

## Volleyball "Reds" lose first match of '76 season

The UNB "Reds" got off to a slow start last Friday evening as they lost their first intercollegiate match of the new year to the visiting U de Moncton women's volleyball team. U de M took UNB in a fast-paced match that went to the final fifth game before UNB bowed 15-13 to the strong U de M defence.

The loss was not totally unexpected however, as the "Reds" had, four days previously, just returned from an exhausting and demanding tournament in Quebec City, where they placed second in the ten team competition.

UNB began the match with their usual style of play winning easily 15-2. In the second game however, the "Reds" had positional problems and began to make unnecessary errors, losing 13-15. A feeble comeback in the third game gave them a 2-1 game lead, but by this time the "Reds" were exhibiting signs of being tired and U de M had recovered from the first game loss.

U de M deserves the credit for exceptional defensive play in the fifth and final game as they returned everything the "Reds" hit or tipped at them. The final two game-scores of 15-13 for U de M reflect the exciting play which took place between the two teams and certainly heightened the expecta-

tions of the U de M team as they prepared for the UNB Invitational tournament the following day.

The loss Friday evening proved to be more beneficial for the "Reds" however, as it helped them shake off the post-Laval letdown they had experienced during

practices last week, and it prepared them psychologically for the Invitational on Saturday, especially the finals against U de M.

Play in the Invitational consisted of two-game matches among the five women's teams participating.

It was obvious from the first that UNB and U de M would meet in the finals. Poor playing conditions in the south gym had considerable effect upon some teams, resulting in a few upsets and an unpredictable tournament. By the time the finals were played the sun

had disappeared from the windows the chalk dust had been cleared from the floor, and the "Reds" were 'up' for the best of three final matches.

Twenty-five minutes later, the "Reds" had completely demolished U de M by scores of 15-1, 15-7, retaining their UNB Invitational championship, and redeeming themselves for Friday evening's loss. Following the competition, gold medals were presented to the winning UNB team by Dr. Paton, Dean of Physical Education at UNB.

Tonight (Friday), the "Reds" host their arch rivals the Dalhousie Tigerettes in a best of five intercollegiate match. Game time is set for 7 this evening and this match should prove to be very exciting as both the "Reds" and Tigerettes are expected to be finalists for the Atlantic Intercollegiate Championships.

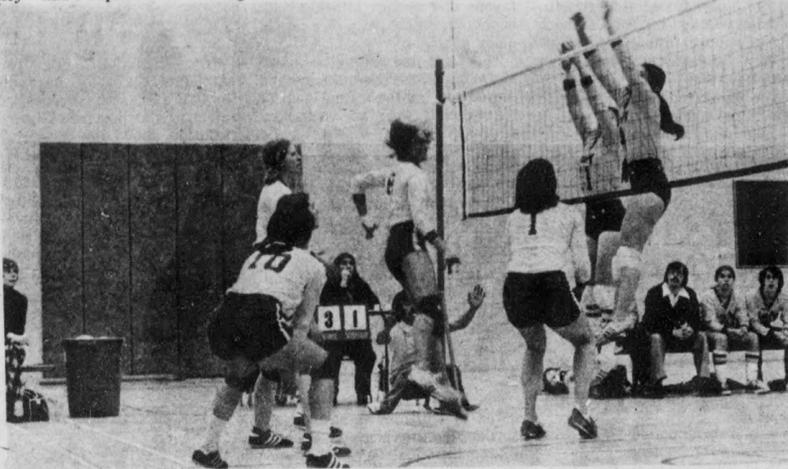


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**BLOCK!** Two U de Moncton players jump to stop a spike attempt as members of the UNB Reds look on. UNB split a pair of matches against U de M last weekend, losing Friday night but coming back strong Saturday.

### Open letter to fans

On Saturday, January 16 two nationally ranked teams played one of the most intense and exciting basketball games seen in Fredericton in some time. The Red Bloomers were fortunate enough to come out on top but the game displayed what top level women's basketball is all about: skillful execution and fast paced action. Much credit must be given to St. Francis Xavier for putting together such a fine team.

From our point of view an exciting aspect of the contest was the terrific involvement of the crowd. The girls loved the noise and the enthusiastic support that started when we came on the floor for the first time. We believe that we are forming a core of supporters that will continue to inspire the play of the team for the rest of the season. To them goes our deepest appreciation. To those of you who have not seen us play, come and join us on January 31 for our next home game against Dalhousie. Share in our excitement.

Boost those Bloomers  
Phil Wright  
Coach  
Women's Varsity Basketball

## Bloomers edge "X" -- still undefeated

The Red Bloomers maintained their first place status over the weekend by defeating the strong St. F.X. X-ettes by a close 66-64 score on Saturday.

The large crowd roared as Kim Hansen scored the winning basket with 12 seconds left in the game.

The Bloomers started the game strongly by scoring 9 points before the X-ettes Claire Mitton put them on the scoreboard. The St. F.X. team pulled ahead as the Bloomers had a seven minute scoring lapse netting only one point on a free throw.

At half-time the Bloomers were down six points by a 35-29 score.

During the second half the UNB squad settled down to more consistent play and the X-ettes were beginning to show signs of fatigue.

In the 18th minute of the second half the Red Bloomers pulled ahead with an eight point lead. The

St. F.X. team put on a full court press which worked to their advantage and the score was tied at 64-64.

In the last seconds of the game, the Bloomers broke the press and scored the winning basket.

A steal by Cathy Maxwell denied the X-ettes a chance to tie the score again.

The Red Bloomers were led by Kim Hansen who had a total of 20 points. Cathy Maxwell played an excellent game scoring 14 points and pulling down 13 rebounds. Sylvia Blumenfeld also hits the double figures with 11 points.

