Bloomers: The Only Winning Team

By TIM LYNCH

The St. Mary's Belles probably wish they never found their way to the Lady Beaverbrook Gym last Sunday afternoon.

The U.N.B. Red Bloomers relied on a balanced scoring attack and a staunch defence en route to a 69-38 thrashing of the Belles.

One week prior to the game, UNB head coach Claire Mitton offered an insight into the Bloomer's offensive game plan. "We want to try and offensively execute and really feel that we can really score when we want, how we want, and who we want."

The Bloomers scored perpetually. Before the game was even seven minutes old they had a 14-2 lead, and they extended that lead to a whopping 27-4 with nine minutes left in the half. The teams finally left the court with the Bloomers leading 35-14 at the half.

It seemed that the Bloomers were able to score any way they wanted. They were able to get the ball inside to Sue McMaster effectively, and both Pauline Lordon and Shelly Slater held hot hands from the field.

The Bloomers shared the point production in this contest. Slater led all scores with 20, Lordon added 11, and both McMaster and Jane Williams reached double digits, adding 10 points each. Kara Keays also chipped in eight.

Coach Mitton thought the Bloomer's defence executed exceptionally in the win. "Defensively we were very good. We worked all week on our defensive game. We played a lot of half-court, full-court defences, ... we felt we were very good at these things. ... We had a goal at the beginning of the game to not let them score any more than 45-50, and then we changed it at halftime to 40. ... we were very successful with them only scoring 38."

SMU was unable to contend with UNB's tough defensive unit as they caused several turnovers and forced the Belles into taking poor shots from the perimeter.

One of the few bright spots for SMU head coach and former Bloomer Jill Jeffrey was point guard Cindy Flynn. The Bathurst native hit a pair of three pointers in the second half to end the game with 17 points.

The University-College of Cape Breton Capers are in town this weekend for a pair of games. The Bloomers will try to improve their 5-1 record tomorrow at 8 o'clock and again on Sunday at 1 o'clock. Both games are at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym.

Lady Reds Back From NFLD

By ALICE KAMERMANS

This past weekend the Lady Reds volleyball team travelled to Newfoundland and were handed a pair of Conference losses.

On Saturday night after struggling to a 2 - 0 lead in the best of 5 games with scores of 15 - 13 and 16 - 14, the Memorial squad fought back winning the final 3 games by scores of 2 - 15, 8 - 15, 8 - 15.

Coach Kamermans felt that "the only reason we were in the game at all was because of captain Donna Landry who played an excellent offensive and defensive game." She was named player of the game by the Pepsi Corporate Sponsor.

Sunday morning the Reds started off one player short as the starting setter visited the hospital. However, Meghan Davies, who was named Sunday's player of the game stepped in and was once again "the only bright spot on the playing floor." The Reds were defeated 3 games straight with scores of 11 - 15, 10 - 15, and 7 - 15.

"As coach I was very frustrated. I realize that I have a basically all new team with only two returning players, but they practise ten times above the way they played this weekend. We couldn't seem to get any action at the net even though we had good serve reception and sets."

The Reds record is 1 - 6. The only hopes they have now of making the playoffs is to win all remaining matches.

Ironmen Rugby looking forward to next season

Emerging from off-season obscurity, the UNB Ironmen Rugby Football Club are once again preparing for their traditional Spring Tour that will signal the commencement of yet another season in UNB's long and colorful history.

As of January 23rd, the Ironmen will be back on their fundraising drive that necessitates their very survival as a club. The Ironmen do not rely on the University for their expenses; administration, travel and tour fees, save for the use of a physical therapist and subsidized accessories (athletic tape, etc.); remaining a mostly self-sufficient entity among University sports programs. Without the Varsity label, the Ironmen are not entitled to University funding beyond that of therapy expenses. They must pay dues to the New Brunswick Rugby Union who maintains a provincial seat with the governing Canadian Rugby Union in Ottawa, Ontario. Indeed, without the apparant benefit of a Varsity tag UNB maintains the finest Rugby University record of Eastern Canada, dominating the Quebec and Maritime areas winning the Eastern Canadian Universities Rugby Championships three years running since its revival in 1984 (playoff schedule prevented a 1987 attendance).

With the advent of spring, the Ironment call upon interested members of the University student body that might be interested in learning the game or taking it up once again; all newcomers are welcome to attend indoor practices that start on February 6, 1988.

Whether it is the relative recondite aura that surrounds this much misunderstood, and at the time, maligned sport in the presence of more popular sports or the fitness level demanded to compete; the attrition resulting from the majority of new players failing to remain with the team beyond several initial practices remains to be seen. Rugby demands an intensly cohesive unit as do many games based on physical contact, a factor that at the time has stigmatized thae players as a most uncouth group of fellows. In fact the archetypal university player is much the opposite, dedicated to the progress of Rugby in Canada and his Union as well the gentlemanly and skillful ravaging the opposing side.

A standing invitation is tendered to all interested in training with the Ironmen in preparation for Spring Tour and regular summer and Autumn seasons. The practice schedule is as follows (all to be held a Marshall D'Avray gymnasium, midweek practices will be posted A.S.A.P):

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Raiders Dropped Another

By GARY LEROUX

The UNB Red Raiders saw their regular season record drop to two wins against five losses as they fell short against the Saint Mary's University Huskies on Sunday afternoon by a score of 81 - 59. The contest was closer than the score indicated, as the Raiders had the sure lead cut down to eight points midway through the final period. SMU's stronger bench and good rebounding on the offensive glass led the final margin to victory.

UNB's Andy Hayward had 16 first-half points to help the Raiders make a game of it, trailing to 34 - 30 after the first stanza. Hayward finished with a game-high total of 27, while Paul Watts had a strong second half to finish with 14. The Huskies were led by guard David McIntosh, who finished with 18 points, including three 3-pointers.

SMU took both games of the season series with UNB, the previous victory being an easy 99 - 66 effort. The Red Raiders are still mathematically alive for a post-season berth, but head coach Don Nelson felt after the game that it would be an uphill struggle. "That was a game we needed to have," said Nelson. "That leaves us with the prospect of beating Acadia at home on January 29."