

# UNB SPORTS

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## BLOOMERS SPLIT AGAINST U.P.E.I.

By MARK SAVOIE

Despite playing tremendous ball for two games against UPEI last weekend the UNB Red Bloomers will have to take to the road for the AUSA play-offs. Over the weekend the Bloomers handed UPEI its first loss to an AUSA team in two years by a score of 57-54 before a boisterous crowd at the Main Gym. They then travelled to UPEI with the prospect of finishing first and hosting the play-offs if they won. This was not to be however, as the senior laden UPEI squad walked away with a 71-61 victory.

Last Friday night the Bloomers outplayed UPEI throughout the entire first half, leading at times by as much as 15 points. At halftime they went win with a 10 point 34-24 lead. In the second half the Bloomers come out and scored the first 11 points of the half. This gave the Bloomers a 21 point advantage with 15 minutes left. At this point it appeared that UPEI woke up, as they commenced to dominate the last 10 minutes of the game. Their shooting, which had been extremely poor, picked up as Paula Edwards and former Bloomer Janet Nichols began to hit with regularity. As a result the 21 point gap began to shrink rapidly. It all came down to the final minute, with both UNB's Pauline Lordon and UPEI's Stephanie Smith having already fouled out, where the Bloomers were able to prevent a desperation three point attempt by UPEI in order to hold out for a 57-54 victory.

The let down over the last fifteen minutes was a carbon copy of the game against Dalhousie at the

Aitken Centre, where the Bloomers again held a 21 point lead, that time to win by only eight. Coach Claire Mitton credits the led down against UPEI to a belief that the team was so surprised to be ahead by so much that they stopped taking the ball to UPEI and started holding the ball instead in order to run out the clock. The Bloomers were able to win this game despite subpar shooting performances from Pauline Lordon, Jennifer Hale, and Hara Palmer. The reason for their success was a fine defensive effort by the entire team. Also, it must be said that for the first three-quarters of the game UPEI missed shots that they normally would have made.

After this game the Bloomers travelled to Charlottetown for a game which was already being referred to by UPEI as a 'revenge match'. The UPEI Lady Panthers gained their revenge virtue of an extremely poor opening minutes by the Red Bloomers. At the end of ten minutes of play the Bloomers were down 20-5 and had sunk only one field goal, this being by Pauline Lordon with 10:14 left in the half. Pauline's field goal seemed to spark the team (especially herself) and for the rest of the half the Bloomers outscored UPEI 26-15 to hail by only four (35-31) at halftime. In the second half the Bloomers started well and managed to close the score to 40-37. A few minutes later the score was 50-37 for UPEI. After this the Bloomers were never again able to close to under 10 points for the rest of the game.

Claire Mitton 'blamed' the Bloomers' slow start in this game on the fact that her three freshman starters were unused to

the UPEI gym and to the 'Island Mystique'. This "Island Mystique" means that the officials allow a more physical game than on the mainland. Offensively, the Bloomers were led by Pauline

Lordon and Hara Palmer with 24 and 17 points respectively. Their efforts were counterbalanced by dismal shooting performances from Jennifer Hale and Lynn Christiansen who were 1-8 and 1-

9 from the field respectively. The real problem for the team in this game was that they were at times unable to get the ball inside and were thus forced to take perimeter shots for much of

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## BEAVERS AT A.U.A.A.'S

By Steven Marks

It was a weekend of surprises, close finishes and intense racing for the UNB Beavers as they travelled to Acadia for the AUSA Swimming Championships. The brightest surprise was the emergence of Rookie Krista Daigle as the premier women's backstroker in the Atlantic Conference. A disappointing surprise for the men was the absence of Rookie freestyle phenom Phil Chaplin who made the trip but, because of sickness, was unable to compete in any events.

Daigle, a Fredericton native, handily won the 100m backstroke in a CIAU qualifying time of 1:10:40 on Saturday and then repeated in the 200m event Sunday afternoon. This garnered her the UNB Athlete of the Week Award and helped propel the Women's team into third place overall.

