# Raiders Victorious - Finally

by Kelly Craig

It was a jam-packed first week of basketball for the UNB Red Raiders. They saw action last Tuesday against Presque Isle where they proceeded to give Presque Isle a beating of 101-80. the winning streak continued Thursday night at the LB Gym as UNB easily defeated Fort Kent 131-77. But, the thrill of the week came on Sunday when UNB received their first conference win over Memorial.

Thursdays game started off very well for UNB. The Raiders came on strong and never let up during the entire game. At half time the Raiders entered the locker room with a 61-44 lead over the visitors from Maine. The second half was all UNB. Glen Read was the top scorer for UNB as he shot for 22 points. Co-Captain Yaw Obeng came up with 18 points for the Raiders. Andy MacKay added 14 points as the Raiders ended the game 131-77.

Saturday the Raiders traveled to Memorial for a couple of games. The first game on Saturday saw the Raiders defeated 89-68. Glen Read came through with 17 points for the Raiders, and Dave Perkins added 16 points. On Sunday, the Raiders came back with a vengeance. Glen Read shot for a season high of 34 points. Yaw Obeng added 12 points to the Raider's win. The final outcome was Raiders 87, Memorial 68. The Raiders achieved their first conference win in 2 years.

Coach Wright felt that the Raiders should have had two conference wins last weekend. Memorial played very well on Saturday and UNB did not. UNB only managed to make 30% of their shots on basket which is not good for a team still hoping to make the play offs. But, morale is running high as UNB finally made a conference win.

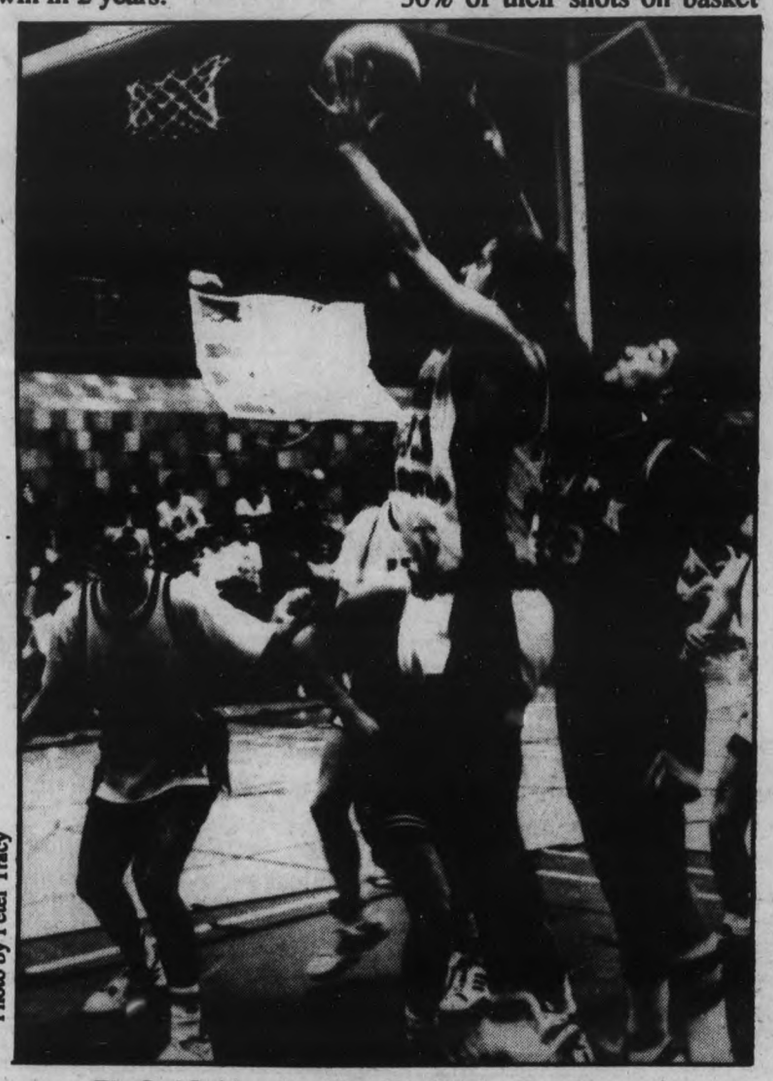


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*The Red Raiders humbling U. of Maine Fort Kent.*

The UNB team has not gone without difficulties this season. A starter for the team, Tim Whitters of st. Stephen, has decided not to play due to academic reasons. Bryan Elliot has returned to the team but will not play this season. Due to the injury received to his knee, Elliot has a lot of work to do to get back in tip physical shape. Roy Cocciorlo was injured in the game against Fort Kent but came back to play in the weekend games against Memorial.

