

Raiders, Bloomers suffer disappointment

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The basketball Red Raiders made the tough trek to Charlottetown last weekend, and like so many teams before them came away empty-handed.

The Raiders dropped the first game of the two-game set by an 82-72 decision against UPEI Panthers, and on Saturday were on the short end of a 78-65 score.

Andy Hayward was top point-getter for the Red Raiders in the first game of the set, scoring 23 points while rookie Richard Walker contributed 13. UPEI led 39-24 at halftime.

In Saturday's game, Manfred Hoyer paced UNB's attack with 17 points while Walker chipped in with 16. UPEI held a slight 33-31 lead at the half.

The Raiders have two big games on tap at the Aitken Centre this weekend as part of doubleheaders with the Red Bloomers' women's team. Tonight, the women tangle with St. Mary's at 6:30 while the Raiders play the Huskies at 8:30. Saturday's action has Acadia in town for games against the Bloomers at 1 p.m. and the Raiders at 3 p.m.

Next Monday, the Raiders host University of Maine Machias at 7:30 in the Main Gym.

The UNB Red Bloomers won more games than they lost last

weekend. Unfortunately, they lost the wrong one.

The Bloomers, who are striving for their 25th AUAA title this season, dropped a 63-51 decision to UPEI Lady Panthers in Charlottetown last Friday before returning home to post a pair of exhibition victories over Halifax Red Fox, a

tough senior team that always challenges for the national title.

In the UPEI game, Alison Kent was the lone UNB player to score in double digits, hitting for 10 points.

Saturday's 54-46 victory against Red Fox saw Susan McMaster lead the Bloomers in

scoring with 15 points while Nadine Enman contributed 12 more. Bonnie McKenzie was the big shooter in Sunday's 52-49 triumph, hitting for 22 points while Marg Jones added 10 more.

The Red Bloomers are in action at the Aitken Centre this

weekend with a pair of doubleheaders with the men. On Friday, the Red Bloomers and Red Raiders host St. Mary's for games at 6:30 and 8:30. Saturday's action has Acadia in town for a 1 p.m. game against the Bloomers and a 3 p.m. contest against the Raiders.

Fredericton Express defy logic

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The way to get into the playoffs is to win more games than you lose. The way to win games is to score more goals than you allow. Therefore it stands to reason that over the course of a season, if you score more goals than you allow, you will win more games than you lose. The Fredericton Express have scored 13 more goals than they have allowed and have lost two more goals than they have won.

Bill James, in an essay written for baseball, developed a formula for determining a team's record by its runs scored and allowed. This formula is:

$$\frac{\text{runs}^x}{\text{runs}^x + \text{opposition runs}^x}$$

The value of x was calculated to be 1.83 but for ease of computation was changed to 2. Preliminary results from studies which applied this formula to the sport of hockey

have shown it to be equally accurate. When applied to the Fredericton Express, it gives them 47 points. The Express currently have only 42 points.

The Express have obviously underachieved expectations by five points. Not much of a difference, but it works out to eight points over a full season. The distance from fifth to a playoff spot is almost always less than eight points. To go against the formula like this there must be a reason. The

reason in the Express's case is their lack of consistency. The Express are so talented that when they are playing up to their potential they are capable of blowing any team off the ice. Unfortunately, they do not often play up to their potential. When they come out flat they aren't good enough to win (no team is), but they are good enough to keep it close. The upshot of this is that they tend to win games by three or four goals while losing

them by just one or two goals, which throws the formula out of kilter.

The only way to correct this is for the players to be intense each game. This consistency has been a major problem for the Express thus far but hopefully as the games get more and more important as the season winds down the players will be able to motivate themselves into a playoff berth.

Heart Marathon set for April

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This year, the marathon will begin at the L.B. Gym and will continue through the streets of Fredericton along the Saint John River. The Lincoln airport will be the approximate turning point in the 26.2 mile run. Also, it should be noted, that a 4 mile walk has been added to this year's marathon. It is hoped that the new walking event and the marathon route itself will encourage participation.

organization of the run, and donated all proceeds to the Heart Foundation. With the success of the first marathon, the event has become a rather

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