

Bloomers baffle Dal offence in weekend dump

Pressure defense was again the style displayed by the Red Bloomers in sweeping two home games from the Dal Tigerettes last week-end. To the delight of UNB Bloomer fans the team scored victories of 74-48 Friday night and 73-53 Saturday afternoon versus the Dalhousie team.

A noisy crowd of 300 cheered wildly in the opening home game as the Bloomers jumped to a 38-20 half-time lead. The UNB lead was mainly built on the basis of the relentless full court pressure of a man to man coverage. This tiring but exciting defense caused the Dal team to turn over possession of the ball to the Bloomers time and time again through violations and errant passes which the alert UNB squad was able to steal. The crowd appreciated this hustling effort and enjoyed the obvious enthusiasm of the UNB players.

All ten Bloomers in uniform for this game (Carolyn Gammon did not play as she is currently recovering from a broken finger) played nearly equal time. In fact, the UNB coaches often made five substitutions at one time in platoon fashion.

Offensively, the Bloomers were led by Sylvia Blumenfeld who scored almost 60 percent of her shots for the game. She made numerous spinning drives to the basket and the only way Dalhousie was able to stop her was by fouling. Although Sylvia had an off night in her foul shooting, she still finished with 24 points which is the highest individual scoring effort by a Bloomer this season, and this was in only twenty-five minutes playing time.

Also impressive for the Bloomers was Janet Proude who leads the team in rebounding. The

	74-48 FRIDAY	73-53 SATURDAY	
	PTS	REB	PTS
Lois Scott	2	0	2
Laura Sanders	6	4	8
Claire Mitton	11	8	15
Cathy Maxwell	8	7	4
Sylvia Blumenfeld	24	7	7
Maira Pryde	4	4	8
Janet Proude	9	8	6
Nelda Robbins	2	3	7
Liedy Scholten	4	1	10
Patty Sheppard	4	3	6
(Capt.)			



Cathy Maxwell of UNB (no. 9) is fouled under the hoop in action Saturday afternoon.

department of rebounding is very important in basket-ball for it is a major method of obtaining possession of the ball. Defensive rebounding usually completes the phase of defense where the defensive unit has tried to force the opponents to take a lower percentage shot than they wish. It can initiate a fast breaking opportunity as well. Offensive rebounding is important for getting more shots for scoring opportunities.

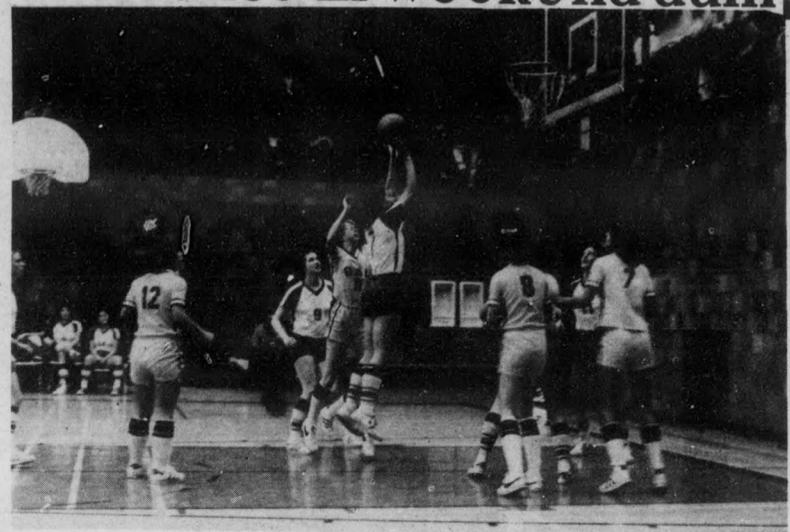
It is in the area of rebounding that the Bloomers are particularly strong this year. Led by their 7 to 12 squad (these being numbers 7 - Laura Sanders; 8 - Claire Mitton; 9 - Cathy Maxwell; 10 - Sylvia Blumenfeld; 11 - Maira Pryde; 12 - Janet Proude) the Bloomers have dominated the "boards" out-rebounding their opponents by a ratio of nearly 3 to 1.

In the second half of the opening Dal game the Bloomers experimented with a half court 1-3-1 zone press called the "Rat". It involves two players attempting to trap the opponent with the ball and force a lob pass which the remaining UNB team might intercept. It gets its name from the chasing and scurrying by the defense after the ball.

It was effective against the Dal team in forcing them to abandon their patterned offense and caused several mistakes of which the Bloomers took quick advantage.

Saturday's game was much the same as Friday's but with a couple of different Bloomers high lighting the team effort. UNB jumped to a half time lead of 37-18 with Claire Mitton showing an excellent shooting touch with several baskets from outside. In the second half the Bloomers kept up the pressure with Liedy Scholten scoring several times on running drives to the basket.

Much excited feedback on the Bloomer style has been aired by many, many fans already this season. They are obviously impressed by the talent and enthusiastic spirit shown by the team with their pressure defenses. The next home games are Dec. 2 and 3 against the well coached Acadia Axettes.



