

Blazers place fifth at Nationals

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The long hockey season finally came to an end for the UNB Red Blazers Women's Hockey Team. It ended on a disappointing note, a long way from home, but left the team feeling good.

The Blazers traveled to North Battleford, Saskatchewan for the fifth annual Shoppers Drug Mart Women's Senior Hockey Championships. Play stretched from March 20 to 23.

UNB got off to a great start in the round-robin portion of the tournament by sweeping their first two games on Thursday. In the morning, seven different Blazers scored to power a 7-1 victory over Newfoundland. Charlene Arsenault and Janet Hudson each chipped in a goal and assist in the win.

Thursday night, the Blazers took part in a game many viewers saw as the highlight of the day. Trailing Manitoba 2-0, seven minutes into the game, UNB climbed back to dominate in an exciting end to end effort. Sandy Ward scored late in the first frame but the Blazers did not get back on the scoreboard until late in the last period. With 1-16 showing, Anne Campbell converted a Carol Cooper feed to knot the score and then, with 24 seconds left, defender Janet Hudson raced in from the

blueline to swoop around the goal and stuff the puck past a startled goalie. For the first time in five UNB trips to the Nationals, the Blazers had a 2-0 record after one day.

Friday was not as successful but just as exciting, at least it was later on. Firstly, the ladies took on the powerhouse from Ontario, a team that was to go on to the Nationals with very little opposition. A three goal second period explosion quickly took the game away as the Blazers lost 6-0. Goalie Sue Kierstead was outstanding as she faced 36 shots for UNB.

Later that same day, UNB was forced to the last minute by Nova Scotia. The exciting contest saw Carol Cooper tie the game with 59 seconds showing, a game in which a hustling NS squad kept UNB off balance. The Blazers outshot their opposition in the overtime 9-2 but despite some excellent chances could not score; the tie stood. Overall Nova Scotia was outshot 36-13.

The Red Blazers finished the round-robin with the third best record of the ten teams, with only Ontario and host Saskatchewan better. The cross over format of the Quarter-finals had UNB against Quebec on Saturday.

The Montreal team had been favored to win everything but stumbled in the early going. In the Quarter-final, the flying french women were on their game. The contest was easy to watch as the grinding style of UNB contrasted with Quebec. The score was tied 0-0 midway through the game when referee Grant Cook made two controversial calls that led directly to Quebec goals. "He really blew both of them, the first resulted from an invisible penalty and then a mishandled faceoff that he should have blown dead," said UNB coach Mike Power. "He took the game away from the players." The lead meant that UNB had to open up their closechecking game and cut back to two lines, "and besides that he allowed the hooking and holding that Quebec lives and dies with." Power went on to say, "In the semi-final the ref called it and Quebec was in the box all night; they lost that game." These unfortunate facts all added up to a season ending in a 5-1 loss. When asked if the refereeing in UNB's last game will be on his mind all summer, Power replied, "No, the effort my team gave right down to the last minute of the last game will be on my

mind. We needed a game against Quebec in which the breaks were with us. They weren't, so next year we start again and assume things will be better with a year's experience."

The loss placed UNB fifth in the country, down a notch from 1985 but still something to be proud of. "Number five is good, in our first three tries we ended up ninth so we have done well," said team captain

Carol Cooper. So, after 48 games and six months, the hockey trail ended for UNB. The team attitude is good and most players appear ready for next September when it begins again.

Karate club success at UNB

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Some people believe that volleyball, soccer and/or basketball are the only sports on campus worth playing. Maybe they're right, maybe they're not. However a group of 25 students are of the latter opinion. For 1 hour, 3 times a week they practice another sport, Karate.

The particular style taught at UNB is Kyokushinkai with David Vautour acting as Sensei (teacher or instructor). David, who is 22 years old has been involved in Karate since he was 16. He is a First Dan Black Belt and has been teaching the style for 3 years.

In Karate, physical fitness, self-defense and form are stressed. The ranking system involves a series of belts starting at white (novice), going through yellow, orange, green, blue, brown and finally black.

The workout usually begins with Dave leading the class through a series of aerobic exercises, stretching and then work at the fighting style.

The Karate club is a university organization and because



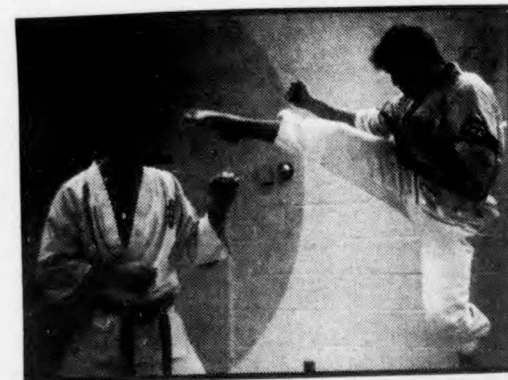
Dave Vautour shows one of the stances in Kyokushinkai Karate.



Dave demonstrates a self-defense move to Lori Dykeman, one of the students.



Dave greets Sensei Guy Saulter, 2nd Dan Black Belt and president of Kyokushinkai Karate for NB.



Dave practices fly roundhouse kick with Guy Saulter.

of this it caters only to university students and costs far less than any other equivalent club in Fredericton. The club is co-ed with women being treated the same as the men and the same results are expected of them.



The club usually goes to one competition a year, while Dave competes in kickboxing. The Karate style is not kickboxing but is a martial art.

Dave would like to thank the Physical Education and Recreation Department who provide the club with the use of the dance studio at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym.

Karate is something that lasts a lifetime - there is always something to learn. Dave said "I will be spending my summer competing and learning more about Karate so that I can come back to teach what I know to my students. I consider myself a beginner in Karate even though I have reached the Black Belt instruction level."

To quote Mas Oyama (inventor of Kyokushinkai) "After 100 days of Karate you are a beginner - after 1000 days you are starting to learn what Karate is all about!"

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calendar of events

Thursday, March 27
Hockey
- Moncton at Express

Monday, March 31
Hockey
- Nova Scotia at Express