Bloomers slipp up U de M and St. F X in weekend tilts

By BRENDA MILLAR

This weekend is going to be the tell all as far as Bloomer basketball this season is concerned. The Red Bloomers will be meeting the number one team on Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

The bloomers have already looked horns with the Atlantic Conference leaders, Saint Marys, at their home court in Halifax and suffered a 13 point loss. SMU has a no loss record this season compared to the Bloomer 8 wins and 2 losses. Therefore this Saturday's game will be a good indication as to who will be the Atlantic representative in the Nationals to be held in Calgary.

The Bloomers feel very confident after their two wins this weekend against University of Moncton and St. Francis Xavier. They romped over the U de Moncton Blue Angels last Friday night as they scored a 95-44 victory.

The star for the Bloomers was sophomore Cathy Maxwell as she hooped 16 points and dominated the boards for the most rebounds of the game. Nelda Robbins came second in the scoring department with 13.

U de M Blue Angels were lad by Judy Devereux with 14 points and 9 rebounds.

The Red Bloomers also met the St. F.X. X-ettes last weekend in a very close match which they won 68-61. The Bloomers led at the half by 9 points and spreac the lead to 20 points before the X-ettes got organized for their comeback. The game proved exciting as the X-ettes narrowed the Bloomer lead to four points with only two minutes to go.

This was the first meeting with St.F.X. this season and the Bloomers have to match up once more against them on Feb. 19th. The X-ettes were missing three players from their line-up for the game and they hope to be strengthened for the next meeting.

Leading the St. F.X. was Liz Wak with 19 point along with Claire Mitton and Jo-Anne Richards who each had 10 points.

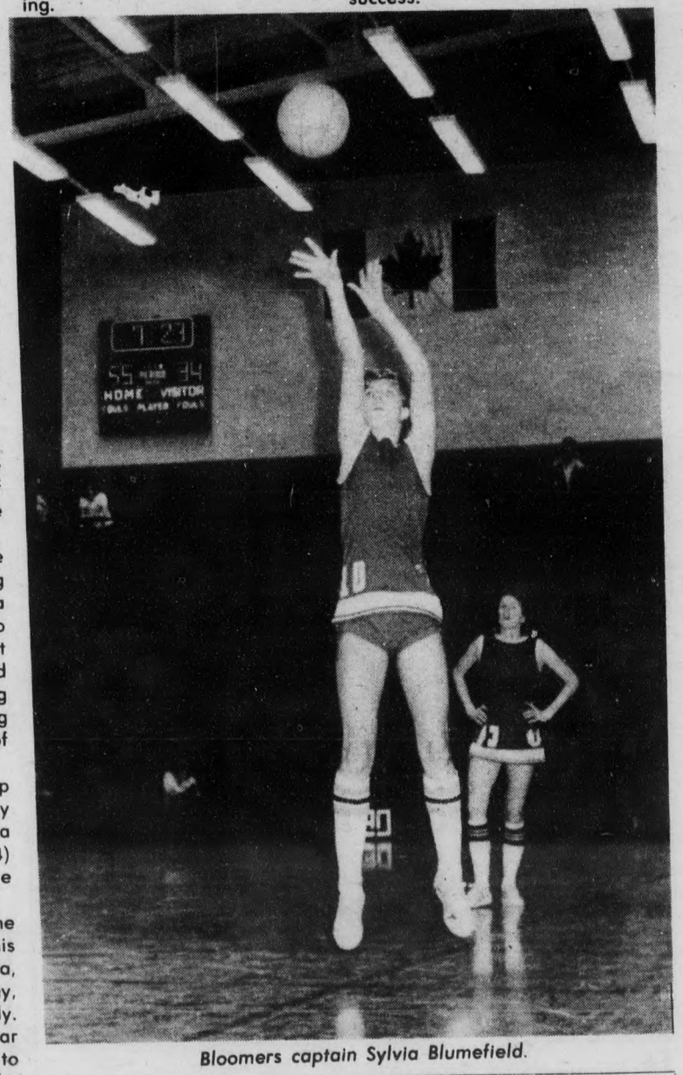
Sylvia Blumenfeld scored 14 for the Bloomers teamed with Cathy Maxwell who netted 10 points and ripped the most rebounds from the boards. Rookie Moira Pryde also had an outstanding game as she shot 80 percent from the floor.

The Red Bloomers played an exhibition game on Sunday against the Moncton Little Rockettes, a city team, in order to sharpen their wits and talents for the upcoming games this weekend.

The Bloomers handily dealt with the Moncton team 76-36. Liedy Scholten and Louis Scott came out high scorers with 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Today the Red Bloomers are facing the UPEI Lady Panthers at 6:00 p.m. where they hope to contain Sherri Sterns, their 6'2" centre while tomorrow at 6 o'clock they will meet Saint Mary's and their two national players, Carol Tourney and Donna Hobin.

