

UNB's Red Raiders shine after two big wins

Things are looking up for the Red Raiders men's basketball team as they take on Mt. Allison tonight in an exhibition game in the Miramichi Valley High School Gymnasium. Coming off two decisive wins earlier this week chances are good that the Raiders will beat the Hawks tonight and continue to improve on their 76-77 season record which now stands at three wins and three losses.

The first big win came last Saturday on the hillside hardwood (L.B. gym) as UNB and Mt. A had their first encounter of the season the Raiders got off to a good start and appeared to be playing with a renewed vitality after the close loss to the University of Maine at Presque Isle last Wednesday. In the first half, the big man for UNB was team captain Chris Leigh-Smith who played with

confidence, moved the ball well, and went inside for four quick buckets against Norville McConnell, the man who has to fill the shoes left behind by Ross Quackenbush.

The Raiders dominated the play underneath at both ends of the court. Another Raider who tested the Hawks in the first half was forward Tommy MacMillan, who

rebounded well and hit on 10 foot jump shots.

By half-time UNB was winning 37-30, a lead which continued to grow until it reached the amazing 30 point spread at the end of the game.

In the second half Randy Nixon kept the offensive rebounds alive and Tim Howatt played his usually tough defensive game, boxing his man out on every play and picking up 10 points in the last two minutes.

Marc McGeachy, a small speed forward managed to get open for 15 foot shots and was consistent in getting his own rebounds.

Perhaps the most pleasing sight to the Raider coaching staff was the play of Wayne Veysey, the team's reserve guard. With Lu Florean in foul trouble, Veysey played most of the game, took his shot, and watched it go in time after time.

With three men who can shoot and get the ball down-court without problems, the Raiders can be confident that they possess a backcourt as fine as any in the league. Final score: UNB 82, Mt. A 52.

The second big win was even more satisfying as it came on the

road against a team somewhat better than the Hawks. Travelling to Eastern Maine Tuesday the Raiders met the University of Maine at Machias Clippers and defeated them 92-77.

UNB's secret was a well-balanced offence along with an effective defense layed on the Clipper's high scoring Larry Herson. Luigi Florean and Bruce McCormack kept the Raiders in the game in the later stages of the game. Nixon ended up with 21 points and 14 boards, and MacMillan with 13 and 14 respectively.

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UNB's Herson, who has been known to score 35 or 40 points a game, was held to 23 by Florean and Andy Cheam, who switched with Florean.

The victory was a very important win which will do wonders for the Raiders confidence. The next home game is Tuesday night, 8:00, main gym, with UMM and UNB meeting again.

Red Bloomers aiming for the top

By BRENDA MILLAR

The UNB womens basketball team, the Red Bloomers, started their 1976-77 season off with two wins.

The first win occured Nov. 12 in an exhibition game against University Maine-Presque Isle. The Red Bloomers surprised the UMPI women by showing them to a 65-38 defeat. Two of the outstanding players of the game were rookies, as Heather Colborne exhibited good ball control while teammate Leidy Schalten out-hustled the opposition.

High scorer for the Bloomers was their second year guard Patty Sheppard with 17 points. Moira Pryde, Kathy Maxwell and Sylvia Blumenfeld played a strong game of capturing rebounds both offensively and defensively.

The Red Bloomers, also, played a winning game last Friday nite against Mount Allison University, here at UNB.

This was the first league game of the year, and UNB proved to be no disappointment to fans as they defeated the Angels 113-50.

Sylvia Blumenfeld had an all-around good game by swishing 25 points. Rookie Laura Sanders, displayed her colors as she helped with 16 points.

The top rebounders of the game was Joyce Pedersen, Moira Pryde and Sylvia Blumenfeld, who all helped keep the ball in Bloomer control.

This weekend the Bloomers have been invited to a tournament at Concordia University. Their first game is against Simon Fraser University today at 3 p.m.

The team is playing in the division with Laurentian, Saint Francis Xavier and Simon Fraser.

If UNB wins the section, they will play the winner of Section B which contains Saint Mary's, Concordia and U of Ottawa.

For this tournament the Red Bloomer are rated fifth behind, Laurentian, Concordia, Saint Mary's and Simon Fraser.

Although UNB won the rating of second team in Canada last year at the intercollegiate nationals, it appears they will have to work to get their same rating or better this year. The Bloomers hope to return Sunday as winners of the tournament with a number one ranking in Canadian Women's University basketball.

