

Bloomers play Alumni - be there

NOTE: The following history of the Red Bloomers Women's Basketball Team was originally compiled by Dr. Phillip Wright and Lois Scott for a Paper which they presented at the 6th Annual Convention of the North American Society for Sport History, Many 1978.

In 1892 the game of basketball was introduced to Canadian citizens and just eleven years later the first women's team at the University of New Brunswick was organized. In February, 1902, the gymnasium on campus was destroyed by fire hampering the growth of basketball. The women were relegated to the facilities at the local Y.M.C.A. on York Street to practice and play their game.

The Provincial Normal School (now the Justice Building on Queen Street) provided the local competition for our girls. In 1906 the women split their games 11-8 and 1-5. Certainly not your regular high scoring type of game!

As interest in the game grew, so did the construction of a new gymnasium on campus. November 1, 1910 marked the first competition between another university. The U.N.B. Coeds, as they were known, travelled by train to Sackville to play Mount Allison University. The outcome resulted in a 19-4 win for Mount Allison. U.N.B. was hampered by the fact that they were used to playing men's

rules while Mt. A. followed the women's basketball rules. The game was ultimately played using half men's and half women's rules. It wasn't until 1914 that a rematch was played at U.N.B. The outcome again favoured Mt. A. by the score of 17-4

The University got a boost in 1930 when Ted Coffee was appointed as the university's first athletic director. The schedule was gradually increased and in 1938-39 the university was eligible for the Maritime Intercollegiate Championships. That year the Coeds lost in the final to Acadia, but the following year the Coeds captured the title for the first time.

With the opening of the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium in 1941 the women's basketball team began their dominance of the Maritime region. It wasn't until 1954 that the girls became known as the "Red Bloomers" as a result of a part of their uniforms. The name was only intended as a joke, but to their amazement the name stuck. Today the name "Red Bloomers" is recognized from Newfoundland to British Columbia for their excellence in basketball. At one point in their history the team recorded a winning streak of 53 games. Since 1956-57 the Bloomers have captured 22 A.U.A.A. Championship titles, 10 of which consecutive (1962-1971).

The 1984-85 season brings

with it a new coach (Claire Mitton) and several new very talented players. Another A.U.A.A. title is definitely in their plans for '85.

This weekend we get a chance to see this year's version of the "Red Bloomers" playing against "yesterday's Red Bloomers". To celebrate their

81st year in operation the current Bloomers will be hosting past players in the Red Bloomer Alumnae Game

scheduled for November 11th at 2:00 p.m. Letters have been sent to graduates across the country inviting them to an afternoon of fun and frolic.

We encourage everyone to come down to the Lady Beaverbrook Gym on Sunday at 2 p.m. to hear that famous cry "Bloomers Rise" once again as another exciting basketball season gets underway.

Marleigh E. Moran
Ex-Red Bloomer

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK RED BLOOMERS TEAM ROSTER

NO.	HEIGHT	POSITION	HOMETOWN
Debbie Knowles	4 5'6"	Guard	Hamilton, ON
Chris Matheson	5 5'4"	Guard	Brookfield, N.S.
Alison Kent	7 5'9"	Guard, Forward	East Riverside, N.B.
Emily Quigley	8 5'10"	Post	Riverview, N.B.
Natalie Harmer	10 5'10"	Post	Peticodiac, N.B.
Susan McMaster	11 5'11"	Forward	Saint John, N.B.
Bonnie McKenzie	12 5'11"	Guard, Forward	Chateauguay, PQ
Jackie Mooney	13 5'10"	Post	Yarmouth, N.S.
Pam Hartling	14 5'10"	Forward	Windsor, N.S.
Janet Nichols	15 6'2"	Post	Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Trainers:
Linda Roy
Marilyn Estey

Managers:
Holly Newman
Lisa Kilpatrick



Coach:
H. Claire Mitton

Express in 1st place

Face Nova Scotia Tomorrow

With 12 games under their belt this season, the Fredericton Express are sitting on top of the AHL Northern Division, though not very comfortably. The Maine Mariners are tied with the Express at 16 points and the Nova Scotia Oilers are one back at 15.