This weekend the Raiders have two more conference games to play. On Friday the Raiders will play host to the Dalhousie tigers. On Saturday they play host to the Acadia Axemen. Both games will be played at the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium. Both games will be extremely good to watch as Acadia and Dal have recently both defeated St. Marys and UPEI. Friday's game starts at 8:30 pm and Saturday's game begins at 3:00 pm.

Thus far the Raiders 1990 record is 3 wins and 1 loss. With this in mind the Raiders are looking forward to the rest of the season. The play offs are still within reach and this weekend will tell the story.

## WHO REALLY CARES?

UNB'S Gary Clarke and STU's Kelly Lamrock have made a wager that if their respective schools lose in tomorrow night's hockey game he will wear the other school's beanie for a day/week. I didn't bother to ask what would happen if there was a tie.

Mark Savoie

# Team Effort Leads Bloomers Over UPEI

by Mark Savoie

Even without Stephanie Smith, the UPEI Lady Panthers are a formidable basketball opponent. Not formidable enough, however, for the UNB Red Bloomers last Saturday evening, as they walked away with a 68-64 victory. The Bloomers had led by as much as 13 points, but were forced to stave off a late charge from the Panthers. The Bloomers' record is now 4-2, good for fourth place in the team league.

True to this year's form, the Bloomers came out of the blocks slow, trailing 8-2 after two minutes. They quickly recovered from this deficit, and began to dominate play. At half time they led 43-34 and had severely limited Edward's effectiveness.

The second half was one of ebbs and flows. First the Bloomers extended their lead to twelve points and then UPEI brought it to within seven with eight minutes left. The Bloomers fought back to lead by 13, but then the Panthers closed to within eight with possession and three minutes remaining. Here the Bloomers defence really shone, as they forced the Panthers to use up the clock to get a basket. Only a superb effort from Paula Edwards was helping UPEI stay alive. Finally, the Bloomers held on for the win, as the Panthers desperately tried for a steal.



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*Pauline London and Paula Edwards battling for a rebound.*

Both teams tried to maintain a very fast pace for the team, and both teams tried to slow the other team down with a press. However, both point guards, Jill Jackson of the Bloomers and Susan Knickle of the Panthers, were simply too fast for the press for it to be very effective.

The Bloomers exhibited a total team effort in the game. Coach Claire Milton has made a commitment to get the entire team involved. As a result all players are seeing game action. This paid dividends in that the Bloomers had a remarkably balanced attack, with four players in double digits and some key baskets from the other players. UPEI was a two player team, with only Paula Edwards and Lori Knickle being consistent threats.

The Bloomers were led by Pauline London, who continued to set the emotional tone for the Bloomers' play, earning her both UNB and AUAA Female Athlete-of-the-Week honors. She was the team's highest scorer, while Jennifer Hale was just behind in what was her best game yet this season. The Panthers seemed to be content to let Hale take her shots, challenging her to sink them. She responded by consistently sinking them.

This weekend's games start tonight at 6:30 when the Bloomers host Dalhousie in the Main Gym. They follow this game with a contest against Acadia tomorrow at 1:00 pm, also at the Main Gym. Originally these games had been scheduled for the Aitken Centre, but Claire Mitton has become fond of 'The Pit' and had the games moved. Both Dal and Acadia have only one loss this season. Dalhousie's loss was at the hands of the Bloomers, while Acadia upset the Bloomers to open up the season. These games have to be considered 'must' wins if the Bloomers expect to have any hope of hosting the playoffs.



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*Kara Palmer, in the point against UPEI.*