

Brutal Black Bears

The UNB Black Bears wrestling team is hosting the UNB Open this weekend. The defending AUAA Champions will be locking horns with teams from Mt. Allison, St.F.X., Loring Airforce Base (Maine), U of Maine at Orono, U of Maine at Machias, Montreal Wrestling Club and Bathurst, Fredericton, Oromocto, and Moncton High Schools.

The tournament begins at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, in the West Gym of the Lady Beavbrook Gymnasium. There will be continuous action until the tournament ends around 4:00 that same day.

The Montreal team appears to be the one to focus on. It will feature a number of top ranked CIAU wrestlers. Mt. Allison will also be strong contenders. Mounties to watch include: Dino Gorman (National Junior Champion in the 190 lb weight class), Billy Budd (ranked 1st in the CIAU in the 210 lb weight class) and Chris Valardo (a silver medalist in the heavy weight class at the Canada Games 1985).

Second year Coach, George Multamaki, has been running regular practices in prepara-

tion for the Open. While his main target is the AUAA Championships, he suggests that this weekend's tournament is very important for improving the team. He is looking for good performance from many individuals including, Ryan and Bursey who are both defending AUAA Champions.

Let us look briefly at the scoring system in wrestling, so that the matches can be watched, enjoyed and understood this weekend. The scoring system emerges from the objective of wrestling, that being to

pin the opponent on their back. A spectacular throw to way to the floor) is worth 4 points. A 3 point move occurs

- The Black Bears line up like this:
- Peter Weaver - 2nd year weight 119
 - Paul McLeod - 1st year weight 126
 - Pat Zwicker - 1st year weight 143
 - Todd Bursey - 4th year weight 143
 - David Robinson - 1st year weight 150
 - Grant Robinson - 1st year weight 158
 - Don Ryan - 4th year weight 167
 - Gary Robichaud - 2nd year weight 177
 - Rene Barkhouse - 1st year weight 190
 - J.D. Surette - 1st year - heavy weight
 - Dwayne Wakerell - Asst Coach/Player (injured)

the mat (the feet of one being thrown past the head on the when a wrestler is taken from his feet to his back. Two points

are awarded when one wrestler rolls another from stomach to back. Finally one point is awarded for a wrestler controlling the other (example forcing the other wrestler from his feet to his stomach).

The UNB Open should produce high calibre wrestling and the Black Bears would appreciate having an enthusiastic crowd behind them as they continue to prepare for the defense of the AUAA Championship.

Another good point is there will be no charge to see this high quality sporting event.

Bloomers blossom

By TIM LYNCH

The UNB Red Bloomers are chasing the 'cats', but had to cope with the Capers last weekend.

However, the Bloomers did more than just cope with the University-College of Cape Breton as they hammered the Caper 69-39 last Sunday and 65-28 the day before.

The pair of wins helped the

Bloomers stay right behind the UPEI Lady Panthers in the battle for first place in the Atlantic Conference. UPEI boasts a perfect 7-0 record, UNB is next at 7-1, and Dalhousie is in third spot with a 6-1 rank.

In Saturday's contest, the Bloomers' defence came up big as they limited the Capers to only ten first half points. As a

result, the Bloomers' offence, led by Lynn Christiansen's game high 16 points, had a 32-10 lead at the half. UNB was just as dominant defending in the second half. They didn't let the Capers score again until the half's ten minute mark. Pauline Lordon had 12 points, including a pair of three pointers, and Jane Williams added ten to give the

Bloomers the win. Valerie Jardine was the Capers' high scorer with 12 points.

Sunday's game was a little closer. The Bloomers were only ahead 31-25 at the half, but shut the door on the Capers in the second. The Capers managed only 14 points in the second frame, included a mere four in the first 12 minutes. Christiansen led the UNB offence once again with 13 points, Lordon had 11, and Kara Keays chipped in ten. Jardine powered the Capers with a game high 15 points.

Head Coach Claire Mitton was impressed with the team's efforts. "I think Lynn had a really good weekend for us. I am pleased to see she performed as well as she did...It gets better for the playoffs when we need her...Kara (Keays) and Leanne (Brady) did good things too. Those are the kids we're gonna have to count on when we get ready for playoffs."

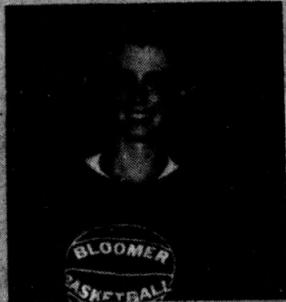
In other weekend action, Dalhousie stopped St. Mary's 76-48. the Acadia Axettes also had a successful weekend. They downed the Memorial Beothuks twice by scores of 67-35 and 65-52. the Axettes improved their record to 4-4 with the victories.

The Bloomers have three homes games this weekend at the Main Gym. The Axettes are in town tonight for a 6:30 p.m. conference game. As well, the Bloomers will be hosting a Halifax senior team at 7 p.m. tomorrow night and again on Saunday at 1 p.m. in exhibition play.

Athlete of the Week



Jamie Lehman



Lynn Christiansen

Jamie Lehman, 24, from Beaconsfield, Quebec, has been named the male Athlete-of-the-Week at UNB. The third year Business Administration student continued his strong play for the Red Devils hockey team on the weekend. Jamie, a defenseman who has been playing an average of 40 minutes per game, scored his first goal of the year in Moncton on Friday. According to Coach Rick Nickelchok, "Jamie has been a steady influence on the three rookie defencemen".

Lynn Christiansen, 20, from Montreal, Quebec has been named as the female Athlete-of-the-Week. The second year Education student led the Bloomers basketball team to two victories against UCCB on the weekend. In the first game (65-28) Lynn scored 16 points and had 7 rebounds while in the second game (69-39) she had 13 points and 5 rebounds. Coach Claire Mitton commented that "Lynn was our most consistent player. Her hard work paid off as she was leading scorer in both games".



Photos from last week's game

Photo: Dave McCluskey

