

Reds strengthened by tour

UNB Reds women's varsity volleyball team enjoyed a successful six day tour this past week in preparation for the remainder of AUA league season.

The tour began in Newcastle January 4th, 1983 with games against N.B. Winter Games team winning four of five games. It continued the following two nights with scrimmages against highly touted Laval University in Quebec City and on to Ottawa where controlled games were played against Ottawa Alumni and also Canada's National Team. These last two exhibition matches were arranged by last year's Reds mentor Jim Sexsmith who is now technical director for the Canadian Volleyball Association. For many of the Reds this was the highlight of the trip.

On Friday Jan. 7th, the Reds began play in the very competitive 8-team University of Ottawa Invitational. They started off by defeating the host team U of O three games to one by scores of 15-9, 9-15, 15-2, 15-6 and with a 15-4, 15-8, 15-8 sweep of McMaster University virtually assuring them of a semi-final berth.

Their final section match against 2nd ranked National University of Sherbrooke indicated a rout losing 15-3, 15-2, 15-1 to the Quebec Squad but actually was a very well played match by the Reds according to head coach Sonny Phillips. "We attacked extremely well but they saved at least twenty sure kills with their fine digging. There's no question they are the supreme defensive university club in Canada this year," said the Reds Rookie boss.

On to the semi's where they lost to the Ottawa Alumni team by scores of 15-9, 15-2, 15-11. This was a very long three game match against an experienced squad which was bolstered by several ex-national senior and junior team players. The Bronze medal match against 8th ranked Queen's University was a matter of which could last the entire match. Both teams were exhausted especially the Reds at the tail end of a 6-day 50 game tour. The lady games prevailed 15-4, 9-15, 15-12, 15-8. It was plainly observed that under normal circumstances this would have been a barn burner of a match. The Reds finished a very

respectable 4th of 8 teams finishing up higher than Dalhousie, Western MacMaster and host U of O. This pleases assistant coach Paul Belanger. "We're on the brink of making the top ten and the only way to accomplish this is to play against top schools in Quebec/Ontario." The girls played very well and are now on top of their game. Alice Kamerans played exceptional attacking by the bigger western blockers with authority. She was named to the six long all-star team. Captain Sue Woods was a tower of strength in the middle and rookies

Helen Bridges and Cheryl Matchett displayed fine first year form. Jettters Caroline Ball/Sharry Martin lead the steady Reds' attack and the rest of the Reds pulled together with traditional Reds morale. This tournament according to Woods "is helping us get the consistency the team needs to challenge Dal and Memorial at the AUA which happens later next month in Moncton.

Speaking of the AUA's UNB leads the 8-team league with a 5-1 record. The Reds are followed by Dal/MUN both at 6-2. The Beothuks arrive in

town Thursday and Friday in what coach Phillips says are "the most important games of the year." A sweep of MUN will almost assure the Reds of first and an easier draw at the AUA's probably beginning with 4th place winner Acadia or St. F.X. The Reds also entertain Mt. A. on Sunday at 12:00 noon. Games times for the crucial matches with MUN are 6:00 p.m. on Thursday and 2:00 p.m. on Friday. All games are being played at the Main Gym. Come and enjoy some top notch AUA Women's Volleyball. We need your support.

Lady hoopsters 5-0

Bloomers dominate AUA

By J.G. WHIPPLE

The UNB Red Bloomers are rolling, and look like the champions they are expected to be. Last weekend they ran their regular season record to five wins vs. no losses as well as making strong showings in Ontario and Quebec over the holidays.

At the McMaster Winter Rose Tourney in Hamilton just after Christmas, the squad was rested and ready to go, and easily disposed of York, Western Ontario, and McMaster before finally being stopped by fifth-ranked Toronto in the final game, losing a tough battle in the last minute. A very balanced offense and a tough pressure defense enabled the squad to capture second place. The balanced offense was shown best in the game against York where the girls scored over 80 points, but no player scored more than 11, with Sandy Hill being the top gun.

Then it was on to Montreal after the New Year, and the squad again came up big as they polished off wins over Sir

John Abbot College and a Montreal Senior Team before falling to sixth ranked Concordia by two points on a last second "Hail Mary" shot by a Concordia guard.

After all this travel, the Bloomers finally returned home for their 82-83 home opener, with the St. Mary's Belles being the opposition. A good crowd, as Bloomer crowds go, was on hand to see the Bloomers ring the Beiles 100-61. Jill Jeffrey, co-captain of the squad, led the charge with 20 points, with rookie guard Jennifer George adding 17. Laura Gillespie and Sandy Hill scored 12 and 10 respectively to beat the others in double figures. Sandra Munford led the losers with 18.

