

## Volleyball teams start season

UNB's men's and women's volleyball teams, the Reds & Rebels, started off their respective season with play in their own Atlantic Labatts Volleyball Tournaments. Six men's and six women's teams from the Maritimes and Quebec took part in this two day tourney held at the LB Gym.

In the preliminary pool the Reds finished 3rd defeating Mt. A, U de M and UPEI and losing close 3 game matches to Dal Club from Halifax and the Fredericton Red Peppers. They advance to the semi's against the Red Peppers, a group of former Reds including last year's star player Alice Kammermans, Gail Cunningham, Margaret Spurway and Coleen Carton. The match was close with the Peppers winning 15-12 in the last game. Dal Club went on to beat the Peppers 2-0 in the final.

Head Coach Sonny Phillips and Assistant Coach Paul Belanger were both pleased with the play of this year's very young Reds squad. Coach Phillips says "we are the defending AUAA champs, but we have lost so many good players through graduation, that this is a rebuilding year. However, we do have the best group of rookies since 1974, so we're optimistic."

Assistant Coach Belanger summed up his picture. "If

we're patient with our progress and get the competition that we have lined up this year, then we will give it a good shot come playoff time."

In men's play, the Rebels were undefeated in the preliminary round; defeating the N.B. Summer Games team, both Dal I and Dal II, U de M, and Laval University. However, the Rebels lost to Dal I in the semi-finals while Laval was beating U de M. The Quebec school squeaked out a 16-14 third game win over the defending AUAA Champions to take the Gold. One would think that Rebel Coach Rex Boldon would be very disappointed in losing in the semi-finals.

"O contraire" - Boldon was very pleased with his team's play, especially in light of defeating Dal I in preliminary play for the first time in 3 years. "We know we can beat them, it means a lot starting the way we did."

Reds Helen Bridges and Cheryl Malchett along with Rebels Don Pierce and Mark Colpitts were named to the tournament all-star team.

The Rebels start their AUAA league play this weekend against the team they feel can be beaten, Dalhousie in Halifax.

The Reds wait until November 9th for their home opener against the vastly improved U de M squad.

## Earl Jessiman

Last year at this time Earl Jessiman was head coach of the University of Brandon Bobcats. Now, he's coach and general manager of the Fredericton Express. For the two years he was coach of the Bobcats, they won the Great Plains Athletic Conference Championship.

In 1980-81, Earl was Assistant Coach for the University of Western Ontario. The three years before that he was Assistant coach of Dalhousie Hockey Team.

Right now, Earl Jessiman has three degrees. A BA in History from the University of Pennsylvania, a BPEd from Dal and a Masters in Arts from Western Ontario. While he was at Brandon he spend two thirds of his time lecturing but he figures he needed at least 3/4's of his time to spend with the team.

Basically, Earl is still a student. He's spent most of his life in school and now he's coaching a pro team in close proximity to a university. Earl feels that its good that he comes from a university background, "University Coaches tend to be innovative, they are constantly trying to upgrade their product."

## Free Throws

By JEFF WHIPPLE

A lot of things are for certain. Death, taxes, but more importantly the fact that the Varsity Basketball season is once again upon us.

For all of you newcomers to UNB and for those of you who need a quick brush up on the hoop scene, we'll take a quick look at out two varsity squads, the Red Raiders and the Red Bloomers.

Coach Don Nelson expects this to be a "character building" year for the Red Raiders. After losing what many consider to be the best player to ever grace the hardwood here at UNB in the person of Scott Devine, and it looks that even though there was some recruiting done, it may be a long hard year for the Raiders, whose two glaring weaknesses are the lack of a real "big" man, with the biggest man on the roster registering in at 6'6", and the absence of an experienced point guard to lead them. Whatever the outcome, Don Nelson has a long, hard season ahead of him as he tries to mold this talented group into a playoff hope in March.

The Red Bloomers however, are another story - 1982-83 CIAU coach of the Year, Coleen Dufresne has what should be an even stronger contingent than that which rolled through the AUAA last year undefeated only to fall hard at the Nationals to the eventual champion Bishops.

With the returning squad from last year, the only questions from this corner was who would replace Jill Jeffrey, but Coleen certainly has replaced her in fine fashion with Laurentian University standout Debbie Knowles in to take over the spot out front.

This, with the addition of a 6'3" rookie post Janet Nicols will virtually assure the Bloomers of another 14-0 season record, and will give them an even shot at a CIAU title, with their biggest challenge coming from defending champion Bishop's.

It's a long season ahead between now and March and whatever the successful or not successful seasons they produce, one thing is for sure, we are in for another year of some of the best basketball in the country, right here in our own back yard.

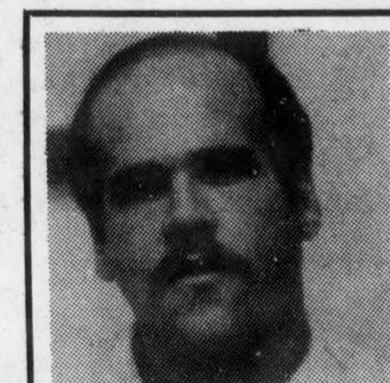
"It's a bit of a switch coaching pro", said Jessiman, most of the pros haven't been to school. University students tend to pick up things quicker, but pros, because of their natural talent, when they pick it up, do it better.

Right now Earl is not too concerned with his future. He felt that it would not be for the best if he just up and quit his job with the Bobcats. Instead he took a leave of absence so if his jaunt with the Express doesn't work out, it's back to Brandon.

Last Saturday night the Express put on a rather explosive showing. They defeated the Baltimore Skipjacks 8-3 in a game they dominated almost in its entirety.

Towards the end of the game the Express got a bit sloppy but with the score the way it was, that's only natural," commented Jessiman. The Express penalty killing that night was nothing less than superb. In 6 powerplays, the Skipjacks only managed

to score one goal, and that, on the last powerplay of the night.



Earl Jessiman, coach of The Fredericton Express

"The Eagles line was outstanding" said Jessiman, noting that they accounted for most of the points for the night. Earlier, Jessiman substituted STU Kulack for tirety.

Jean Marc Gaulin as to provide some protection for Tony Currie. Gaulin went to the Eagles line and responded with a goal and 2 assists.

Currently, the Express are in the midst of a road trip and return to the Aitken Center this Thursday, vs. the Maine Mariners.

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