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Red Devils fall to Eagles

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It was to be the classic confrontation - the UNB Red Devils vs. the U de M Blue Eagles. The division leaders meeting in a show down to determine who the King of the AUAA hockey jungle really was.

The game was very important to UNB in that a win would almost certainly ensure them a much desired national ranking. U de M wanted the win to help re-establish themselves as Canada's No. 1 university hockey team.

The Red Devils came out charging, continuously bottling up U de M in their own end. However, as the game progressed the Flying Frenchmen turned the tables with their incredible speed and shooting skill, eventually winning the game 7 - 4.

In the first period UNB jumped out to a 2 - 0 lead which was the result of a lot of hard work along the boards

and in the corners. Dave Bluteau opened the scoring for UNB on a shot from the point which eluded goaltender Benoit Portier.

Todd McQueen and Mark Jeffrey combined for UNB's second goal. Both McQueen and Jeffrey turned in exceptionally strong performances for the Red Devils.

U de M's offense which had been silent for most of the first period came alive late in the frame and goals by Francois Bessette and Remi Levesque tied the score at two. Goaltender Kevin Rochford made several key saves during the period to keep UNB in the game. The U de M marksmen found their range in the second and third periods and pumped in five goals to ensure the victory. UNB's other goals were scored by Tony Mclean and Gary Clark. UNB did manage to outshoot U de M 38 - 30.

Losing to the awesome U de M Blue Eagles was in no way a disgrace. The way UNB played

in the first two periods provided the 1800 fans who watched

the game with many exciting moments and made a game of

it from opening whistle to the final buzzer.



Black Bears split on the road

By RON HERWOOD

Last weekend the UNB Black Bears wrestling club took to the road, travelling to Halifax on Friday and Antigonish on Saturday to grapple with the Dalhousie Tigers and the St. Francis Xavier X-men. The Acadia wrestling club attended on Friday, competing on an exhibition basis. The Bears demonstrated their fighting skill, dominating the Tigers and winning the meet 33-19. Tim Murphy, a transfer from Acadia and a fourth year education student set the pace, gaining an easy 12-0 victory early in the second round of his bout under the present rules, a twelve point advantage automatically terminates the bout giving the winning team five points. A pin earns six team points. If a wrestler wins by between 8 and 12 points, he receives four team points and a win by less than 8 points nets his team three points. Defaults are worth five points.

Brian Bessey fought valiantly but Dalhousie avenged the previous defeat at Brian's expense. Bessey is a forestry engineering sophomore and second year wrestler at UNB and has earned the reputation of being a game wrestler and

almost impossible to pin. Dennis Mahoney was next on the card for the Bears. Dennis, a second year Physical Education student and another valuable acquisition from Acadia, won easily, using his aggressive style and pinned his opponent

early in the first round. Gregg Hughes, a freshman arts student, took to the mat somewhat apprehensively due to unsettling rumours instigated by some of the senior members of the Bears. Greg fought valiantly in a close match and after a gutsy performance, succumbed to his opponent, getting pinned late in the second round.

Shane Donovan, the 'Serf City Cobra' a freshmen physical education student from St. John - was next up and after perhaps the most spirited effort of the day, was outpointed 5-4 by a fifth year veteran six years his senior. Leo McGee who has become an institution in UNB wrestling circles over the years and, as captain, exemplifies the Black Bears fighting spirit, was next to be turned loose. This bear tamed his tiger early in the bout, terminating the match at approximately the one and half minute mark. Second year,

Wayne (Torch) Wiggins finished off the bouts wrestling a man twenty pounds heavier than he - Wayne proved that a Bear brawls better than a tiger tussles and defeated his opponent early in the first round. Final team score: UNB Black Bears 33 - Dalhousie Tigers 19.

A series of ensuring exhibition matches saw Kevin Hodgson pin three opponents at 118 lbs. Ron Henwood won a decision at 190 lbs. Tim Murphy added to his victories with a pin and Greg Hughes revenged his previous loss by gaining a decision in his second match. Wiggins, in the last bout, lost a close decision to make him one and one for the day.

The Bears travelled to Antigonish on Saturday and ran into much stiffer competition. Kevin Hodgson gave UNB a 6-0 lead, pinning his opponent in a well fought bout. The Bears did not have a wrestler in the 112 lb. or 126 lb. categories. X did not have a wrestler at 112 and so with Murphy taking to mat UNB lead 6-5. Tim pinned his opponent at 134 lbs. giving UNB a 12-5 lead Brian Bessey put forth a game performance but was outpointed by twelve and UNB's lead slipped to 12-10. Dennis Mahoney at 150 lbs. pinned the next X-men in the first round; Score UNB 18; X-10. Greg Hughes and Shane Donovan were the next Black Bears Battlers to bore their

brown. Both, team mates were defeated after well fought matches. Donovan had built up a six point lead before being turned over by his aggressive opponent.

With McGee, Henwood, Wiggins and Rick Parker in the wings for UNB, the X-men has taken a 19-18U point lead. McGee again pinned his man in the first round and Henwood followed suit in the second round of his bout at 190 lbs. Wiggins again being outweighed considerably, built up an early lead against an experienced opponent but was later pinned and UNB was placed in a do or die situation. With only the heavyweight match remaining, the score was UNB 30-X-Men 25.

Athlete of the week

UNB varsity teams resumed play in full force over the weekend.

Don McCormack's hoop performance has earned him this week's male nomination. He led the Red Raiders in a bid to capture the UNB Holiday Classic at the Aitken Centre. The 6'3" forward played an instrumental role in Friday night's upset of nationally ranked McGill University, netting 28 points. Saturday's championship final versus the University of Maine in Farm-

Ricker Parker, a second year engineer and a sophomore wrestler having only had four workouts made a valiant effort but victory was not in his grasp as he was pinned late in the first round. UNB ended up losing the meet 31-30 in front of a jubilant X-crowd.

This Wednesday, January 13, the Black Bears play host to the Mount Allison Mounties and the University of Maine, Presque Isle in the west gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. The action promises to be exciting as Mount "A" and UNB - two longtime rivals - square off.

On Sunday, Jan. 17 at 3 p.m. Dalhousie comes to the west gym to try to avenge their defeat at the hands of the UNB squad.

ington saw McCormack score 22 points in a hard fought loss. For his achievement he was named to the Tournament All Star Team.

The 21 year-old native of Fredericton is also a member of the New Brunswick Provincial Team. McCormack is a second year Education student.

No female winner has been named this week. Women's intercollegiate teams were unable to submit nominations since their return from road trips were delayed due to travel and weather difficulties.