St. F.X. was led by Karen Lee, an ex-Bloomer who had 20 points. Claire Mitton and Liz Yack aided the St. F.X. cause with 12 points and 11 points consecutively.

On Friday night, the UNB squad played a much improved Acadia team and won by a 63-49 score.

The X-ettes came on the floor

with a positive attitude and actually led at several times early in the game. The Bloomers settled down and by half-time had a seven point lead with a 35-28 score.

Both teams shot poorly and the game seemed to be slowed down somewhat because of this. However, UNB managed to stay on top and win the game.

Kim Hansen with 20 points was the only Bloomer in the double figures. While for Acadia Betty Campbell had 17 points and Betty Jean White scored 16 points.

This weekend the Red Bloomers travel to Halifax for games against Dalhousie and St. Mary's. Both of these teams are fairly strong this year and the two contests will be exciting.

Next weekend UNB plays Dalhousie in a home game at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym on Jan. 31 at 6:00 p.m.

UNB - 63:

Hansen 20, Goggin 5, Pedersen 5, Blumenfeld 6, Robbins 6, Proude 4, Maxwell 7, Cull 2, Scott 8, Fouls 22, Free Throws 13 for 26.

Acadia - 49:

Campbell 17, Constandis 4, Mayer 2, Pauley 2, Price 4, White 16, Woolrich 4, Fouls 22, Free Throws 17 for 29.

UNB - 66:

Hansen 20, Goggin 4, Blumenfeld 11, Robbins 5, Proude 5, Maxwell 14, Scott 7, Fouls 26, Free Throws 6 for 16.

St. F.X. - 64:

Dean 6, Lee 20, Yack 11, Jensen 9, Krunzel 2, Jones 2, Mitton 12, Levangie 2, Fouls 23, Free Throws 12 for 20.

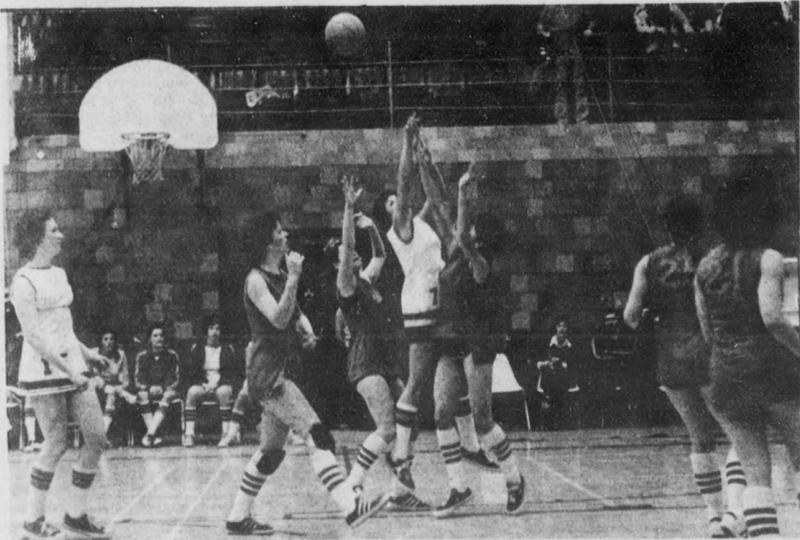


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**REBOUND!** - The UNB Red Bloomers continued to dominate AWIAA play last weekend by handily defeating Acadia 63-49 and clinching a thriller against St. F.X. in the final seconds of the game.

## Beavers split pair of weekend meets

In men's AUAA swimming and diving action over the weekend, the Beavers showed that they are in contention for this year's championship, to be held at Acadia in the middle of February.

The UNB squad, defending champions of the league, defeated the highly rated Memorial and Dalhousie teams Friday night, but were unable to match the powerful Acadia squad, going down to defeat by a score of 59-53 on Saturday.

Dave Banks was the standout for the Beavers, collecting four individual victories, plus one second place.

Paul Steeves, Dave Pretlove, Craig Maitland, Bruce Williams and Mike Brown also picked first place tallies over the weekend.

All members of the team showed improvement over previous performances, with John MacGillivray, John Bennett, Bruce MacDonald, Bill Caldwell, and Peter Zwicker all swimming very respectable times for their events.

Gary Brown, the Beaver's coach, was worried about how his team

would do against Dalhousie and Acadia, as they have increased their talent with nationally ranked swimmers from Ontario and the U.S. However, after the competitions were over, Brown said he was pleased with the results and with the individual improvements made by each team member.

This worked the Beavers are up against the stiff competition of these two teams once again, as UNB plays host to Dalhousie on Friday night at 7:00 and Acadia on Saturday at 2:00 in the afternoon.

### Syncro

For all those interested in synchronized swimming, UNB is offering the opportunity every Wednesday and Friday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday the swimmers meet at the Lady Beaverbrook Residence Pool and Fridays they frequent the Sir Max Aitken Pool. New members are welcome anytime.

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"We're not budging u have some positive answer Pierre LeBlanc, an execu the Federation des Etudi l'Universite de Moncton.

This seems to be the pr attitude of the approxima de M students who t residence in the lobby Centennial building Wedn

Universite de Moncton representatives have give hier Hatfield and gov officials their assurance t will continue to occupy t until their demands are they are physically t However, it looks like th for a long stay beca government is refusing to leeway.

The fight for improve aid in this province see taking a new turn of ev the failure of last T demonstration. The resu demonstration brought surface much of the dis the student bodies.

Despite the 700 or so s the demonstration UNB clear lack of concern ov aid. SRC president J expressed disappointm lack of support from t university in the provin



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