badminton Tournament will be held at the LB Gymnasium. Starting time will be 8:30 p.m. All students, faculty, staff and alumni are eligible to register. Competition will be held in the following categories.

men's Singles  
Women's Singles  
Mixed Doubles

Competition will be further divided into novice and advanced categories. You may register by telephoning 453-4579 or in person at the Intramural office. Deadline for applications is Friday, February 16.

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## SHOOTING PERCENTS FOR MID-TOWN GAME:

Jill Jeffreys	100 per cent
Sandy Hill	33.3 per cent
Carolyn Gammon	75 per cent
Laura Sanders	57.1 per cent
"Curly" Ahier	45 per cent
Joanne McLean	62.5 per cent
Moira Pryde	75 per cent
Carla Ryder	42.8 per cent
Sharon Keays	50 per cent

This weekend Feb. 8 & 9 UNB hosts the Dal Tigerettes. Game times are 6 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday. This will be the first time UNB plays Dal at home. We'd like to thank "Rook" for coming down and videoing our Dal game. At least we had one fan.