

# Athlete of the week

This week's athlete of the week award features a second time, two sport winner, and the first wrestling winner.

Joanne McLean has added a second award, to go along with her previous distinction as a key member with the Red Sticks field hockey team. This week she captured the honor as a high scoring guard with the Red Bloomers.

At the McGill Tournament, MacLean led UNB to the championship final, beating the likes of Harvard and West Point in the process. She averaged 18.5 points per game and was named to the Tourna-

ment All-Star team. In this past weekend's victories over Memorial University, a 101-44 rout on Saturday and a 76-66 win in Sunday's rematch, she notched 14 and 22 points respectively.

This year the 22 year old's first action of the season after breaking her wrist in pre-season. Not surprisingly, coach Coleen Dufresne is excited about having MacLean in the line-up. "Joanne's return has added a whole new dimension to the Bloomer game." A fourth year Physical Education student, MacLean is a hometown product of Fredericton.

The UNB Black Bears have fielded their first athlete-of-the-week winner. Brian Bessey was instrumental in the Black Bears' victories over Mount Allison, the University of Maine in Presque Isle, and Dalhousie.

After having lost eleven pounds in three days to qualify for the 126 pound weight class, Bessey still managed to emerge victorious in all four matches he was involved in. He pinned three of his four opponents, two in the first round.

Bessey, 19, is a second year Engineering student from Fredericton.

## Devil Talk

By JEFF IRWIN

Well hi folks. I'm sorry about last week, but if I had the whole paper to tell you why I missed the column, I would.

Anyway on to this weeks comments which will include a commentary on the MUN games 2 weeks ago. I would be embarrassed to be the coach of the Memorial Beothuks. If Jack Gibson has no control over his players, as was evident in both games in Newfoundland, he should resign. Coach Gibson was filling in for the trainer as water boy the last time I saw him. Randy Pearsey, who has played for MUN for a number of years, should be promoted to coach, as that seemed to be his main job during those games. Personally, I think he should also be a member of the debating team, as he seems to have a mouth that never quits. I am also sure they have a lumber jack course at MUN by the way they swing their sticks. Seeing one of the referees after one of the games, I did not recognize him as he was wearing Coke bottle glasses, however he didn't wear them during the game. A new course in refereeing should also be offered somewhere in Newfoundland.

Coach MacAdam said after the Friday night loss that it was not totally unexpected, due to the trials and tribulations of the trip, and he was quick to say that the next game would show MUN what stuff the Red Devils were made of. On Saturday the tables were turned in the Red Devils favour.

I would like to thank all the fans that turned out on Tuesday night to see the Devils play U de M. Although they lost, I'm sure that most people were impressed with the style of hockey that was exhibited, and will continue to come out to support the Red Devils. The Moncton Blue Eagles are definitely a very good hockey club, and their were a strong adversary. The Red Devils dominated the first period, and managed to stay with the Blue Eagles until about half way through the third period, when the Blue Eagles simply out skated them to a 7-4 victory.

Dalhousie came to town on Sunday, and boy did they, going home with a 10-2 win. Everyone has a bad day now and then and I guess it was Red Devil team bad day on Sunday. It surprised yours truly and I'm sure it came as a shock to most fans. Again the fan support was tremendous and thank you one and all.

The postponed Acadia game played on Monday was a real Red Devil game. The Devils dominated the whole game, skating to a 4-2 victory over the Acadia Axemen in a fast paced, exciting game. In my estimation the fans are here to stay, because even though the game was in the middle of the day, a Monday at that, it was a good crowd which was not disappointed.

We miss you John Kinch, and hope for a speedy recovery and return to the team. Thanks Coach and Mums the word.

P.S. Congretulations to the Winter Carnival Committee on a job well done, all events went well and the participation seemed to be extremely good. Carni is back to stay!

