

Bloomers at Concordia

Last weekend, the Red Bloomers travelled to Concordia University Women's Basketball Tournament. UNB had a slow start dropping the first game but came back to win the next two.

In the first contest the Bloomers were defeated by Concordia University 69-57. Sue McMaster led the Bloomers offensive attack scoring 18 points. Janet Nichols and Alison Kent followed scoring 13 and 11 points respectively.

The second game proved to be a much better effort. In this game, UNB defeated Bishop's University 78-43. Bishops were last year's CIAU champions. In this game Sue McMaster again

led all scorers with 16 points, Janet Nichols followed with 14 points and Pam Hartling contributed 10 points.

In the final, or consolation game, the Bloomers were once again victorious. This time they defeated Laval University 69-53. McMaster had 23 points to lead the Bloomers. Alison Kent had a very strong game defensively and added 16 points as an offensive boost. Janet Nichols chipped in with 13 points to round out UNB scoring.

This weekend the Bloomers are on the road for games against St. F.X. and St. Mary's. These will be their last two games before the Christmas break.

Beavers: up a notch

For the first time in five years the UNB Beavers beat the Acadia Axemen (54-39). The win revenged a loss to the Axemen earlier in the season when the Beavers had personnel out because of injury. The win reflects the excellent recruiting UNB did this year by bringing NFLD resident, Brent Staeben, George Collard from P.E.I. and Graeme Young from Fredericton.

Staeben won the 100 meter fly at the meet, while Graeme Young was narrowly edged out in a fantastic dual in the 400 m. freestyle against Acadia's Graham Pincott. By far the most exciting race of the day came when Greg Pheeney blasted out a personal best time to defeat Acadia's Peter Luke. From that point on the Beavers had the meet in hand.

In the last two weeks the Beavers have destroyed Mt. Allison twice (78-10, 74-14). Last weekend UNB went up against one of the better men's teams in the country, Brock University. Brock defeated UNB snapping a three meet run of wins. Brock won

111-78. Brock's team includes Olympic team distance freestyler David Shemilt and national finalist Brian Wasyłowich. UNB competed without Greg Pheeney who had injured his ankle. Coach Oliver was especially pleased with swims by Peter Woodward, equalling his best time for the 100 meter breaststroke and Tim Judah who dropped one minute in his best time for the 800 meter freestyle.

Five of the men are at the Canada Cup International this weekend in Toronto. They include; David Seabrook, Bob Robinson, Peter Woodward, Greg Pheeney and Brent Staeben. Coach Oliver thinks that the men's relay, especially the medley will be very competitive among Canadian clubs. "It will be a great experience for the men. Form many of them it is the first time swimming in an international competition," says Oliver. She says she is looking for some good personal times before they go into Christmas training camp. Good luck Beavers.

Raiders best Mount A.

The UNB Red Raiders should be quite pleased with the results of last week. In two very close contests against Mount Allison, the Raiders split the series, winning the first game and dropping the second. This boosted their conference record to 1-3 after four games. Their overall record, including exhibition play stands at three wins and five losses.

In the game last Saturday, the Red Raiders defeated Mt. A. by a 78-75 score. Mark Newell and Andy Hayward were the big guns for UNB

scoring 17 and 16 points respectively. Raiders center Dale McIssac added 14 points to the offensive attack. Tom Gillespie chipped in with 10 points to round out UNB's scoring.

A SPORTING CHANCE !!!

By REGAN LEGASSIE

This past weekend, the Mount Allison Mounties narrowly missed capturing the Vanier Cup, which is the symbol of College football supremacy in Canada, as they lost the championship game by a score of 22-13 to the Guelph Gryphons. Their success has renewed the talk of bringing football back to the campus of UNB and reliving the glory days of the Red and Black. Before such a feat can be accomplished however, there are a few things the public should be aware of that have to be accomplished if such a reinstatement of football is to take place. The three basic things every football team needs to survive are: 1) facilities; 2) athletes; 3) finances. Therefore yours truly will present to you the facts about these areas in much the same way they were presented to me.

