

Awards banquet honours UNB varsity athletes

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Janet Goggin was one popular lady last Tuesday night when the University of New Brunswick honored their athletes in the Annual Athletic Awards banquet in the SUB Ballroom.

Goggin not only earned the distinction of being the female athlete of the year and the accompanying Colin B. Mackay Shield, she also was named most valuable player of both the women's basketball and field hockey teams, as well as getting an award of distinction.

Blaine MacDonald was selected as the recipient of the H. Kenneth Corbett Medal for the male athlete of the year. MacDonald was also

the most valuable player for the men's basketball team. He also received a distinction award.

Awards of distinction, trophies for the most valuable players and letter winners were also presented at this time to the deserving athletes.

A total of fifteen athletes were singled out for distinction awards. The criteria which qualifies an individual for the award is that the person must compile a total of 750 points for one varsity sport or a combined total of 1400 points in two or more varsity level sports.

Those who received distinction awards from President John Anderson were: William Coldwell for swimming, Robert Forbes, Hugh Fulton and Steve Gale for football, Pierre Gervais for

gymnastics, Janet Goggin for field hockey and basketball and Jerry Grant for hockey.

Hans Klohn for volleyball, Blaine MacDonald for basketball and track and field, Doug MacDonald for hockey, Brune MacKenzie for football, Craig Maitland, and Jean Nickerson for swimming, Judy Roussele for badminton and Dave Seman for basketball.

The major part of the affair was concentrated on the introduction of teams and the presentation of their various awards and letters. Fifty varsity participants received letters for their activity in the sports.

The banquet brought together the representatives of the University of New Brunswick who have over the past year excelled in their athletic endeavours under their coaches whom Dean Garth Paton

praised as saying "there is no more a dedicated group anywhere."

In addition to the presentation of the male and female athletes of the year for the university, the event was also an opportunity for the University community to pay homage to a member of the Athletics staff who has served both the institution and its students well.

Vernon Saunders was presented a silver tray by Brian Pryde from the Student Athletic Association in thanks of his 25 years of service with UNB.

Following his presentation to honor his service to "thousands of students", Vern Saunders told these present that "I've enjoyed my 25 years with the students. They're a good bunch and I hope I can continue to enjoy them."

SPECIAL AWARDS WINNERS

Gymnast of the Year - Dennis McKinley.

Men's Basketball M.V.P. - Blaine MacDonald.

Peake Memorial Mile Trophy - Shawn O'Connor.

Dr. R. J. Love Individual Cross Country Champion - Eddie Gilmer.

Field Hockey M.V.P. - Janet Goggin.

Football, N.V. offense - Dave Kelly; M.V. defense - Phil Battaglia; M.V.P. - Bob Forbes.

Wrestling, M.V.P. - Ric Cuthbertson.

Hockey - Violette Memorial Award - Mark Rickard; W.W. Laskey Award - Pat Morrisette.

Soccer - Canon W.J. Clarke awards for: Forward - Jimmy Kaklatris; Defense - Brian Walker.

Swimming - Gilman Leach Award - Craig Maitland.

Women's Swimming & Diving M.V.P. - Ginny Bradley.

Men's Volleyball, M.V.P. - Hans Klohn.

Manager's Awards - Ruth Lindsay, Women's Basketball; Reggie Springer, Cross Country; Jan Reichart, Field Hockey; Don Bordeleau, Football.

Female Athlete of the Year - Janet Goggin.

Male Athlete of the Year - Blaine MacDonald.

MacDonald lauded as outstanding

By TOM BEST

One of the highlights of the Athletics banquet held last Tuesday evening was the announcement of the male athlete of the year.

Blaine MacDonald, a fourth year phys. ed. student was awarded the H. Kenneth Corbett Medal for his outstanding career as an athlete at the university. During his four years here, MacDonald has played varsity basketball each year, and was the captain of the team this season. For two of those years, he was the leading scorer and is the second highest all-time scorer in the UNB's history.

MacDonald has also been active in other avenues of sport on campus. Before the Track and Field team was dropped from a varsity status, he competed in several jumping events and garnered many high place finishes in collegiate and regional meets.

Intramural and inter-residence sports are not strangers to the Ottawa native and he has taken part in a broad spectrum of the activities offered on that level. He has participated in intramural softball, soccer and flag football and was a member of championship volleyball and water polo teams.

MacDonald said that he was surprised that he had won the award after seeing the people who had won it in earlier years. He added that he felt honored to receive the medal.

When asked why he had chosen UNB as a post-secondary school, MacDonald replied that the main reason was because of the athletic program offered by the university. He said that he "really enjoyed sports" and he wanted to continue enjoying them after high school.

"There are no scholarships (for sports) at UNB so people must

really enjoy it," he said. "The enjoyment is the important thing."

