

Volleyball Reds in transition

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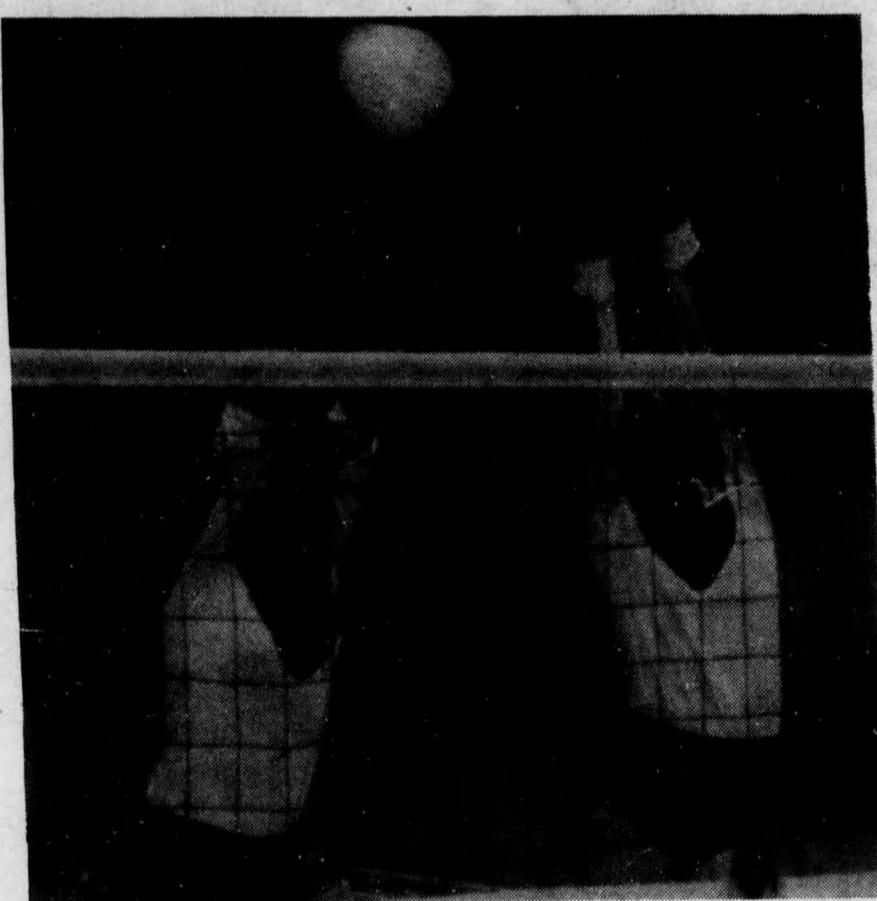
The UNB Reds are a team in transition. The team's personnel has changed from top to bottom. Alice Kamerman is the new head coach, and there are eleven rookies on this year's edition of the Reds. Fourth-year player Dawn Landry and sophomore Sonya Hollins are the only returning players from last year's AUAA championship squad.

Last weekend 11 Reds got their first taste of volleyball at the university level during the UNB Invitational Women's Volleyball Tournament. The Reds posted a successful three and one won-loss record on Saturday en route to a berth in Sunday's playoffs. In the semi-final game, the Reds knocked off the Fredericton Seniors two games to none for the second time in as many days. The final game pitted the Reds against U de M, who had defeated UNB two games to one during

round-robin play. Moncton took the first two games, but the Reds won game three. Moncton rebounded to win the fourth game and capture the championship. Other teams participating in the tournament included the defending champions from Mount Allison and UNBSJ.

Coach Kamerman is optimistic about the upcoming season despite the team's lack of experience. "We're aiming to be in the top four positions. We lack height, but we hope to make up for it with a quick offense and defense... I think we have the talent."

The Reds have a week's preparation to work on team cohesion before regular season play begins. They take to the court next Saturday (November 14) for a 9:00 pm encounter with Acadia in the L.B. Gym. They'll host the same Acadia team the following Sunday for a 1:00 pm start.



Two UNB Reds go up for a block during last weekend's UNB Invitational.
Photo: Eric Drummie



A Red spikes the ball past defending blockers during one of UNB's three wins.

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Bloomers begin exhibition season

The Bloomers opened their exhibition season in the Laval tourney last weekend and came away with a fourth place finish after losing a close game to Brock 61-57 in the consolation final.

The Bloomers started out very strongly with a convincing 91-32 win over Carleton but dropped the semi-final 64-46 to Laval.

However, Coach Claire Mitton was happy with how her team played but acknowledged that there were "a few wrinkles to iron out as a team. (We) missed some assignments as a team and as individual players."

The Bloomers were at a disadvantage to begin with as they have been practicing only since Oct. 1 while non-AUAA teams can begin whenever they like. "The Bloomers are 2-3 weeks behind," said Mitton. The Bloomers were also disadvantaged both on the practice court and during games because of the absence of three players who were in Toronto playing in the field hockey CIAU's. Now that field hockey is finished, the Bloomers can look forward to "some con-

tinuity with our program; it's tough to practice with nine."

The Bloomers did accomplish some of their goals, most notably that they shot at least 60 shots per game. Unfortunately, their shot percentage was only 29%, Coach Mitton would like to see 40%.

Some standouts for the Bloomers this past weekend were Sue McMaster, who was picked a tournament all-star after scoring 48 points in three games, while Jane Williams, Pauline Lordon and Shelly Slater also gave good performances in the shooting department.

The Bloomers exhibition season continues this weekend as they host the UNB invitational with games today at 6:30 vs. St.FX and hopefully the finals tomorrow at 4:00 pm. The consolation finals go at noon with the loser of the St.FX-UNB game going against either UPEI or the UNB alumni. All games are in the UNB main gym and the Bloomers will be ready. "It's nice to be home," added Coach Mitton.

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Beavers begin season

AUAA conference champions Dalhousie.

The Lady Beavers were not so fortunate, ending up the weekend on the short end of a 0 and 4 record, losing to Memorial twice and Dal and Acadia once each.

However, in every cloud there is a silver lining, and Beaver coach Bruch Fisher feels that his women's team will get much stronger as the season progresses and his

veteran swimmers round into top condition.

Their conditioning will be tested this Friday and Saturday at an AUAA conference invitational tournament in Mount Allison. The following Saturday, the Beavers travel back to Sackville for a dual meet with Mt. Allison.

The fall schedule ends with the Beavers hosting an invitational tournament on the weekend of November 28 and 29.

After the first weekend of competition in the 1987-88 swim season, the Beavers swim team is beginning to look like a legitimate AUAA and CIAU contender.

In two tri-meets (UNB v. Dal v. Memorial and UNB v. Acadia v. Memorial) the Beavers men's team have a 3 and 1 record scoring two convincing wins over Memorial and over Acadia, while losing a close meet to defending