

Skiing

UNB racers take the Cavendish Cup at Crabbe



Adam Argraves braves the frozen frosty field of fun and fantasy
Photo courtesy of UNB Ski Club

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February 10th and 11th Crabbe Mountain hosted three Cavendish cup races, the Maritimes own interprovincial racing circuit. Held on Crabbe Mt.'s popular run King's Horn, the only ski run in New Brunswick long enough to hold a Super Giant Slalom course, two Super G races were held on Saturday. Clocked at speeds in excess of 70km/hr, UNB racers were at

their top form. However, rising above the crowd were the UNB Ski Team's women racers bringing home a record five medals for UNB.

Competing against racers from the NB provincial team and the Canadian National Team, Gordon Weary had impressive times of 50.59 and 50.61 seconds and nabbed UNB two medals, placing 3rd with a bronze in both Senior Men's Super Giant Slalom runs that were held Saturday.

Other UNB racers rounding out the Sr. Men's Super G category were Sion Goodine, Jason Hambly, Brian Crothers, Adam Argraves, and Micheal Jensen. Of exceptional note are UNB racers Elliot Little and Matthew Archibald, who placed 4th and 5th respectively in both of the heavily opposed Sr. Men's Super G races.

However, cleaning up at Crabbe Mt. in Sr. Women's Super G races, also held on Saturday were UNB racers Nicole Lebrun and Karen Brown. Dominating both Super G races, Nicole Lebrun took both gold medals in the Sr. Women's Super G division and Karen Brown blazed down the run to place second in both races and took home two silver medals.

Sunday's Slalom race yielded excellent results for UNB racers. Once again, Nicole Lebrun seized the Gold in the Senior Women's Slalom division. Lebrun winning three gold medals marks a new record for UNB racing as for the first time a UNB racer has won first place in all three races en-

tered in one weekend. In the Sr. Men's Slalom Division, Victor King, with superb times in both heats of the Slalom race, bagged the bronze medal with his third place finish. Weary, with a total time of 2:09.55 in both heats received the silver medal for his second place finish.

Crothers, president of the UNB Ski

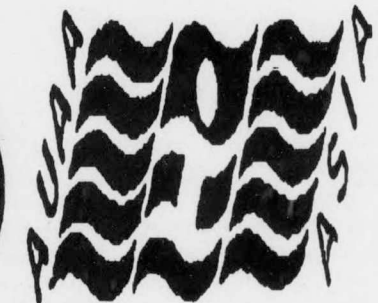
Team, notes that this was the largest turnout for a Cavendish Cup race from the UNB Ski Team yet. The fact that among 11 racers entering five different races and winning a total of nine medals displays the strong skiing ability and commitment of this years UNB Ski Team.



Heather Lebrun on her way to another gold medal
Photo courtesy of UNB Ski Club

Opinion

Blue Eagles: One year for being stupid



by Brian Scott

Hitting is a part of hockey, but for illegal hits players can get a one or two (sometimes more) game suspension. Well, if a player gets suspended for hitting players the wrong way, then what kind of penalty can a team get for abusing and hitting a referee?

This question pertains to the MacAdam Division final in the Atlantic University Athletic Association (AUAA) hockey between the University of Moncton Blue Eagles and the University of Prince Edward Island Panthers. Going into Saturday night's game, the Blue Eagles were facing elimination in the best of three series.

They lost the game 3-2 in overtime on a goal they felt had not entered the net. Naturally, they argued the call.

Unnaturally, however they proceeded to abuse and hit the referee. Under no circumstances is a player allowed to touch an official in such a way. However heartbreaking a loss is in hockey or any other sport, the losing team has to accept it.

The team also has to accept the fact that the officials are trying to officiate the game to the best of their ability. Even if the officials do a terrible job, it is uncalled for to do anything in the same manner as the Blue Eagles.

Saturday night's events are indeed extremely unfortunate. The AUAA, as well as the University of Moncton, should take proper precautions to see that such a tragedy does not happen again.

First of all, the goons that abused the referee should be severely penalized. A proper punishment would be an indefinite suspension and possibly a fine from the AUAA prohibiting these players from participating in any AUAA sporting event in the future. In addition, the University of Moncton should see to it that these players are banned from participating in any athletics at any level in the school. This would include intramural, team practices, athletic councils, etc.

Secondly, the coach should be disciplined for his role in the catastrophe. One responsibility of a hockey coach is control of his players. For example, when a fight is taking place on the ice during and after a game, the coach should be able to keep players from leaving the bench. In Saturday night's

game, Blue Eagles coach Pete Belliveau and assistant coach Pat Daviault should have known trouble would develop after such a controversial goal. However, both allowed the team to leave the bench to argue the call with the referee. Furthermore, Daviault grabbed one of the pins that keeps the nets secured to the ice and threw it at the glass separating himself and the goal judge. The glass shattered, although there were no injuries.

Action against these two coaches should be taken by the AUAA and the University they are employed by. They should be banned from any AUAA of UdeM for one full year.

Finally, hockey is a team sport. Thus, action should be taken against the team itself. To let a team do something as stupid as this and then not do anything about it would be asinine.

The Blue Eagles, the team rather than the players individually, should be banned from AUAA competition for at least the 1996-97 season. The next game they play should be no sooner than in September 1997.

One may think that all this punishment is far too much for something that only happened once. But keep in mind, because it happened once means that it is possible that it may happen again. With such heavy penalties as the ones above, teams and coaches in the future may think twice about doing something this stupid.

"Penalties to the Blue Eagles: One year for being stupid."

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