

Bloomers on the Road in Montreal

by Mark Savoie

Last weekend the UNB Red Bloomers travelled to McGill University in Montreal to compete in the Martlet Invitational Game Series. This competition consists of six teams, each of which plays three games in a round robin format. It is not a classical tournament format however, as there are no winners or losers of the series.

The Red Bloomers matched up against Concordia, McGill, and a senior team from St. Laurent. The other two teams present were SMU and a senior team from Notre Dame du Rosaire. On

Friday evening the Bloomers defeated Concordia 64-53. They followed this with an 84-72 loss to McGill Saturday night, but bounced back to crush St. Laurent 72-53 Sunday afternoon. Coach Claire Mitton came back from Montreal very pleased with the team's effort.

Both the Concordia and St. Laurent games were dominated by UNB. At the half they led by 13 and 8 points respectively. But the tough game of the weekend was that against McGill. At the half the Bloomers trailed by 14, and in the second half were only able to close this gap by two points.

Jennifer Hale did not play in

this game (she was unable to make the trip because of illness) and several other key players missed considerable playing time because of foul trouble. Both Kara Palmer and Lynn Christiansen fouled out, and Pauline Lordon and Tracy Ross picked up four fouls apiece. In their wake came solid efforts from Danielle Michaud and Jennifer Brown, both of whom had, in the words of Assistant Coach Keith Comitz, "super games off the bench."

The problem against McGill was the same one which plagued the team against Dalhousie last term. This was size and strength,

particularly on the boards. McGill had a big, extremely physical team which the Red Bloomers were unable to match up well against. It is beginning to appear that this may be the squad's primary weakness. Perhaps one more big player is needed.

The one player to excel on the boards last weekend was Lynn Christiansen. Despite disappointing scoring totals Lynn was a positive force on the floor, gathering 32 rebounds on the weekend and leading the Bloomers in this category for each game. Jill Jackson was named Player of the Game

against Concordia on the strength of 18 points and 5 steals, while Pauline Lordon garnered Player of the Game honors against St. Laurent with a 30 point effort.

This weekend the Red Bloomers are in Newfoundland for two matches against Memorial. These games will be tough, as Clair Mitton stated at the start of the year that Memorial would be one of the teams contending for the playoffs this year. Jennifer Hale will make the trip, but because she is still sick she will probably see limited playing time.

Raiders Face Uphill Battle

By PATRICK MCCARTHY

As the second half of the athletic season opens up, Red Raider Coach Phil Wright is looking to rookie Yaw Obeng to run the show. During the first half Obeng split playing time with Mike Lavelle. When Lavelle decided not to return to UNB for personal/academic reasons, Yaw was given sole responsibility of the point guard spot. Although

quickness and defence are his strong points, Yaw is a very capable scorer. In a 91-77 victory over University of Maine at Fort Kent on Tuesday, Yaw netted 15 points; Bryan Elliot and Mark Hazlett added 19 and 18 points respectively. Bill Jarett had a game high 22. This win is a welcome start to the second half, since the first half was admittedly disappointing. The term is now focusing and improving each

time they step on the floor.

GOOD BASKETBALL!

When I asked Coach Phil Wright how he felt about the upcoming second half, he replied that he was proud of his players and felt that they had established themselves in the Atlantic conference. He added: I'm trying to be patient with them, I owe them that.

On that note, we could all show a bit of patience for this young

team.

If hope for next season is not enough to muster some support for the raiders, consider the caliber of their opponents. Friday and Saturday the tenth ranked team in Canada will visit the main gym, UPEI has been as high as #8. Acadia now has the #8 team in the country down from #3 a week ago. A total of six games against these two teams is in itself a brutal

schedule; add Dalhousie, St. Mary's, and St. F.X. and it is understandable why a team with eight rookies will miss the playoffs.

Entertaining, highly competitive, exciting basketball is at UNB right now! There are no longer any excuses for lack of fan support; so stop complaining and "sit in the game!"

This weeks C.I.A.U. Rankings

Swimming (M)	Swimming (W)	Volleyball (M)	Volleyball (W)	Basketball (W)	Basketball (M)	Hockey (M)
1. Toronto	1. Toronto	1. Calgary (1)	1. Winnipeg (1)	1. Calgary (1)	1. U. Vic (4)	1. Moncton* (4)
2. Calgary	2. McGill	2. Manitoba (2)	2. U. Vic (2)	2. U. Vic (2)	2. Brandon (1)	2. Calgary (1)
3. Alberta	3. Alberta	3. York (5)	3. Laval (3)	3. Manitoba (5)	3. Concordia (5)	3. U.Q.T.R. (3)
4. Laval	4. Montreal	4. U.B.C. (3)	4. Calgary (4)	4. Winnipeg (6)	4. Regina (2)	4. Western (2)
5. U. Vic.	5. U.B.C.	5. Laval (4)	5. Manitoba (5)	5. Regina (4)	5. Western (6)	5. Alberta (5)
6. McMaster	6. Calgary	6. Sherbrooke (6)	6. U.B.C. (6)	6. U.P.E.I.* (9)	6. Calgary (9)	6. Waterloo (6)
7. U.B.C.	7. Dalhousie*	7. Dalhousie* (7)	7. REGINA (7)	7. Toronto (4)	7. Toronto (7)	7. McGill (7)
8. Manitoba	8. Guelph	8. Waterloo (9)	8. York (8)	8. Lethbridge (7)	8. Acadia (3)	8. U.B.C. (9)
9. McGill	9. Brock	9. Toronto (10)	9. Ottawa (9)	9. McMaster (8)	9. Winnipeg (10)	9. Acadia* (8)
10. Montreal	10. Manitoba	10. U. Sask. (NR)	10. Toronto (10)	10. Dalhousie* (NR)	10. U.P.E.I.* (NR)	10. U.P.E.I.* (10)

* Denotes a A.U.A.A. school

Blazers Host Womens Hockey Tournament

by Rod Cameron

This weekend the UNB Red Blazers will host the Tenth edition of their Annual Women's Hockey Tournament at the Aitken Center.

The 3 day event will bring together the six best Senior B calibre teams from New Brunswick. UNB is spending their first season in the B division after 7 years as a A team. "We had only 6 veterans

returning, so we looked to reduce our level of competition" says coach Mike Power. So far UNB has a 2-3 mark against B opponents from New Brunswick and a 4-7 record overall.

Last weekend the team prepared for their Tournament by traveling to Laval University in Quebec for a Tourney. Unfortunately the Blazers were left short handed due to sickness and injuries but played well despite only winning once in 4 tries. "We left a couple

of regulars at home through no fault of their own" says Power "we missed them, but on the plus side some people got a lot of ice time they might not have got if everybody went."

This weekend will see the Blazers trying to win their own event for the first time since 1986, but it will not be easy. If a pre-tournament favorite had to be picked it would probably be the Shediac Flames who are the defending B division champions.

The entry from Grand Falls will also be strong they have beaten UNB twice already this season, and won a pre-Christmas Tournament in Moncton, beating the Flames in the final. The other entries are: The Saint John Flyers, Norton Phase Electric and the Cocagne Flyers.

All games will be played at the Aitken Center and admission will be free of charge. Play will feature a run-robin round followed by quarter finals and semi finals,

it all will end Sunday at 4:45 with a one game final. Trophies will be presented following the final to the top 3 finishers as well as all-stars of the Tournament, and for the sixth time the Tournament M.V.P. will receive the Cathy Collins Trophy, named after the first Captain of the Red Blazers.