The other winner of the women's side was vet Jackie Hatherly who was narrowly touched out in the 200IM Friday night, but stormed

back Saturday to take the 400IM. Jackie qualified for the CIAU championships too - no surprise there though - it's her fifth year in a row. Also doing some inspired swimming were Angie Pickles and Marie Yelle. Angie was 6th in the 100 fly, and 4th in both the 100 and 200 backstrokes while Marie was a finalist in both the 50 and 100 metre freestyles. All three Women's relays finished with impressive thirds. In all, the Beavers collected 63 points to place third behind Dalhousie with 136 and Mount Allison with 112. Acadia was fourth with 59 while Memorial had 38.

It was Rookie Rob Stirling who led the Men's team. Stirling started out strong Friday night finishing third in the 200IM. Saturday found Rob in the tightest race of the meet, the 100m butterfly, in which he led from start to finish, touching out teammate and two-time defending champ Brent Staeben by 1-100th of a second. This was an especially satisfying race for the Beavers as Keith Garret placed

third for a 1-2-3 sweep, the only one of the meet. Stirling took third in the 200 fly and was an integral member of both freestyle relays. In his last race as a Beaver, Staeben came from behind on the last length to finish second in the 200 fly. Garratt was also a finalist in this event.

UNB was especially tough in the backstroke and 400IM, placing 3 men in the finals of each. Sean Penney was a double medalist placing 3rd in the 400IM and was just narrowly touched out and took second in the 200 backstroke. David Wright swam the race of his life to take 2nd in the 100 backstroke and also finished 4th in the 200M backstroke.

The men who eventually made the difference and pushed UNB into second place were workhorses Bruce MacAulay, Tim Jackson and John Hartholt. "Champion Supreme" MacAulay had the most brutal schedule as he swam the 6th in the 400IM, 5th in the 1500M freestyle and 7th in the 200 fly.

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## Athletes of the Week

First year swimmer, Krista Daigle from Fredericton, NB, has been honoured as UNB's Female Athlete-of-the-Week. The 18 year old was one of the two swimming team members to qualify for the CIAU championships this past weekend at the AUSA championships. With a time of 1:10.40 in the 100m Backstroke, Krista took the gold medal and the CIAU qualification. The first year science student also won gold in the 200m Backstroke (2:32.90) and was a member of the medley relay team that finished third. Coach Bruce Fisher was very impressed with Krista's performance and is extremely happy that she qualified for the nationals.

First year wrestler, Stacy Desroches, from Berwick, NS, is another rookie who this past weekend qualified for the CIAU Championships. At the AUSA championships, the 20 year old Stacy finished first in the 126 lb. class by defeating last year's silver medalist, an experienced fourth year wrestler and a second year wrestler. Also of note was the fact that the first year business student was the only wrestler to take a point from the defending CIAU champion. Coach George Multamaki was very pleased and said, "Stacy's hard work and continued improvement over the season produced his best performance of the year at the AUSA championships."



Front Row (L-R): Chris Patterson, Tina Tector, Bridget Byrne, Shelly Hanly, Charlie Sullivan  
Second Row (L-R): Bruce Macaulay, Allan Joudrey, Ben Turner, Brian Legris, Pat Foley, John Hartholt, Sean Penny  
Third Row (L-R): Coach Bruce Fisher, Terry Mills, Gardiner MacNeil, Keith Garratt, Sean Donaldson, Brent Staeben, Philp Chaplin, Tim Jackson, Rob Stirling, Marc Poirier  
Back Row (L-R): Andrea Gaudet, Jackie Hatherly, Kate Naylor, Tawnya Desavlniers, Krista Daigle, Lisa Daigle, Lynn Wanyeki, Jodi Woodham, Angie Pickles, Catherine Brander, Noelle Ridgway

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