

Red Bloomers victorious weekend



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The UNB Red Bloomers trounced the Acadia Axettes by a score of 78-56 last Friday night. Both teams employed man-to-man defence and it led to the fast-paced action Bloomers' fans have come to expect in recent years.

Open early for UNB was Laura Saunders, who put the first point on the board only seconds into the game on a foul shot. Acadia quickly recovered with #21, Joyce Stewart, quickly collecting two baskets.

The Red Bloomers and the Axettes then settled into their man-to-man defence and proceeded to trade baskets for most of the half. Then with three minutes left, the Red Bloomers began to press Acadia and drew ahead by 10 points, finishing the half with UNB outscoring Acadia 39-29.

The second half started swiftly with Laura Saunders again scoring, this time only 21 seconds into the half. Claire Mitton followed 10 seconds later, scoring 3 points on the rebound and then a foul shot on a breakaway by Carolyn Gammon.

Then, in the space of only three minutes Lois Scott hit Acadia for 8 points and Laura Saunders tapped in 4 more giving UNB a comfortable 56/33 lead only 5 minutes into the second half. This lead was to be maintained throughout the final half as the Bloomers' man-to-man defence and press kept Acadia off balance and they never recovered from

Lois and Laura's early 12 point blitz.

Not to be ignored, Cathy Maxwell and Claire Mitton each hit Acadia for 14 points and 15 points respectively while Patty Sheppard and Carolyn Gammon scored 8 and 7 for the game.

Other game stats are: Claire Mitton again leading with 7 rebounds (way to go Claire!) and Kathy Jennings with 7 assists (that's teamwork!). Laura Saunders shot 72 percent from the floor and Cathy Maxwell 67 per cent.

As the Red Bloomers man-to-man defence and aggressive press wore the Acadia girls out, UNB finished the game 22 points ahead with the final score UNB Red Bloomers 78, Acadia Axettes 56.

UNB 78 ACADIA 56

	pts.	reb.
Patti Moffitt	2	0
Carolyn Gammon	7	3
Laura Saunders	11	5
Claire Mitton	15	7
Cathy Maxwell	14	1
Lois Scott	10	2
Maira Pryde	2	2
Marleigh Moran	3	2
Kathy Jennings	0	1
Liedy Scholten	6	4
Patty Sheppard	8	2

Axettes get the axe, again

Saturday, January 20th the Red Bloomers faced Acadia for their second game of the weekend and collected their 4th and final win over the Axettes as the Red Bloomers outscored them by 20 pts. to win the game 74-54, effectively repeating their 78-56 win the previous night.

While Acadia took the lead for a few minutes at the start, UNB quickly pressed and recovered it with 13:00 minutes remaining in the half and kept it for the remainder of the game.

Although not reflected in the game stats, Lois Scott really shone in the first half as, like a rampaging Kleptomaniac she "stole everything in sight," everything referring to the basketball whenever an Acadia player was foolish enough to come too close to her.

Cathy Maxwell was also in top form as she led the UNB team with 12 pts. for the half and a game total of 22. In the last two minutes of the half, Cathy monopolized the scoring to get 8 points for the Bloomers allowing them to pull ahead of a fiercely determined Acadia team 32 to 25.

Acadia came out fighting in the second half and closed to within 2 pts of UNB with 15:00 minutes left, only to have UNB come alive again as "Basket Fever" struck the squad. Liedy Scholten and Marleigh Moran scored 8 pts. each, Cathy with another 10, Claire an additional 6, and Carolyn got 5 more as everyone got at least one basket for the half.

Acadia just couldn't slow them down while the Red Bloomers on the other hand had no problems with their defence. While relying on their speed and man-to-man defence, the Red Bloomers would shift to their "GO PRESS!" (1/2/1/1) after scoring a basket and into their "RAT PRESS" (1/3/1) after foul shot. Both would gradually be faded out into their man-to-man defence again as the Axettes worked around the Bloomer key.

Cathy Maxwell shot 58 per cent from the floor to lead the Bloomers with 22 points for the game Laura Saunders, Claire Mitton, Marleigh Moran, and Liedy Scholten all struck for 8 pts with

Laura shooting 80 per cent for the game. This brought her weekend average to just over 75 per cent and, along with her consistently good play, earned her the female athlete of the week. Claire Mitton led the squad with 10 rebounds and in "steals" with 6, while Maira Pryde led with 7 assists.

The Red Bloomers will be meeting SFX this weekend in what will be two very tough games according to Red Bloomers coach Joyce Slipp. They are short and quick and the team is virtually intact from last year and have been playing together for two years. A guard, Marg Murphy, was voted 2nd team All-Star last year.

"I expect they will try to slow the game they would be no match for us height-wise and fast break wise," stated coach Slipp. "Their officials are very strict so we'll have to be careful about getting into foul trouble."

Slipp said, "any team knows they can't run with us so they have to slow it down. I expect it to be a very slow, low-scoring type of game -- lots of whistles - lots of frustration."

"We'll play our full court or '60' press (1-2-1-1) against them and try some of our 'RAT', half-court 1-3-1 press to try to get them out of their slow tempo, but if we get into the least bit of foul trouble or where they go to the foul-line a lot then will drop back to half court man-to-man or our 2-1-2 game."

Whereas a loss to SFX could drop the Red Bloomers back into a tie with Dal for the conference title and spread doubt as to the playoffs being held at UNB, the girls will be very determined to beat SFX there on their home ground before facing them here next week. Good luck girls! I'll see you next week.

UNB 74 - ACADIA 54

	PTS	REB
Patti Moffitt	2	1
Carolyn Gammon	7	0
Laura Saunders	8	3
Claire Mitton	8	10
Cathy Maxwell	22	3
Lois Scott	4	3
Maira Pryde	2	1
Marleigh Moran	8	2
Kathy Jennings	2	2
Liedy Scholten	8	1
Patty Sheppard	4	2

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longa bsence, started in the longer distance freestyles and the breaststrokes and Tom Betts, called the anchor because of his slowing effect on the team, splashed away in the freestyle sprints.

For the divers, Andrea Baker and Joanne Ditommaso also performed well as did Paul Sutcliffe and Bob Jacobson for the men.

Barry Roberts, who coaches the swimmers said that he was pleased with the results of the meet since they have been involved in a period of intensive training that has left little time for recovery

between practices. He said that he felt the times of the swimmers would improve once they went onto a tapering period that would

provide them with more rest.

Diving coach Jeff Deane said

that he was very pleased with the way his crew had done, especially

since Kelly had beaten Marcoux.

Next competition for the team will be in mid February when they

travel to the wilds of Newfoundland for the conference championships.



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