As four Dalhousie players look on, UNB's Laura Sanders goes up for two.

The Bloomers' next immediate action is the Concordia Invitational Tournament in Montreal Nov. 24, 25, and 26. This tournament features 6 out of 7 of the top

ranked teams in Canada (The Bloomers are currently ranked 4th in the country) as well as a University of Connecticut team which won the tournament in their

last appearance. Although an early season tournament, it gives an indication of the strength and relative position of the various conferences across Canada.

Swimmers face better Mount A

The UNB mens and womens varsity swimming teams travel away to open their A.U.A.A. meet schedule for 1977 against Mt. Allison tomorrow.

Although Mt. Allison swimmers have been overpowered in the past by the quality of swimmers from UNB, it is expected the Mt. A. team will offer some excellent competition with the addition of a few new freshmen women to their roster this year.

Swimming in the past years has lacked a lot of quality especially in the women's events, but with the expansion of age group swimming in the Maritimes and Canada, university swimming has now felt the progression of quality swimmers into its ranks.

UNB swimmers have just returned from competition with the New England state NCAA Champions, Univ. of Maine, whom exploited a team of 52 top quality men and women swimmers and divers as compared to UNB's team total of 25 swimmers and divers.

Although UNB lost both competitions by total points, the men and women showed a lot of strength and quality by winning 3 individual events and collecting the majority of second placings, against the strong showing of team depth of the UMO swimmers who placed at least four swimmers in each event to UNB's two.

On an individual basis UNB mens Medley Relay team consisting of Bruce Williams, Bill Curtis, Rob Davis and Iain Sinclair captured second place in an event which proved the depth of the UMO team by hosting 3 individual teams, but pushed UNB into a very close second position.

UNB had 2 disqualifications through difficulty in adjusting to the different NCAA rules in the first half of the meet. John Bennett and Rob Davis were disqualified for two false starts and were unable to compete in their

respective events 1000 freestyle and 200 individual medley, thus not enabling UNB to host a swimmer for those events. Bill Emery placed 3rd in the 200 freestyle in a very close finish among the top 3 swimmers.

In the 50 and 100 freestyle, which usually ends up in a very close finish by the eye, placings are decided by electronic timing, Iain Sinclair placed 3rd.

Rob Davis, a converted Breast-stroker, swam the 200 Fly in a winning time with UNB swimmer E. Mitsoulis (nicknamed Vango) from Univ. of Athens, Greece, placing second. Bruce Williams, showing excellent form, placed 2nd in the 200 Backstroke and 3rd in the 200 I.M.

UNB diver Dale McLean placed 3rd respectively on both 1 and 3 meter boards with Gary Kelly following behind.

Overall the men swimmers and divers, lacking team size, showed a lot of endurance and strength against their opponents and in relation to their conference will be trying to expand on their strong winning record of 5 AUAA titles this year. Because of the small contingent of swimmers this year the men will be going for top positions in all events with the divers Dale McLean and Gary Kelly looking for repeat conference titles.

Returning swimmers, expected to show well this year are Bill Emery, a strong middle distance freestyler, Bruce Williams conference champion backstraker, Paul Steeves a versatile breaststroker and IM'er, Bill Curtis, a greatly improved breaststroker with hopes of gaining top position this year with a summer of training and Summer Games Competition backing him, and Rob Davis a swimmer capable of performing honors in Fly, breaststroke and I.M.. These men along with our freestyle depth in John McGill-

vary, Iain Sinclair and another breaststroker Mike Sinstad will be going after the AUAA title once more.

UNB women Karen Stangroom shows a lot of promise in the breaststroke and distance freestyle by winning the 1000 freestyle in Maine and placing 2nd in the 200 breaststroke with Deidre Pretlove (freshman), placing 3rd. Debbie Wetmore another versatile swimmer is presently looking for a position at the CIAU's this year, swam away with the 200 fly, winning far ahead and placing 2nd in the 200 freestyle in a close finish.

Randi Stangroom and Ginny Bradley, two women who in the past have represented the AUAA conference at Nationals showed strong form placing 2nd respectively in the 500 and 1000 freestyle. Kathy Gaul, AUAA champion, presently under a heavy training program this year for sprinter, preparing her for more strength, placed 2nd in both 50 and 100 freestyle events. Both really teams placed second overall with Kathy Gaul, Deidre Pretlove, Debbie Wetmore and Randi Stangroom on the 400 Medley and Ginny Bradley, Darlene MacDonald, Kathy Miller and Deidre Pretlove on the 400 freestyle relay teams.

Women divers Sharon Paquette and Celeste Smart are proving to be a great asset to the team for another year with their showing so far. Both divers were conference representatives to CIAU's last year and are looking for higher standings this year.

Overall, UNB men and women are planning to send a strong contingent of swimmers and divers to Nationals this year with AUAA titles in mind.