Though it is still a bit early in the season to worry, the Express have suffered serious injuries. Mike Eagles was operated on for torn ligaments in his right knee. The Sussex native will be lost to the team for about eight weeks. Jim Dobson, a left winger, underwent arthroscopic surgery Tuesday afternoon and he too will be lost to the Express for about 8 weeks.

Center Mark Kumpel injured his knee and is not expected to return until next week. The Express also lost Defensemen Neil Belland, but not due to injury. Belland was instead recalled by the Vancouver Canucks.

The Canucks also reassigned 4 players to the Express: Goaltender Richard Brodeur, Right Winger Dave Morrison, Defensemen Andy Schliebner and Garth Butcher, and the Nordiques sent down another Defensemen, Peter Loob.

There was some speculation over whether veteran Goaltender Richard Brodeur would arrive in Fredericton.

He first had to clear waivers, in which any team could have claimed him, but none showed interest, seemingly due to his reported \$300,000 salary.

At present, the other

Canucks netminder on the Express, Wendell Young will remain with the team.

The next game for the Express is tomorrow night when they face the Nova Scotia Oilers.

Last weekend the Lady Harriers faced their toughest challenge of the year at the 5th Annual CIAU championships in Guelph, Ont.

Fifty-three girls representing the seven strongest teams in Canada were in Guelph to battle for the national team title.

For the first time the Ontario conference was represented by the top two teams; Western Ont, and University of Toronto. The Western Conference was represented by University of Victoria and Saskatchewan and the Quebec conference was represented by McGill. The host team from Guelph University and UNB representing Atlantic conference rounded out the competition.

The CIAU rankings which were made available last week had UNB in sixth place, a jump up from their earlier 10th place ranking. The Lady Harriers were hoping to improve upon their ranking but this proved to be a very difficult task on race day.

As the race wound along the challenging golf course in Guelph, the display of talent

from the Ontario and Western teams became obvious.

UNB girls held their own and ran strong races but the tough competition made good scoring difficult.

Margaret MacDonald lead UNB through the 3.2 mile course to finish 11th in 18:26. Terry Lee Damon was UNB's 2nd counter in a 25th place finish of 19:22. Lynn Sutherland ran a great race to finish 31st in 19:34 with Tammie Richardson not far behind in a 35th place finish of 20:02. Lynn Pool rounded out the top five with her 42nd place finish of 20:18. Flora Livesey and Gina Spear ran well in their first CIAU race to finish 45th and 46th in 20:57 and 21:41 respectively.

Heavily favoured London Western ran away with their 3rd straight CIAU title. University of Toronto was 2nd with 62 points and University of Victoria was third, as well with 62 points. UNB managed a close 6th place with 139 points.

The individual race winner was 3 time All Canadian Jill Purola from University of Western Ontario.

Red Blazers drop opener

By MARY SCOTT

The UNB Red Blazers women's hockey team will play their second game of the season on Saturday, at the Aitken Center. The game will be the first time this season that the team will be at full strength. Two key players will be returning from duty with the Red Sticks field hockey team, which has kept them off the ice. One will be 6 year veteran Carol Cooper, the big defender is also the team captain. Last year Cooper was the most valuable player in New Brunswick. The other player is third year center Anne Campbell, Campbell led the team last season in winning face-offs, although her scoring was down from her usual high pace because of a reoccurring ankle injury.

The game will be played against the Nashwaaksis Bantem Reps, last season the Blazers won one of the three decisions against the boys. To date UNB has a 0-1 record

against the bantams, having dropped a 5-3 decision to a combined F.Y.H.A. team 2 weeks ago.

This season the Red Blazers will aim their season at defeating their two provincial rivals in the Senior A classification, Moncton and St. John. The girls will get their first look at the opposition on Nov. 17, when St. John will be in town. This St. John team is much improved from the squad which lost a pair of 3-0 games to U.N.B. last season, and they have recruited a number of new faces. The other team, Moncton, has yet to be heard from. The Provincial Senior winner travels to Summerside P.E.I. to take part in the Shoppers Drug Mart Women's National Hockey Tournament in March. The Blazers are the defending N.B. champs.

Game time at the Aitken Center this Saturday is 4:15, admission is free, so come out and support women's hockey on campus.