First of all, its no good to have a football team if they have no place to play. Currently, the Red Bombers have three options: College Field, Buchanan Field, or Chapman Field. College Field of course, is the sentimental favorite, but that's about all you can say about it. Sure its lit, but all that means is the team can practice at night. Consider this, if football proves to be as popular as it was originally then where do you expect the people to sit? A quick inspection of College Field will show that seating 2000-3000 people will present a large problem. The next option is Buchanan Field, but Athletics Director James Born, who coached the Red Bombers the last few seasons they were in the league says that "Buchanan Field was a terrible place to practice." Born also says the field was "hard, dusty, and no sod to speak of," all of which make it very hard to run curl patterns when you end up face down feeling like you just went 15 rounds with Marvelous Marvin Hagler. Moving up the hill to Chapman Field, once again you run into the problem of seating. Anyone who has ever attended a Soccer game or a Field Hockey game at Chapman Field can attest to the fact that seating is not exactly pick and choose (although most times the few fans that do show up, can, but that's the subject of another column). In order to play out of Chapman, the team, or the University, must expand the seating capacity to accommodate the average Sunday afternoon crowd of one or two thousand people. A football team must also have a dressing room and show facilities which most likely would be located in the Aitken Centre. The problem here stems from the fact that two teams already occupy the Centre and in order for the team to move in would require renovations to the dressing rooms available to visiting teams, be they hockey or football, would be reduced. For example, what would happen if the Red Devils were scheduled to play at 2:00 p.m., the Red Bombers at 3:00 p.m. and the Fredericton Express played at 7:30 p.m.?

Before any football team can even consider entering a league it needs one vital ingredient—players. The problem arises in trying to find those players when your team is unproven and a proven winner is located about a 3 hour drive from Fredericton. According to Mount Allison Athletic Director Leon Abbot, this year's team was composed of 38 players, 26 of those being from the Maritimes and a large portion of those 26 are from New Brunswick. Abbot says, that if anything, Mt. Allison benefited from UNB's withdrawal since the local talent now goes to the home of the Garnet and Gold. What this means of course, is recruiting for the new team would be difficult since most players are going to go where the winner is. Born however, feels that the advent of another team would not make finding players a problem for one university, but would present an equal problem for both universities since "any university that has another university as close as we are to them is going to have to compete with the recruiting aspect of it." All this aside, I would not want to be the person who has to go out and convince possible players to come to UNB solely on the basis of the academic programs.

Finally, we come to the main reason why football is no longer present in the land of the Red and Black—Money. In order to run any type of sports program, be it football, hockey, or even cross country, each team must have enough financing to be able to purchase equipment, worry about their chances of running out half way through the season. In an article published in the *Globe and Mail* last Saturday, Mt. Allison's Leon Abbot was quoted as saying that the price of running a football program was 18,000 dollars. What the *Globe* reporter forgot to mention however, was that this figure did not include a coaches salary, repair to equipment, a trainer's salary or other necessary items. Basically it only covers the cost of travel, meals, and charter of buses etc. for the team. From all the information that I could gather, the closest I could come to finding an actual cost for running a program is between 60 and 80 thousand dollars.

Now that you've managed to pick yourself up off the floor, the figure itself is pretty easy to justify. According to Born, to have a successful program the university must be willing to hire at least 2 full time coaches, and considering the average pay for the coach is about \$30,000.00 that adds up to a lot of money. Also the cost of purchasing new equipment must be thrown in since all the equipment from the original team has been sold off. Next, one must realize the costs involved in travelling to Nova Scotia for a game. Chartering a bus costs about 1500 a shot, then the cost of accommodating around 45 people is approximately \$1650.00. Granted some of these costs may not be exact, but if anything they show that a lot of money is involved in running a program of this calibre especially if it is to be done right (which is the way it should be done).

Basically, what I have tried to do in this column is present the whole story involved in fielding a competitive football team, and if nothing else I've managed to convince myself that reviving a football team is not as easy as it appears. Should, by some miracle beyond our control, the powers that be decide to bring back the Bombers, hopefully people will learn to think twice before they begin to blindly criticize the decision to cut a program that is continually losing money and jeopardizing the well-being of the university sporting community....WITH A SPORTING CHANCE!!!

On Sunday, Mt. A. turned the tables on the Raiders in another very close contest. Mt. A. won by a 69-65 score. In this game Tom Gillespie led the Raiders scoring with 20 points. UNB Rookie Walley Banks finished with a strong 13 point

performance. Andy Hayward added 12 points while Mark Newell contributed 10 points to the total. Coach Nelson felt UNB could have played better in this game but added that they are anxious to play this team back at Mt. A.

UNB have exhibition play against Maine University remaining in the schedule before the break. Basketball fans are reminded of the UNB Holiday Classic coming up after the break. This tournament will be held on January 4th and 5th.