

# Free Throws

By DAVID MOMBOURQUETTE

It had to happen. After a succession of strong performances since the Christmas break, the Red Raiders were finally blown out in an AUAA league game, losing 87-69 to the Saint Mary's Huskies, Sunday at the Aitken Centre. Well if you have to lose, you may as well lose to the best, and the Huskies are certainly that, having run their unbeaten streak to thirty-two games, and have a number one national ranking.

SMU coach Gary Heald, was very pleased with the Huskies season so far, and felt his charges deserved the national recognition. "I was very upset in the past with the ranking system, but it is getting better," said Heald, adding, "the CIAU gathers more information now, but once you get past the first four positions it is still very hard for them to choose."

Heald made no pretensions of who the Huskies major competition would be if they are to win the national championship this year. "The University of Victoria has the best all Canadian team ever in Canada, and they are even stronger than the U of Vic teams that have won the nationals the past two years," stated Heald.

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Would the person who has put the hex on the Red Raiders please give them a break! Just when you thought there was nothing more that could go wrong with the physical condition of the Raiders, Chris McCabe is struck with an abscessed tooth. The third year forward had just about completely recovered from a foot operation when the newest problem arose. Chris hadn't been able to eat much for the entire week before the SMU game, and his obviously weakened physical condition prevented him from being a factor against the Huskies. But cheer up, nothing more could possibly happen. Or could it?

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Scott Devine continues to lead the Raiders in scoring, his 24 point average being good for fifth in the conference, and eighth in Canada. The sharp shooting team captain, also ranks second in the national in field goal percentage and third in free throw percentage.

Scott's marksmanship has put him well within reach of the UNB single season scoring record record of former Raider, Dave Nutbrown. With seven regular season games remaining Devine needs only 135 points to break Nutbrown's mark of 640. Scott has already broken Nutbrown's career scoring mark, and should easily add this mark to his list.

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The Raiders go on the road this weekend, with a couple of games in Nova Scotia, against St. F.X. and Acadia. The Raiders have defeated both of these teams earlier this year, but this road trip is going to be no picnic. The X-men are looking to avenge an embarrassing loss to the Raiders only two weeks ago, and the much improved Acadia squad will be looking to pick up any victory they can manage.

Red Raider head coach, Don Nelson, feels the team has a "very good chance," to knock off X, although he is more concerned with defeating the Axemen, a game he regards as a "must win."

The Raiders will be travelling in very distinguished company on the trip as they are being joined by the Red Bloomers women's team. The ladies are having quite the season so far, last week defeating the league leading Dalhousie squad, as they strengthened their hold on second place. The guys are going to have to put on a good show if they don't want to be upstaged by their female counterparts.

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I'll have to stop rambling at this point, or I'm going to miss the buz for the big trip. Yes, yours truly is going on the road again, and barring any snowstorms, I'll be back next week.

(Hi, Mo).

# Bloomers shock Dal

By Hilary Earl

The UNB Red Bloomers defeated their toughest competition in Halifax this past weekend, placing them number one in their division and 10th in Canada. "It was the most successful weekend of the year for the team" boasts the girls, beating two top ranked teams and boosting their winnings to a nine and two record.

Saturday they were faced with their toughest competition in the league, the Dalhousie Tigerettes. The girls blew past them to break a 49 game winning streak. 65-64 getting 20 points from the hot hand of Joanne MacLean, while Jill Jeffrey and Laura

Gillespie added 16 and 10 respectively. The girls went into the game knowing they had to play well. Dal is a big team, while the Bloomers lack in that category, they seemed to make up for the loss by win-

ning the ball up the floor and quickly executing their offense. The defense the Bloomers played was superb, they truly adjusted well under the circumstances and played a real team game.

After their big win on Saturday, the girls were faced with taking on the St. Mary's Belles. Although the Bloomers had previously defeated the team by some 25 points at their home gym, coach Coleen Dufresne warned them that

"no matter how good a team was you couldn't count on an easy win against SMU, especially on their home court".

No matter, UNB managed to topple the Belles by a 77-63 victory, again with Joanne MacLean leading the way with a high score of 28 points. Laura Gillespie and Kathy Norman adding 20 and 16 points each.

This weekend was a big boost both in the minds of the girls as well as for their standings. They're now looking forward to a big weekend against Acadia and St. F.X., needless to say the AUAA's are within reach to the Bloomers, so watch out Dal, the Bloomers are on the war path!

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### Final Standings

	G	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
1. MacKenzie	9	7	2	0	425	272	14
2. L.B.R.	9	7	2	0	288	216	14
3. Harrison	9	6	3	0	369	280	12
4. Neill	9	6	3	0	335	309	12
5. Harrington	9	5	3	1	304	301	11
6. Aitken	9	5	4	0	292	276	10
7. Bridges	8	3	4	1	233	280	7
8. Neville	8	2	6	0	223	269	4
9. Holy Cross	8	2	6	0	249	336	2
10. Jones	8	0	8	0	177	274	0

## Bears take Dal open

The UNB Black Bears once more experienced success as they captured the team trophy at the Dal open last weekend. With eight teams in attendance, the UNB Grapplers placed no worse than third in all weight classes that they entered.

The victorious Bears returned home in a somber mood owing to the untimely injuries to Shane Donovan and Dennis Mahoney. At the time of this report, the seriousness of their injuries was not known. It is hoped that they will be healthy for the AUAA's scheduled in the Beaverbrook Gymnasium February 19-20.

The following are the placings by weight class:

Kevin Hodgson, 126 lbs, 2nd  
 Brian Bessey, 126 lbs, 3rd  
 Tim Murphy, 134 lbs, 2nd  
 Dennis Mahoney 142 lbs, 2nd

Greg Hughes, 150 lbs, 3rd  
 Shane Donovan, 158 lbs, 3rd  
 Ron Harwood, 177 lbs, 2nd  
 Wayne Wiggins, 190 lbs, 3rd

Rick Parker, NWT, 2nd

While this tournament was going on, Leo McGee was in Ontario wrestling at the Windsor open. Leo wrestled all on-comers - York University, University of Waterloo, University of Western Ontario, Lakehead, McMaster, and

Windsor. How did he do? He

pinned, he dislocated, and he dislocated shoulders. The prodigal Black Bear returned home victorious. Onward and upward Leo McGee.

The ailing UNB squad square off Wednesday February 10 against the Mount Allison Mounties. This is the last dual confrontation before the AUAA's next weekend.

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