

SPORTS

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UNB Athletics honors the best

The UNB Athletics Department paid tribute to all Varsity Athletes on Wednesday in the SUB Ballroom. Following is a complete list of all award winners.

Red Raiders

Rookie of the Year: Keith Gibson. **Most Improved Player:** Greg Mapp. **MVP:** Marc Aube.

Red Bloomers:

Rookie of the Year: Donna Retson. **Most Improved Player:** Bonnie Hale. **MVP:** Jill Jackson.

Red Harriers:

Rookies of the Year: Jennifer Phillips and Andrew Dunphy.

Most Improved Runners: Mollie Ferris and Randy Colwell. **MVP's:** Schelly Robicheau and Rorri Currie.

Black Bears:

Rookie of the Year: Denis Gagnon. **Most Improved Wrestler:** Brad Scott. **Most Valuable Wrestler:** Stacey DesRoches.

Red Devils:

Co-Rookies of the Year: Kelly Reed and Todd Sparks. **Top Defensive Forward:** Ken Murchison. **Top Defenseman:** Rob Boldon. **MVP:** Trevor Boland. **Mark Jeffrey Memorial Trophy:** Ken Murchison.

Red Sticks:

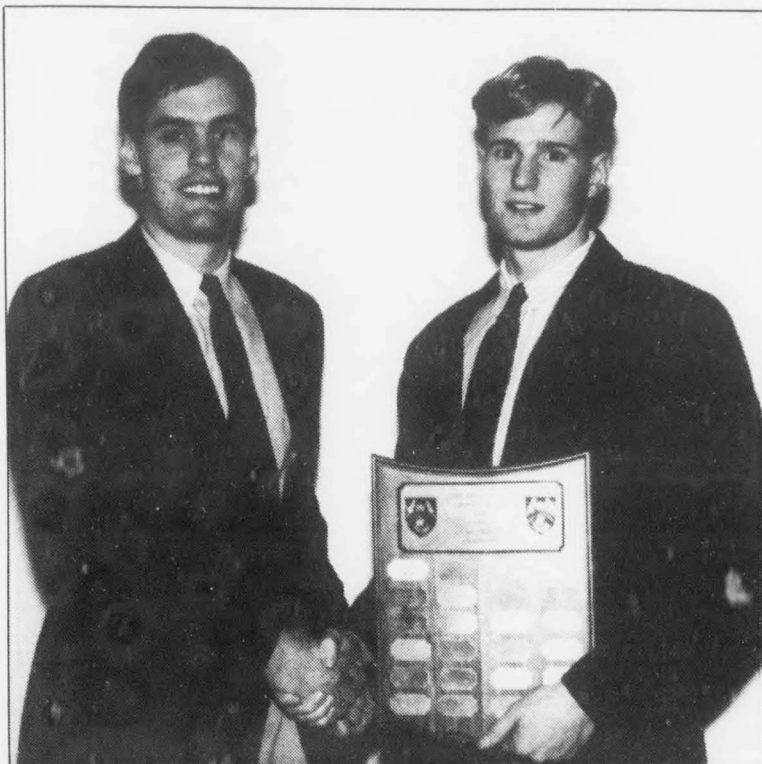
Rookie of the Year: Charla Currie. **Most Improved Player:** Dianne Rogers. **MVP:** Tanya Whalen.

Red Shirts:

Top Forward: Malcolm Lightfoot. **Top Defenceman:** Donald Hume.

Beavers:

Rookies of the Year: Iona Allen and Sean Perreira. **Most Improved Swimmer:** Craig Selig. **Most Valuable Swimmer:** Iain Tennent.



Sports editor Frank Denis presenting the Brunswickan Academic Achievement Award to Sean Penney. photo Kevin G. Porter



Following the awards banquet, the major winners of the evening gathered for a photo session. Front row from left to right are Rorri Currie-Male athlete of the year, Iona Allan-Female rookie of the year, Stacy DesRoches-All around athlete, Kara Palmer-Female athlete of the year, Kelly Reed-Co male athlete of the year. Back row left to right: Dave Morrell, James Downey-Past UNB president, Robin Armstrong-Current UNB president and Jim Born-Athletics Director. photo by Kevin Porter

Reds:

Rookie of the Year: Chantal Martin. **Most Improved Player:** Kerry Maher. **MVP:** Carla Mason.

