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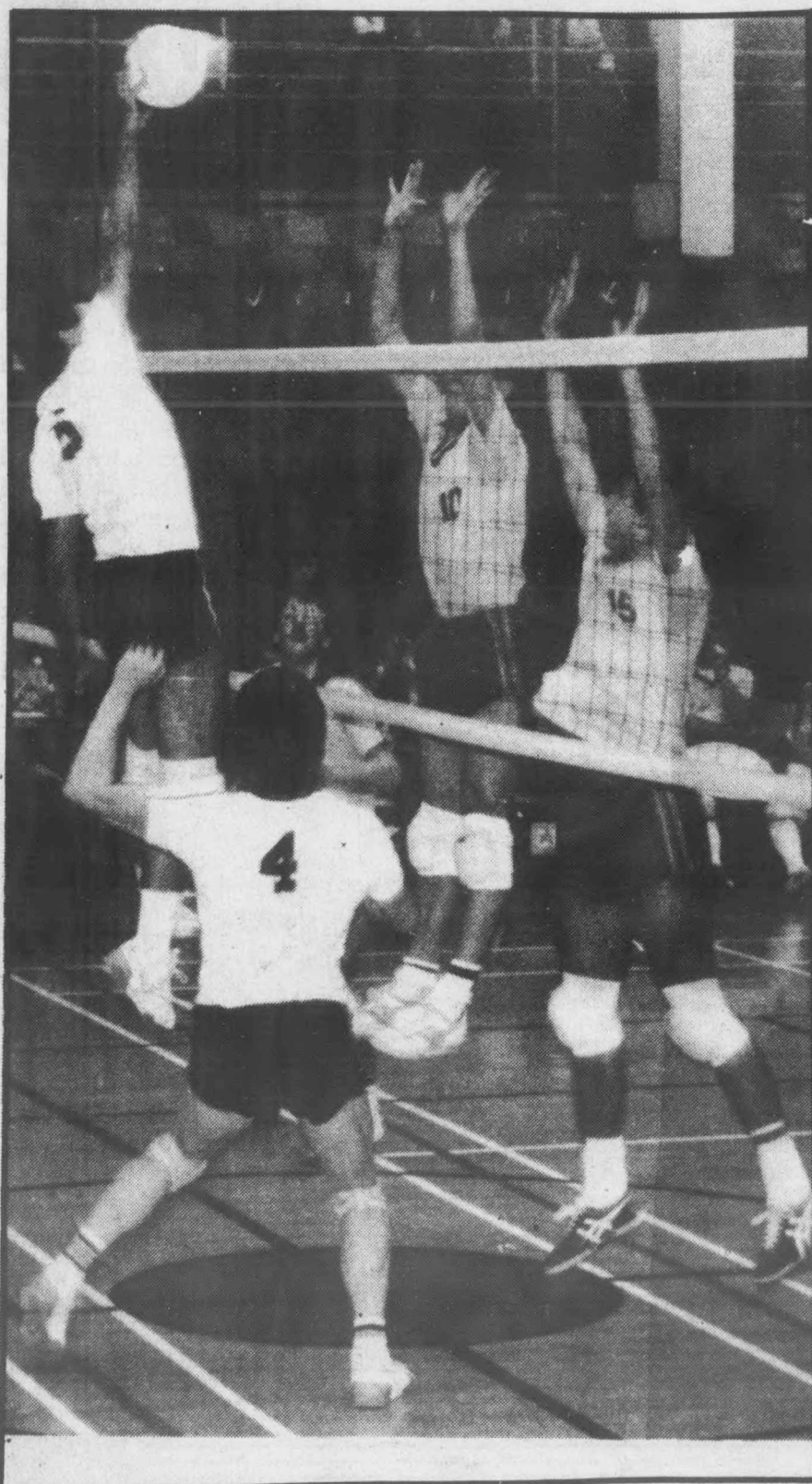
DAL TOPS BLOOMERS

