

Good showing by rookies

Impressive debut for Bloomers

By JEFF WHIPPLE

Coach Coleen Dufresne was nervous this weekend before their game with Acadia Axettes on Saturday night in Wolfville. But why she was nervous was probably the biggest question.

Some might say that it was because her team was ready to open their season. But Coleen had opened seasons before. Maybe she was worried of a loss? No way, the Acadia Axettes were weak sisters last year and were not expected to be any better this season. No, it wasn't any of the above reasons.

The real reason why Coleen was so nervous can be summed up in one word "rookies". Coleen's Red Bloomers, laden with seven rookies, mind you accomplished rookies, but rookies nonetheless, were ready to start producing for what may be the strongest Bloomer squad ever. And did they ever produce. The Rookies, led by Sue McMaster,

Jennifer George, and Bonne McKenzie, bolstered the returnees as they animated the Axettes 72-49 in their opener.

But the real test was to come on Sunday afternoon at the Dalplex. The Bloomers were looking to avenge last year's Championship loss to the Dalhousie Lady Tigers. After falling behind early to Anna Pendergast and company, the Bloomers rallied back from a 34-30 half time deficit to down the Tigers 58-56. The Rookies were instrumental once again. Sue McMaster, a 6 foot St. John native, hooped 14 points to lead the Bloomers to victory, which went well with her 18 from the Valley the night before.

Veteran point guard Jill Jeffrey, a work horse on the court, played her usual strong game, being backed up by rookie Jennifer George, who spelled both Jill and Laura Gillespie the high scoring veteran swing guard from Ottawa. Jennifer's strong play



The goal: Shown is the scoreboard from the 1981 CIAU Women's basketball championships, during a game between Calgary and UNB. If all things go according to plan, Coleen Dufresne's Red Bloomers will once again see their names up on the scoreboard at the National tournament.

impressed the coaches.

After seeing Jennifer handle the team against Dalhousie, Assistant Coach Andy Cheam commented "we not only have the best point guard in the conference in Jill Jeffrey, but also have the second best in Jennifer." This high praise may come as a surprise to many who know the intricacies of playing the point, but Jennifer

handled the pressure this weekend like senior.

After chalking up the two big season opener victories, the Bloomers are of this weekend to the university of Western Ontario to play in the Western Mustang Tournament.

They open on Friday night against Saskatchewan. "with a 6'1" national team centre." Saskatchewan should give our

big girl Sue McMaster some much needed competition comments Coleen Dufresne. Adds Coleen, "we should be able to win the tournament if everyone works hard and produces like last weekend."

A victory here would give them a big step towards national ranking. Something the girls would like to establish early this season.

Red Sticks move inside

The UNB Red Sticks are continuing practices despite their competitive outdoor season being over. They are playing indoor field hockey all winter with hopes of attending some tournaments in the Maritimes. The indoor game is totally different from the outdoor game with only 6 players a side, free substitutions and the ball being played off sideboards just to name a few changes. Anyone interested in playing this game should come to Marshall d'Avray south gym Tues. or Thurs. nights at 7:30. We hope to get a league going.

The Red Sticks had a very successful year for one that was supposedly a building year. With 6 rookies in the lineup, the initial outlook seemed bleak. But the quality was not deeply hidden and once more the Red Sticks proved themselves a challenger. Following are team statistics and the wrap-up of our outdoor season.

Team Awards

1st in West Division of AUAA's
1st at AUAA's - Winner of AUAA Championship Trophy
3rd at CIAU's at University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta.

Team Distinctions

AUAA All Stars

1. Donna Phillips - forward (fifth time in a row)
2. Beth McSorley - defence (third time)
3. Susan Grady - forward (first time)
4. Marleigh Moran -goalkeeper (first time)

CIAU Tournament Eleven All Star Team

1. Donna Phillips - 4th all Canadian award in as many years -tournament high scorer with 7 goals.
2. Sharon Creelman - rookie defensive player.

We are losing Donna Phillips, Beth McSorley, Sharry Martin and Nancy Drope through graduation. These will definitely be difficult spots to fill looking at the statistics above and past performances of these Red Stick All Stars. However, there will be 10 Sticks returning and with some talent coming in UNB should be strong once again next year -the year we host the CIAU's on Chapman Field. Thank you for your excellent support especially the sell out crowd at Playoffs - You were great!

Two Red Shirts included

CIAU All-Stars named

By TOMO

Following the CIAU national soccer final last weekend which the McGill University Redmen won 1-0 over Victoria, the CIAU released the names of the players selected for the two CIAU All-Star teams. The UNB Red Shirts had two players nominated as All-Stars; Joe Turpin, captain and midfielder of the Shirts was awarded 1st team CIAU All-Star honours whilst centre half Larry Courvoisier was elected to the CIAU second team.

The nomination for CIAU All-Star is the highest award which can be gained in recognition of individual skill and performance in intercollegiate sport and we are privileged to have players of the calibre of Joe and Larry. Last season Larry won 1st team CIAU All-Star honours and Joe got second team honours whilst Tony Rawlinson was nominated as an AUAA All-Star. This year, in addition to Larry and Joe, Dwight Hornbrook gained AUAA All-Star honours.

We wish them both well for next season's campaign.



Joe Turpin



Larry Courvoisier

J.V. hockey report

The 1982-83 season for Junior Varsity Hockey is underway at the Aitken Centre. There are four teams in the league and if the first six games are any indication, fans will see some competitive J.V. Hockey this season. The coaches have trimmed the rosters and the teams are starting to shape up. The league is more competitive this year as the teams boast a higher caliber of players.

The next games will be played on Sunday, Nov. 21st when Subtowne faces the

Social Club at 9:30 and St. Thomas plays the Arms at 11:00.

Beavers host swim meet

The first home meet for the UNB Beaver's swim team, will be November 19 and 20th, with Dalhousie and Acadia the competition.

The Friday meet is at 6:30 p.m., with the Saturday contest going at 1:30 p.m.