"It's hard to play all the time on the road" commented Jeffrey, "and we've played almost 20 games without a home game. Maybe playing at home for a while will take some of the pressure off."

"It takes a while to get together as a team but I think we are starting to click now," adds George, "hopefully things will just keep getting

better."

Bloomer coach Coleen Dufresne was pleased with the effort. "We played good pressure defense, something I waited for for a long time was tough half court defense and I liked what I saw today," stated Dufresne, "and our offense, well we scored 100 points and it was well spread out so what more could I ask."

This weekend the Bloomers are at home again, with two AUA contests against UPEI and Mt. Allison tonight and Saturday respectively. "PEI beat us last year so I'm sure the girls will be up for them," comments Dufresne, "and well Mt. Allison has been having their problems so far but you have to play everyone and play them hard." Tonight's game against PEI starts at 6:00 p.m. while Saturday's game against Mt. Allison has a 1:00 p.m. tip-off.

The Brunswickan and CHSR-FM urge you to get out to the games but if you can't, follow the Bloomers live during Saturday's game against Mt. Allison on CHSR-FM, with a game time of 1:00 p.m.

Letter to the

Sports Editor

To the Editor,

First of all I would like to thank the Bruns for their fine Xmas present. A football team fits nicely into the mainstream of university life, but I keep forgetting that this is UNB and such commodities are simply not available. I, however, really wanted a Social Club membership but I guess I'll have to wait until the next invasion of Vero Beach.

Of particular note is a letter written to the Bruns at Xmas by a somewhat obscure individual identifying himself as James Brock. He contradicts on several occasions statements made in an article I researched on UNB football. Mr. Brock mentions that former UNB Stuart Fraser was not mentioned in my article. If this person was to carefully inspect the material put forward, he would find that Mr. Fraser is indeed mentioned as "a former two time All Canadian now tailing with Saskatchewan Roughriders. Secondly Mr. Brock mentions that the game in which UNB took a 5-1 record into the final tilt of the season was against St. F.X., not Acadia as I had stated. If my mind serves me correctly, the game was indeed against Acadia because in 1978, I remember Wayne Lee rolling left on the first play from scrimmage and hitting a St.

F.X. linebacker right in the numbers.

Now that the new year is upon us and UNB's major sports of basketball and hockey are leaning towards losing seasons, I feel especially happy for people like Tony Proudfoot, Stuart Fraser, Mike Macintyre, Greg Clarke, and Junior Robinson who have proven that a program is deemed worthwhile if it is exactly the profession they are seeking, not the shattered dreams of hundreds of other graduates who never achieved their goals.

Richard Riley
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Athletes of the week

The first Athletes of the Week for 1983 are the Red Bloomers' Jill Jeffrey and Red Devils' Dave Bluteau.

Jeffrey, a fifth-year Education student from Fredericton, made a remarkable seven steals in the Bloomers game against St. Mary's last Sunday. She also scored 20 points to aid UNB to a 100-61 victory.

"Jill demonstrated strong leadership ability, both offensively and defensively," said Coach Coleen Dufresne.

Jeffrey, 22 years old, is in

her fourth-year with the team.

Dave Bluteau was "simply the best player on the ice," said Coach Don MacAdam, referring to Bluteau's performance this past weekend in UNB's back-to-back games against UPEI.

Bluteau, 22 years old from Roxboro, Quebec, is a fourth year Physical Education student and is Captain of the Red Devils.

In his third-year with the team, he has a season total of 5 goals and six assists in 12 games.

UNB/STU FIGURE SKATING CLUB 2nd Term Ice Schedule 1982-83

Tuesday, January 18	4:00-4:45
Friday, January 21	4:00-4:45
Monday, January 24	4:00-4:45
Thursday, January 27	4:00-4:45
Tuesday, February 1	4:00-4:45
Friday, February 4	4:00-4:45
Thursday, February 10	4:00-4:45
Tuesday, February 15	4:00-4:45
Monday, February 28	4:00-4:45
Thursday, March 3	4:00-4:45
Tuesday, March 8	4:00-4:45
Thursday, March 10	4:00-4:45
Monday, March 14	4:00-4:45
Thursday, March 17	4:00-4:45
Tuesday, March 22	4:00-4:45