- Lordon named All-Star / Palmer Rookie of the Year

by Mark Savoie

The Bloomers started the game slowly but were able to fight their way back into the game with strong offensive efforts from Jill Jackson and Lynn Christiansen. By the end of the half UNB trailed by only one (32-31). In the second half Lynn Christiansen scored the first basket to give the Red Bloomers their first and only lead of the game. Dalhousie answered this basket by rattling off the next eight points, and from there turned the game into a rout. The main cause of Dalhousie's success in this game was the performance of Kathy MacCormack, who lived up to her billing as League MVP by striking for 37 points. Her sister, Trish MacCormack, contributed to the Dalhousie effort to the tune of 18 points. The effectiveness of Kathy on the outside and Trish on the inside was sufficient to turn the Bloomers defence to a shambles in the second half. The Red Bloomers scored the bulk of their points from the inside Kara Palmer and Lynn Christiansen or on drives to the hoop by Jill Jackson, who managed a team high 20 points. The part of the Bloomer offence which Dalhousie was able to stop was the outside shooting, as Pauline Lordon and Jennifer Hale were unable to get open to take clear shots. As a result Pauline and Jennifer's effectiveness on offense was minimal. Despite the early exit from the playoffs this season has to be considered a positive one for the Bloomers. The team of eleven players managed a 12-2 record with six freshmen, three of them starters. For managing this record Coach Claire Mitton was awarded AUSA Coach of the Year. Other awards went to Pauline Lordon and Kara Palmer who were named to the first and second all-star teams respectively. Jill Jackson was named to the tournament all-star team for her effort against Dalhousie. Kara Palmer was in addition named Freshman of the Year.

REBELS CHALLENGE DAL



The UNB Red Rebels in action from last weekends A.U.A.A's held here at UNB. Photo by Jayde Mockler

This past weekend the UNB Rebels hosted the AUSA Championship at the Lady Beaverbrook gymnasium. Among the teams there were U de M, MUN, and Dalhousie. UNB has played tough volleyball all season and were ready for the AUSA's. However, Dalhousie was also ready. Dal is currently ranked eighth in Canada overall. This means that UNB had tough competition if they were going to take Dal for the title. Unfortunately, UNB was not up to Dal's challenge. The UNB Rebels lost the final match to Dal by 3 games to none. This was no surprise since Dal has been in first place all season with an undefeated record. All season, Coach Belanger and the Rebels have been working on playing consistent volleyball. UNB played this season with improvement in every game. They had hoped to beat Dal in the final. UNB did manage to accomplish some of their goals for the season. They played entertaining volleyball and worked on their offensive game. Coach Belanger worked to speed up the offense and work on one-on-one blocks. These goals seemed to be shaped up by the end of the season. Unfortunately, they weren't enough to stop the Dalhousie Tigers from clenching the volleyball AUSA title. Next weekend, the 16th, 17th, and 18th, the Dal Tigers will go out to Calgary to press their luck against Canada's finest. Good luck is extended to the Dal Tigers. Also, congratulations to the UNB Rebels for a super season of volleyball that was very entertaining.

FORMER RED DEVIL TRADED

- John Leblanc

Former UNB Red Devil John LeBlanc, U.N.B. MVP 85/86 & 86/87, A.U.A.A. First team All-Star and C.I.A.U. All-Canadian first Star and M.V.P. 86/87 was traded on Tuesday by the Vancouver Canucks to the Edmonton Oilers. Tuesday was the last day of league trading. The trade consisted of the Canucks trading Leblanc and a fifth-round draft choice in this years upcoming draft to the Oilers for left wing Greg Adams and center Doug Smith. John Leblanc played for UNB in 85/86 and 86/87 before moving on to the Fredericton

Express, the Vancouver Canucks Farm club in the A.H.L. (a joint venture with the Quebec Nordiques). With the break up of the Express and Quebecs departure to Halifax last summer, Vancouver chose not to stay in Fredericton and maintain a club, but to join a Triple farm team in the I.H.L. - Milwaukee. Milwaukee is first place in their division and second in the I.H.L.. Undoubtedly John will be playing for the Cape Breton Oilers for the rest of the season. Unless the Oilers sustain injuries to some of their players.

SPORTS SCIENCE

by Martin Kruus

With the focus on high level amateur sport these days, the role of the sport scientist in Canada is sure to be discussed. Dr. David Smith, a noted sport scientist working out of the University of Calgary, visited UNB recently to speak about his work with the Canadian Olympic effort. He felt it especially appropriate to inform the public about some of the behind the scenes work being done with athletes in this, "the year of the coach".

Basically Dr. Smith cooperates with the coach to provide a sound training program for the national team athletes. He and his lab assistants perform various tests on the athletes in experimental conditions (like on a treadmill) or just prior to, during, and after actual competition or training. This may include measurement of oxygen intake, heart rate, power in the joints or more specialized tests such as blood samples or muscle mass percentage. The

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