

Red Bloomers cop consolation final in Nationals

The UNB Red Bloomers lost their first game of the Nationals to the tournament winners, Laurentian Vees from Sudbury, Ont., but came back on Saturday night to edge Loyola Tommies by one point in overtime.

In Friday night's contest, Laurentian pulled ahead at the beginning of the game and managed a 14-point lead at one point in the first half. The Bloomers started to gain momentum near the end of the half and closed the gap to six points. The

half-time score was 36-30 for Laurentian. The Bloomers looked much more at ease in the second half and with 6 minutes left in the game had a three point lead. Then center Janet Proude, playing her first game for the Bloomers since January 24th, re-injured her knee. After that unfortunate break Laurentian regained their lead and went on to defeat the Bloomers by a 62-55 score.

Kim Hansen led the UNB squad with an 18 point performance. Krista Rice, who was brought up from JV's, played an excellent game scoring 10 points. The Vee's

were led by 6'2" Sheila Strike who scored 20 points. Anne Hurley added 16 points and Sue Swain hit the double figures with 10 points.

UNB were 5 for 8 from the free throw line while Laurentian was 8 for 14.

UNB 55: Vicki Irvine, 0; Krista Rice, 10; Deb, Holts, 2; Kim Hansen, 18; Janet Goggin, 8; Nelo Robbins, 1; Janet Proude, 0; Sylvia Blumenfeld, 8; Dawn Wishart, 0; Ruth Henry, 2; Joyce Pedersen, 6; Marilyn Watts, 0. Fouls - 20.

Laurentian 62: Swain, 10; Hurley, 16; Jennings, 2; Strike, 20; Mattson, 4; Russel, 2; Belanger, 8. Fouls - 15.

On Saturday night UNB seemed somewhat dispirited and Loyola quickly jumped into the lead. The Bloomers shot poorly and had a high turnover rate. At half time Loyola led by a 45-32 margin. Liz Silcott popped in 28 points in the first half to spearhead the Loyola attack. Half-way through the second half the Bloomers were still down by 14 points. At the point their momentum began to build they decreased Loyola's lead to 4 points with five minutes left but then fell behind by 10 again.

With about 45 seconds left in the game UNB was down 4 points. Rookie Vicki Irvine and Captain Marilyn Watts each scored to tie the score at 80-80. For Watts it was her only basket of the game but it couldn't have come at a better time.

Sixteen seconds into the overtime she sprained her ankle and had to be carried off the court. Despite this the Bloomers went on to win by a close 89-88 score. All the points in the overtime were scored by rookies which shows the strength the Bloomers will have over the coming years.

Kim Hansen was UNB's top scorer with 21 points and Sylvia Blumenfeld added 18. Krista Rice scored 12 points and Joyce Pedersen, 10 points. Loyola was led by Liz Silcott who scored 42 points

while Elain Betchinski aided with 29 points. Sally Goffreds also hit the double figures scoring 10 points.

The Bloomers were 17 for 30 from the foul line and the Tommies were 24 for 30.

UNB 89: Goggin, 8; Hansen, 21; Gillies, 0; Pedersen, 10; Blumenfeld, 18; Watts, 2; Wishart, 0; Robbins, 8; Henry, 0; Holts, 2; Irvine, 8; Rice, 12. Fouls - 24.

Loyola 88: Benjamin, 2; Betchinski, 29; Chiara, 2; English, 2; Goffredo, 10; Seale, 1; Silcott, 42.

Fouls - 28.

The Red Bloomers would like to thank all the fans who have supported them this year and especially the ones who made up the fantastic crowd at the Nationals. See you again next season.

A special thanks goes to all those who helped with the running of the National tournament. We certainly couldn't have managed without you. Thanks again.

NEXT YEAR! BE A BLOOMER BOOSTER!



Photo by James Walker

"What to Do" passes through many curling skips' heads during last week's men's championship. Northern Ontario won the championship with a 9-2 record.

Reds fourth at Laval

The UNB "Reds" completed their 1974-75 season, perhaps not on a winning note, but an optimistic one.

The "Reds" recently competed in the National Intercollegiate Championships at Laval University, finishing a disappointing but encouraging fourth.

On the first day of play the "Reds" dropped both matches, one to Saskatchewan, the other to Laval.

Both of these matches lacked the usual aggressive style displayed by the "Reds" in previous tournaments. On the second day however the "Reds" picked up some of their old spirit and defeated University of Winnipeg two games straight, but lost an exciting, well-played match

against the eventual National Champions, Western Ontario.