## Winter Carnival rally

Fredericton Motorsport Club presents the 22nd annual winter carnival rally, Saturday, January 23, in conjunction with the New Maryland Winter Carnival. Competitors are expected from across the Maritimes for this regional navigational event, covering about 320 km. in York and Sunbury Counties.

The first leg, covering about 100 km. is open to all local novice entries. With this in mind, the organizers are looking for at least four UNB entries to compete for the best UNB team trophy.

The novice portion of the rally will have simple instructions so that entrants will only need (besides a road-worthy car with seat belts) pencils, paper and perhaps a calculator to complete the rally.

The basis of a navigational rally is to stay on route and on time using instructions. Though the speeds won't be as fast as posted limits, the winter conditions should provide the driver and navigator with a challenging driving experience.

In addition to the UNB trophy, the organizers have a special fuel economy award for the rally team which completes the first 100 km using the least amount of gas.

Originally the winter carnival rally was part of the UNB Winter Carnival, when the Fredericton Motorsport Club was known as the UNB Sports Car Club.

Registration gets underway at the New Maryland Recreation Centre at 12:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$4.00 for UNB entries. For further information on entering please call Gordon at 454-8156.

# Free Throws

By DAVE MOMBOURQUETTE

Well good day, eh! Our topic for today is basketball, basketball and more basketball. With apologies to Bob and Doug, and any other hosers out there, like, I'm going to take-off eh, and talk about the Red Raiders, O.K.

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The major focus for this week has to be the two game series on the island, against the UPEI Panthers. Last weekend the Panthers defeated the Dalhousie Tigers, and the St. F.X. X-Men, giving them an important edge over the Raiders, in their fight for the fourth and final playoff spot in the AUSA. Associate Coach Phil Wright, admitted that the Panther victories, "puts added pressure on us." He emphasized the importance of beating the Islanders, saying if they do, "then we still have a shot at the playoffs."

How the Raiders make out this weekend will be directly affected by the play of forward Chris McCabe, finally back from the foot injury which has sidelined him since last November. Judging from the way Chris played on Tuesday night, he will have no problem re-establishing himself as one of the more dominant players in the conference. Although he downplayed his performance, he admitted his timing was starting to come back, and that it was his physical shape that hurt him most. "When I felt strong, I had no problems, but the lack of conditioning and strength affected all parts of my game," said McCabe.

Other members of the team were a little more enthused, Coach Nelson saying, "It was his first start and he played well, but it will probably take the rest of the season to get back to where he was. He really has the ability to establish himself on the boards." Team Captain, Scott Devine, left no doubt that he was happy with the return of the big guy, saying, "It's great to have Chris back, he's the guy that makes us go. He's going to make a big difference down the road."

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More accolades for Donny McCormack! The Raiders sharp shooting forward has earned the CIMI Labatt's Sports Achievement Award, this coming on the heels of his selection as UNB's athlete of the week. Don scored 24 and 40 points, in a couple of exhibition games in Maine last weekend, as he continued to lead the Raiders on the scoreboard. Coach Nelson credits the unselfish play of guards Devine and Amos, with McCormack's ability to run up his impressive totals, saying, "the team is smart enough to go to Donny, they know he can do the job." Scott Devine agreed, saying, "If he keeps shooting like that, we're going to give him the ball. He can really destroy a zone."

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A look at the stats sheet shows a few reasons why the Raiders have been struggling. With Paul Holder and Chris McCabe out of the lineup, the team was missing two thirds of their rebounding strength, which accounted for the fact that the Raiders opponents were able to take twelve more shots per game. This made up for the edge the Raiders had enjoyed with their superior shooting.

For the record UNB has been shooting 54% from the field, while making 72.4% of their free throws. Scott Devine leads all scorers with a 23.0 average, although Don McCormack is quickly closing in.

We hope to get you the complete team statistics next week, although the only really important one is the total in the win column.

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That's it for this week, so I'll just leave you with this intellectual thought for the day. . . "cooo-ooo, coo ooo coo coo coo coo."