DON'T MISS THE REDS AND THE REBELS THIS WEEKEND AS THEY TAKE ON U de MONCTON TONIGHT AND MT. ALLISON TOMORROW. GAMETIME TONIGHT IS 6:30 FOR THE REDS AND 8:30 FOR THE REBELS. GAMETIME TOMORROW IS 1:00 FOR THE REDS AND 3:00 FOR THE REBELS.

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All-Canadian

UNB linebacker makes it

Phil Battaglia, a line backer with the UNB Red Bombers was chosen all-Canadian last weekend in Toronto at the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union All-Canadian luncheon sponsored by Nestle's.

For his efforts Battaglia received a plaque, an engraved ring, and \$500 in his name was donated to the university.

Battaglia was almost speechless when he heard that he had won the award. He was clearly awed by the award, too, for when the Master of Ceremonies erroneously said that he played with the "Redmen" of UNB Battaglia did not even pick up on the slip.

Speaking after the award was presented, Battaglia said that the award has certainly helped him.

He was able for the first time to see the size and ability many players in the other leagues while in Toronto. He said, with a great amount of determination, that he

hopes to be all-Canadian again, and is about to work on the honour during the off-season. With a great deal of work, Battaglia could be playing pro-ball in Canada someday.

Others on the All-Canadian team from the Atlantic Conference include Hector Pothier, of Saint Mary's tackle, and Cliff Steeves of Acadia as defensive back. On the offence SMU's Mike Curry, named as guard, while Bob Stracina and Bob Cameron of Acadia were named wide receiver and quarter-back, respectively.

Fraser nominated

Peter Gorman trophy awarded

Stewart Fraser Atlantic Universities football conference rookie of the year of the UNB Red Bombers was one of four nominees selected for the Peter Gorman Trophy, presented annually to the Rookie of the Year in college football. Although the award was finally presented to Jim Reid of the Wilfred Laurier University team, it was understood that the voting was close.

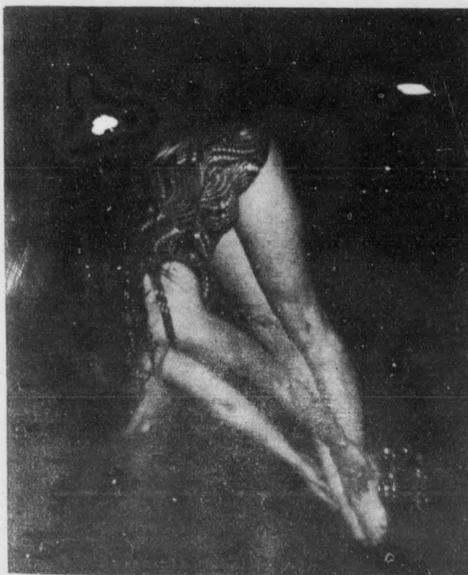
Fraser a Moncton native played wide receiver with the Bombers, and hope to return to the position next year. This year, he had eighteen receptions for 189 yards. He also scored one touchdown.

At 5'9", 165 pounds, Fraser had some tough competition for the title of rookie of the year. Reid, the winner, scored 10 TD's this year.

Gene Wall from the U of Saskatchewan was also in contention for the award. Bruce Wilkins, of Bishop's University was the fourth nominee.

Also presented with awards were Bob Stracina of Acadia as the most valuable player of the year, Gerald Inglis from U of Alberta was chosen as the lineman of the year while D. Semotiuk, coach of Western Ontario was given the Frank Tindal award as coach of the Year.

Beavers lose close match to Orno



The women's diving team should be one of the strongest ever at UNB if pre-season competition is any indication.

Last weekend, the UNB Beavers hosted the U of Maine Orono swim team in an annual tuneup meet against the New England Champions.

In the past four years Maine has trounced the Beavers, but this year for the first time UNB was close, losing the match 66-54.

UNB was led by second year student Dave Banks who turned in three first place finishes. Rookie Rob Davis took another first place for the Beavers while Bill Emery and Ian Sinclair, first year students at UNB, both turned in three second place finishes.

Mike Brown, John McGillvary, Bruce Williams and Paul Steeves taking one second place finish each.

John Bennett, Bill Curtis, Mike Erickson, and Mike Sinstadt, a UNBSJ student, all turned in exceptional performances for the Beavers.

Head coach Gary Brown, expressed great satisfaction with the team's performance, as this was the first meet of the year.

This weekend the UNB Beavers, travel to Mount Allison University to take on the Mt. A Swamps.

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