The "Reds" met Western again in the semi-finals and were soundly defeated by the quick power attack of the Western team. Saskatchewan played Western in the finals and this match also proved to be a one-side game as Western easily overcame the West Coast representatives.

But next year is just around the corner and the "Reds" should have an extremely strong and seasoned team as they lose only one player to graduation this year. But unfortunately they will also lose their coach Suzanne Mason as she leaves for further study at UBC. Coach Mason has worked with the "Reds" for the last two years, guiding them to two Atlantic Senior Women's League titles, two

Atlantic Intercollegiate Championships and forming the nucleus of a championship team for the years to come. Rage on Sue.

Skating

Skating at Lady Beaverbrook Rink

Monday, March 17th & 24th: 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

Wednesday, March 19th & 26th: 10:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 22nd & 29th: 10:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

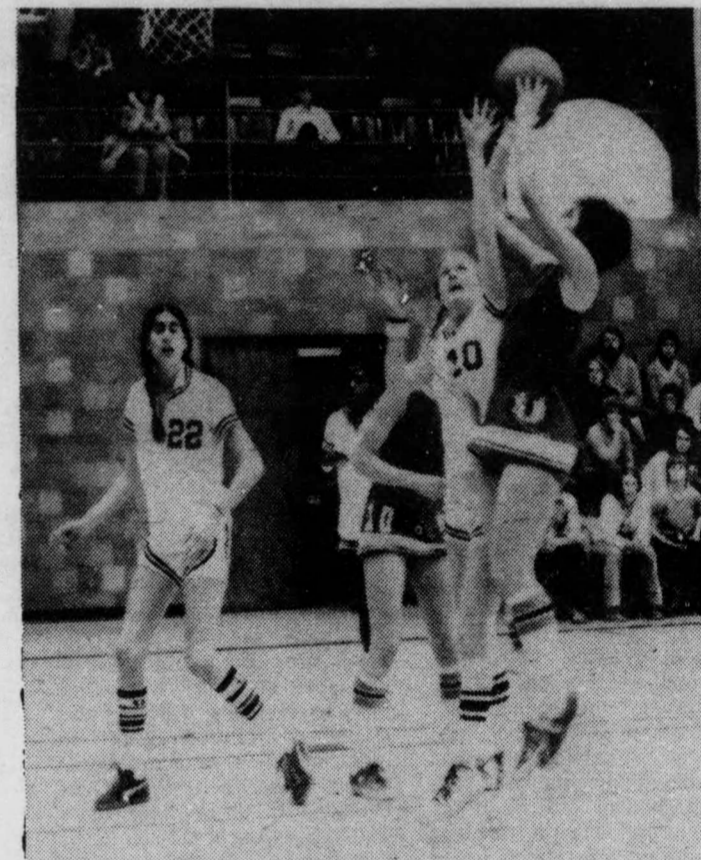


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Red Bloomer action during the weekend in the National tournament. The Red Bloomers won the consolation final 89-88 in overtime.

Gymnasts do well

At the close of the Intercollegiate gymnastic season, the UNB Women's team had a improved showing over past years.

This year three girls from UNB, were chosen in the AUSA championships to represent UNB at the CIAU's held at Winnipeg Feb 28 - Mar. 1. Cathy Boright, participated in the conference for her second consecutive year, Sandi Price and Margie Hamm for the first time. Completing the team from the Atlantic region was Debbie Rodd from Dalhousie University. Coach Ken Daley, travelled with the girls.

All girls did well in preliminaries, two of the girls making their way to the finals, Margie Hamm (UNB) in the balance beam event and Debbie Rodd (DAL) on vault.

On the whole, the team had a good year, faring well in regional intercollegiate competition. Team members are as follows: Cathy Boright, Margie Hamm, Sandi Price, Wendy Schell, Barb Stansbury and Jill Watson. Many thanks for the excellent coaching of Ken Daley and the helpful guidance of Juliet Mayhew-Daley from the team.

Scuba diving meet

The UNB Scuba Club took top honors at the NBUC Underwater Olympics held at base Gagetown last weekend. The two teams entered finished in first and second place. The best overall team of the competition, UNB Team A was made up of John Lyle, Carl Forster, Gary Ladd, Debby MacFarlane and Don Thomas.

Members of the second place UNB Team B were Cheryl LeBlanc, Gail McLeod, Jim

Partington, Reg Belyea, Lindsay Crampton and Judy Stark.

Team A was awarded the best team trophy and team B an individual team trophy for a specific event. Members of both teams were awarded NBUC championships medals.

The Underwater Olympics are held annually for all scuba clubs in the province that are members of the New Brunswick Underwater Council.