View From The Cheap Seats

by Mark Savoie

Earlier this week I had the opportunity to talk to Kim Cole, Co-Manager of the UNB Red Bloomers. Last year Kim was a player on the Red Bloomers, but because she was either tenth or eleventh on an eleven person depth chart she rarely saw in-game action. I asked her what it was like to be what we euphemistically call a role player; or less politely, a bench-warmer. The following is a paraphrased sample of our conversation.

The Brunswickan: What was your role with the team last year?

Kim Cole: I was part of the team and I practised with the team. I didn't play much because I wasn't at the same level as some of the other girls. Last year was a learning experience for me. Even though I didn't play much I was in all the practices and did everything the girls did, running and all the drills.

Bruns: What about high School? Were you a starter in high school?

KC: Yes, I started all the time.

Bruns: Would you call yourself the team star back in high school?

KC: One of the team stars. Our whole starting five were stars. We had a pretty good team. I've played basketball since grade four and have been a starter every year until last year.

Bruns: So you were a starter all through high school?

KC: Not my first year. I didn't play in grade ten because I hurt my knee, so I had to take that year off.

Bruns: Is this the same knee problem you had last year?

KC: Yes it is.

Bruns: What exactly is your knee problem?

KC: It's called chondramalasia. It has to do with the cartilage...it is worn away and very painful.

Bruns: Do you still have problems with it now?

KC: Yes.

Bruns: This made basketball impossible for you at the end of last season?

KC: The last week I was playing I couldn't walk without experiencing extreme pain. Last year I had hopes of playing this season. However, the training, in addition to my PE activities placed too much strain on my knee.

Bruns: I noticed, even after your injury, you continued to dress for the games and take shooting practice with the team.

KC: I just couldn't keep away form everything, I had to do a few things.

Bruns: During games, how did you keep involved? What did you do to feel like part of the team?

KC: When the girls come off the court, or even when they're playing, you give them moral support. Everyone knows, even if you don't play, that you're part of the team. It was hard to not be able to be out there, because there was something I was missing, but it was worth playing...even if I didn't play.

Bruns: Did you ever get frustrated because you weren't playing?

KC: Definitely. I wanted to play and I got frustrated because I wasn't as good as some of the girls who were playing.

Bruns: What about some of the other players who don't get a lot of time? How do they feel about not playing?

KC: Well, I can't speak for anybody else.

Bruns: Just generally.

KC: Some of the players who were used to getting a lot of playing time didn't handle it well. They didn't like the idea of being replaced. Everyone now accepts their own role and plays for the team.

Bruns: What about the rookies?

KC: Well, our team last year was different because we had so many rookies playing a lot. Three of our newer players were starters last season. Some of the girls who didn't start got disappointed with not playing, but they all adjusted.

Bruns: Did Claire give you a fair chance?

KC: I think so. She played me more during the exhibition games.

Bruns: When you did play, how did you fell on the court?

KC: Nervous. I wanted to do well, but I have as much in-game experience as the others. I was afraid to make a mistake. I felt that I had to be perfect, because if I wasn't I was afraid that I wouldn't get to play again.

Bruns: If your knee would let you, would you join the team.

KC: Yes

Bruns: Even if it meant being on the bench again?

KC: Definitely.

UNB Open Tomorrow

by Kelly Craig

Last weekend the UNB Black Bears were supposed to host the NB Open Wrestling tournament. This tournament is open to all students from the age of 13 to 19. However, the NB Open was cancelled due to exams. With the new semestering system in the high schools students are required to write exams in January instead of December. Therefore, students are in the middle of exams and the NB Open has been rescheduled to the 10th of February.

Saturday, Jan. 27, sees the UNB Black Bears host the UNB Open. Among the teams competing are Mount Allison, St. FX, Memorial, and other various wrestling clubs including a team from Montreal.

UNB hopes to improve their wrestling standings with an overall team win this weekend. The team has been wrestling very well this season but Coach Multamaki hopes they will wrestle even better. Fortunately for UNB, all players are healthy and UNB will have a full team at the AUAA's. Coach Multamaki is expecting a good weekend of wrestling. Also, this weekend marks the first time UNB will see all of their Atlantic conference competitors.

