

# Red Bloomers visit Nova Scotia

St. Mary's - 44

UNB - 49

by Bev Bennett

The UNB Red Bloomers defeated the St. Mary's team 49-44. The first half saw the Bloomers totally control the court. Their outside shots were dropping in for two and the Bloomers defense held St. Mary's to twelve points during the half. Particularly effective were Laura Sanders with a game total of 16 points and 11 rebounds, Joanne MacLean with 12 points, and Carla Ryder collecting 11 points.

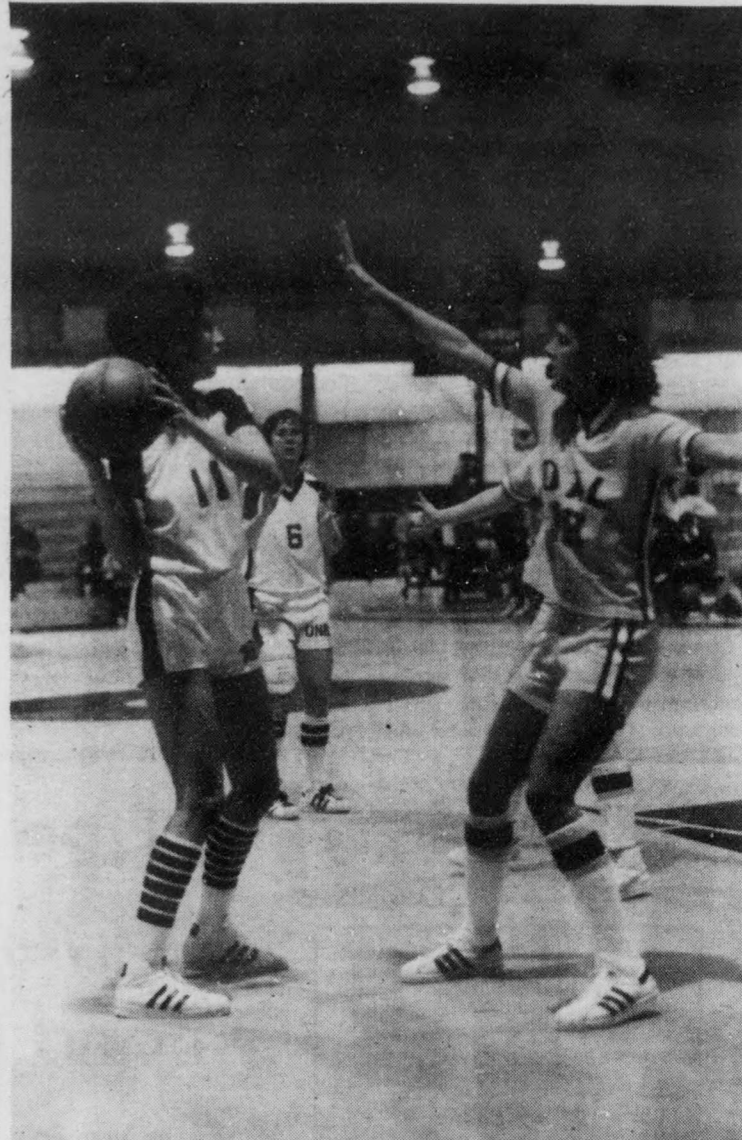
The second half saw a new improved St. Mary's team that didn't cough up the ball as often, were making their shots, and were forcing UNB to make turnovers. This rejuvenated team brought themselves within one point of UNB, 40-41. The pressure was on for UNB to regain their first half form which they did with some timely baskets by Joanne MacLean and Laura Sanders. Final score was 49-44 in favour of the Bloomers.

POINT SCORERS: L. Sanders 16; J. MacLean 12; C. Ryder 11; M. Pryde 4; S. Keays 4; C. Gammon 2.



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Sharon Keays battles for a rebound against Dalhousie.



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Moira Pryde checks the Dal defense on Saturday.

Dalhousie - 51

UNB - 30

The next day the Bloomers met the third ranked nationally Dalhousie Tigers at the New Sportsplex. The Tigers showed why are so highly ranked defeating the Bloomers 51-30. Dalhousie's rebounding and the Bloomers poor shooting were two major factors in the outcome of the game. Dalhousie managed to control the offensive and defensive boards with their overall superior size. The Bloomers also failed to effectively block out to nullify this aspect of the Tiger's game. To add to the Bloomer's miseries their shooting percentage plunged to 20.6 per cent. They were unable to shoot outside or drive to the basket.

Defensively the Bloomers fared a little better keeping the Tigers to 50 points. Only the #1 team in Canada, Victoria, has held the Dalhousie to 50 points. Dalhousie has been raking up scores of 89, 82 and 64 against other teams in the Atlantic Conference. Dalhousie at the midpoint of the season has proven conclusively that they will be the team to beat in the playoffs.

High scorers for the Bloomers was Laura Sanders with 10 points and Sharon Keays with 8.

Coach Slipp commented that she was disappointed with the team's offensive showing. "Everyone was cold, we couldn't put in shots we normally make." She mentioned the Bloomers will probably make the playoffs and get a chance to upset Dalhousie then.

POINT SCORERS: L. Sanders 10; S. Keays 8; C. Gammon 4; Mr. Pryde 4; J. MacLean 2; S. Hill 2.



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Laura Sanders plays some defense against SMU on Friday night.



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Moira Pryde goes in for a lay-up against Dalhousie.