He said that the athletes and teams at UNB "do good in competition with other schools offering scholarships" and that the coaches were up against big odds.

Don Nelson, his basketball coach, and Mal Early the track coach, were singled out as two of the many people at UNB who had had a strong influence on his attitudes and enjoyment of the program.

He said that Early "helped a young and unfamiliar guy feel at home" when he was a freshman on the campus and Don Nelson "was good to me. He made a better player." He said that Nelson had given him a chance to play varsity ball when he was only a first year student.

Not wishing to take all of the honor himself, MacDonald wished to congratulate all of the athletes at UNB for the fine records that they have compiled over the years has spent at the university.

Future plans for MacDonald are not definite but he hopes to be teaching in the local area since his wife is a coach at the high school in Fredericton.

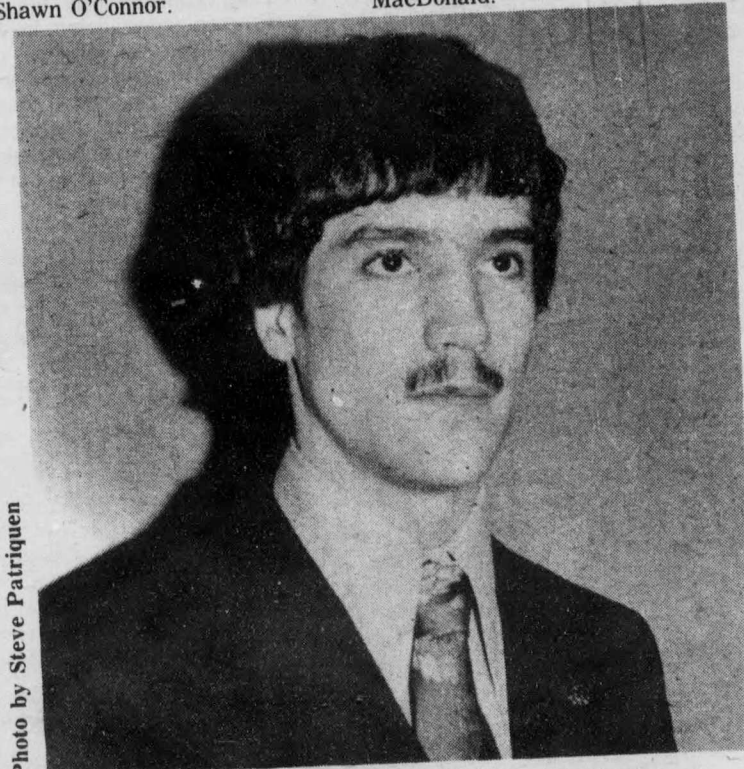


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BLAINE MacDONALD

UNB's athletes of the Year



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JANET GOGGIN

Basketball, field hockey this lady's forte

By TOM BEST

Basketball and field hockey are two sports which are generally not associated with each other but here at UNB at least one individual has found that the combination is a winner.

This year's winner of the Colin B. Mackay Shield, symbolic of the female athlete of the year, is proficient in both. Janet Goggin has been a member of both the women's field hockey and basketball teams for the past four years.

She has been selected as an all-star in both and has helped take the basketball team to the nationals for the last three years. As a member of the New Brunswick field hockey team, she has been asked to the tryouts for the national team to be held in April of this year.

The fourth year Phys. Ed. student said "I feel really honored," after she had received

the award, one of several she collected at the awards banquet last Tuesday evening. Never one to praise herself, she added that "Phys. Ed. Four really took a lot of awards this evening."

Since she is graduating, this year, Goggin said she has mixed feelings about leaving the university. She said that sometimes she was "sentimental and would like to stick around but other times ... of course, I'm sad to leave UNB."

Commenting on her year as captain of the Red Bloomers basketball team, she said that it was her first year as a captain and "I hope I did what was expected of me." She feels that next year's Bloomers should be a very good team, since only one player herself, would be graduating.

She said that she enjoyed playing for UNB because of the support that the teams she played on had received. She was referring to the support not only from fans, but also

from the coaches and staff.

Concerning the fan support enjoyed by the Bloomers this year, she said that she feels that the fact that the nationals were held here last year had a great deal to do with it. The fans had seen the calibre of ball the UNB team was capable of playing and therefore had become loyal followers of the squad this year.

Goggin wished to thank two individuals for the help she had received over the year from them. Talking about Corinee Fleming, the field hockey coach, she said she is "a super person ... she really knows her sport." As for Phil Wright, her basketball coach, she related that "Phil's been just great."

Speaking on Goggin's selection as athlete of the year, Gail Reynolds, a lecturer in phys. ed. said that "All the coaches mentioned her, and the other athletes as well."