Mt. Allison and St. FX are very strong teams in the Atlantic conference. Memorial will also have a full team at the UNB Open this weekend. All in all, an excellent tournament is anticipated this weekend. With only four weeks left until the AUAA finals, the conference is still up for grabs.

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Sports
Broadcast Schedule

STU at UNB Red Devils
Saturday, Jan. 27
7:30pm Aitken Center

MUN at UNB Red Raiders
Saturday, Feb. 10
8:30pm Main Gym

UNB Red Devils at UPEI
Saturday, Feb. 17
7:00pm Charlttetown
at Mt. A.
Sunday, Feb. 18
2:00pm Sackville

MOOSEHEAD
Varsity Schedule

Friday, January 26

Basketball (W) DAL at UNB 6:30pm A.U.C.
Basketball (M) DAL at UNB 8:30pm A.U.C.
Volleyball (M) UNB atDAL

Saturday, January 27

VARSITY-MANIA
Hockey (M) STU at UNB 7:30pm A.U.C.
Basketball (W) Acadia at UNB 1:00Main Gym
Basketball (M) Acadia at UNB 3:00pm Main Gym
Wrestling UNB Open All day in Main Gym
Volleyball (M) UNB atDAL
Swimming Acadia Invit.

Sunday, January 28

Volleyball (M) UNB atDAL
Swimming Acadia Invit.

CIAU Top Ten Rankings

Basketball (W)	Swimming (W)	Volleyball (W)	Track (W)
1. Calgary (1)	1. Toronto (1)	1. U. Vic (3)	1. York (2)
2. Regina (2)	2. Alberta (3)	2. Manitoba (2)	2. Western (1)
3. Laurentian (3)	3. McMaster (7)	3. UBC (1)	3. Calgary (NR)
4. Lethbridge (4)	4. McGill (2)	4. U. Sask. (4)	4. UBC (6)
5. McMaster (6)	5. Laval (4)	5. Regina (6)	5. Winsdor (3)
6. U. Vic (5)	6. UBC (6)	6. Calgary (5)	6. Toronto (4)
7. Lakehead (7)	7. Montreal (7)	7. York (7)	7. Queens (5)
8. Winnipeg (8)	8. Western (9)	8. Ottawa (9)	8. U. Sask (NR)
9. Western (9)	9. Calgary (8)	9. Alberta (8)	9. Lauren't (NR)
10. UBC (NR)	10. Guelph (10)	10. Laval (10)	10. Guelph (6)

Hockey (M)	Basketball (M)	Swimming (M)	Volleyball (M)	Track (M)
1. Alberta (1)	1. St. FX* (1)	1. Calgary (1)	1. Manitoba (1)	1. Western (1)
2. Calgary (3)	2. UBC (6)	2. Toronto (2)	2. Laval (6)	2. Windsor (2)
3. Waterloo (4)	3. U. Vic (2)	3. McMaster (6)	3. Calgary (8)	3. UBC (4)
4. UQTR (7)	4. Western (3)	4. U. Vic (NR)	4. UBC (3)	4. York (3)
5. Moncton*(2)	5. Alberta (4)	5.Laval (3)	5. U. Sask. (5)	5. U. Sask (NR)
6. Manitoba (6)	6. Concordia (5)	6. Alberta (4)	6. Waterloo (4)	6.Toronto (5)
7. York (NR)	7. Calgary (7)	7. McGill (5)	7. Sherbrooke (2)	7. Queens (6)
8. Wil. Laurier (5)	8. Guelph (NR)	8. UBC (8)	8. U. Vic(9)	8. Laurier(8)
9. McGill (NR)	9. Brandon (10)	9. Western (7)	9. Alberta (7)	9. Calgary (NR)
10. Acadia* (NR)	10. Lakehead (NR)	10.Guelph (9)	10. Dal * (10)	10.Lethbridge (7)

* denotes a school in the A.U.A.A.

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