Tourney will be a definite threat with her Olympian experience and her reputation as the sixth best scorer in the national women's basketball world. The Red Bloomers are looking forward to the game that hopefully will make their Winter Carnival weekend a success.



Bloomers captain Sylvia Blumefield.

DON'T MISS THE BLOOMERS THIS SATURDAY NIGHT AT 6:00 WHEN THEY MEET THE SMU BELLS

Rebels pillage Laval, win top honors

By BOB SKILLEN

Success is sweet when it comes, and to the UNB Rebels it was even sweeter last weekend after having waited for such a long time to attain it.

The success came in the capturing of an invitational tournament held in Quebec City. This is not to say that the club hasn't been successful all season, it is just that they finally won something which had presented them with a real challenge.

After the previous week's loss to St. F.X., the club looked forward to this invitational in hopes that they could turn things around and prove to themselves that they are the good ball club they really are.

The challenge they faced was to be able to maintain their level of play throughout the long day of competition, without tiring at the end of the day. In some ways it was in preparation for the two day collegiate championships later on this month.

The tournament was of fairly high calibre, boasting some of the better Quebec Senior and Junior Men's teams. In fact Hochelaga was represented, although by a weaker team than usual. They were the team which captured the National Seniors title last year in Moncton.

The Rebels started off the day of play with two quick victories over a Montreal Senior team (15-8, 15-11). Their individual play was not overly impressive, but they did start off the tournament on the right foot.

As the day wore on the Rebels continued to win, and instead of fatiguing they seemed to improve in each match.

On this road trip there were ten dressed played. Each of them fulfilled their job with all the drive they had. Impressive performances came from Brian Noble, who seemed to have everything going for him that day, Sonny Philips and Dirk Kig.

Terry Teed, Mike Philips, Ivan Smith and John Spurway also had very good days while Doug Strongman, Gary Ward and Bob Skillen, provided bench strength when it was needed.

Of course the manager, "toothpick" Belanger can't be forgotten, since he added a lot of whooping and hollering from the bench.

Everything worked for the Rebels last Saturday. The bumping which had previously been a serious problem, did not seem to phase them at all and as a result their attack was more organized and awesome. The opposing teams also had a hard time getting part the "human wall" blocking of UNB.

In all, the Rebels ended up playing fifteen games, losing only two of them. They defeated a team from Iberville (15-12, 15-4) in the finals to walk home with the tournament trophy.

Now the Rebels go back to the grind of the regular season. This weekend the club faces Acadia, Dalhousie and St. F.X. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday respectively. This will be their last regular season play as they are off to Acadia next weekend for the collegiates.

It appears now, that if the Rebels continue to play as they did last Saturday, they will be the ones representing the Maritimes at the nationals at the end of this month.



The Reds also won at Laval this weekend in a similiar towney to that which the Rebels won.

Grapplers grab First

The UNB Black Bears scored their first major tournament victory last Saturday when they defeated perennial rivals Dalhousie University at the UNB Open wrestling meet. The Bears took four first place finishes to take the meet with a total of 81 points, 14 ahead of Dalhousie.

The individual winners for UNB spanned weight categories from the heaviest to the lightest. George Pineau, aka the invisible man, appeared from the murky mists at the appropriate times to score points and took the lightest division at 109 pounds, while super heavyweight Rod Bell outbulled the opposition in that bracket.

Dave Niles and Phil "feej" Knox had little difficulty in dominating the 142 and 150 pound divisions and in fact were warned to pin their opponents quicker in the interests of the human compassion and kindness. Both are of national calibre and have little quality opposition in this area.

Back with the team at 158 pounds was defending AUAA champion Ric Cutherberson who took second in that division following a lengthy absence from competition.

Perhaps some of the best wrestling of the meet was provided by Gabriel El-Khoury who finished second at 134 pounds. In order to advance to the finals, El-Khoury had to defeat four other adversaries while winner Sanford of Dalhousie received two byes and met resistance only twice.

In the final match, both wrestlers demonstrated what the sport is all about and the elements of strength, conditioning and skill were all represented. The match went the entire three periods with Sanford edging out El Khoury on points.

Other second place finishers included Rick Fray at 118 pounds Dan Berman at 126 and Perry "Kokaine" Kukkonen at 168.

Peter McTiernan took third in the 190 pounds slot while Jim Neville settled for the fourth position at 220 pounds.

In preparation for the AUAA finals to be held next weekend at UNB, the Bears met Maine Vocational Thursday night and will be holding an inter-squad match this weekend. Results of the Thursday meet were unavailble at press time.





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By SHEENAGH MURPH

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