Rebels: Rookie of the Year: Mark Coy. **Most Improved Player:** Michael Walsh. **Most Improved Player:** Doug Eagle.

Brunswickan Achievement Award (Graduating athlete with the highest cumulative GPA over their undergraduate degree): Sean Penney.

Pepsi Cola Scholarship Award (Scholarship awarded annually to an outstanding student athlete in the AUAA for significant contribution to sport and society): Jacques Chamberland.

Moosehead Female Rookie of the Year: Iona Allen.

Co-Moosehead Male Rookies of the Year: Sean Perreira and Kelly Reed.

James Downey Shield (Male Athlete of the Year): Rorri Currie.

Academic All Canadians: Duff Adams, Marc Aube, Tracy Lordon, Mollie Ferris, Rorri Currie, Randy Colwell, Kelly McCormack, Tanya Whalen, Greg Reid, Ahmed Houmani, Sean Penney, Jacques Chamberland and Doug Eagle.

Athletic All Canadians: Tanya Whalen, Josette Babineau, Wendi Gallant, Natasha Connell, Rorri Currie, Mike Fellows, Iona Allen and Iain Tennent.

Besner looks to fill big shoes UNB student cycling onto provincial scene

by Bruce Denis

Fredericton seems an unlikely place to generate competitive cyclists. However, both Johnathan Thompson and Peter Wedge have forged their way onto the national scene and opened the doors to other Fredericton natives.

One of the next in line in this hierarchy is UNB student Kevin Besner. The second year psychology major began his cycling career three years ago as a junior.

Three seasons of local racing have given him the cycling bug; the undying hunger to race bigger races against better riders. Now a protégé of New Brunswick's provincial team coach Stephane Babineau, the soft spoken 19 year old hopes to broaden his racing horizons.

Trips to Quebec and hopefully the Canada Games and National Championships are in store for

this summer. Also, Besner will be fine tuning his legs on the Fredericton Spring Training Rides which begin tomorrow.

However, balancing his cycling with a full time academic career has not been easy, particularly here in Fredericton where we are just beginning to thaw from the deep freeze of winter.

Besner managed to take a few minutes out of his hectic academic and athletic schedules to talk with the *Brun*s about his cycling endeavours.

Bruns: How did you get started in cycling?

Kevin Besner: I was watching a news broadcast in 1989 and I saw Greg LeMond finish his infamous time trial that won him the Tour de France That's how I first got interested. About three years ago I began to ride with the Fredericton cycling club and they encouraged me to start racing so I

applied for my first racing license.

Bruns: As things began to pick up, you traveled to Quebec to compete in some big time races. How did you find that?

K.B.: Very Hard! The level of racing is much higher there and they have alot of riders show up for races. I think I placed in the middle of the pack at a race at Mont St. Anne. I fell behind early and it turned out to be a very long training ride.

Bruns: What is the state of cycling in New Brunswick and where do you think it's headed in the next few years?

K.B.: I don't think it's very good right now. A good turn out for a race would be 20 riders and that's pretty rare. If the New Brunswick Association could organize themselves more effectively and

have more races during the season then I think there would be a better turnout and cycling would grow alot quicker.

Bruns: Do you think that the provincial team should race more in Quebec and Ontario to gain experience and establish themselves on the national scene?

K.B.: Yes. This summer should be good because we'll all be training together. That's something that helped Johnathan, Peter and Jay alot, the summer of the '89 Canada Games, they all trained together. Our coach, Stephane Babineau, thinks we can do well in the team time trial and the road race at the Canada Games this Summer, so those are our goals.

Bruns: Your presently balancing 15 hours of training per week while also attending university full time. Is that difficult?

K.B.: In New Brunswick there's no way you can go to university and truly excel at cycling because you can't ride for four months during the winter. For me, I would either have to go away to school where it's warmer or drop out of school to reach my potential. But I'm committed to my education so I have to compromise.

Bruns: Where do you see your own cycling career going in the next few years?

K.B.: My main goal right now is to make the Canada games team. After that, I'm just going to train as hard as I can next winter and see how I do in the summer.

If you would like to ride with Mr. Besner, he will be leading a ride leaving the Sheraton Inn at 11:30 am tomorrow. All cyclists are welcome.