

# May we present .....

The UNB Red Bloomers women's basketball team are looking forward to a more successful season than the previous one. Last year, with only 3 returning players, was a rebuilding season. Now the Bloomers are riding on this experience and are anxious to prove they can re-claim the AUSA (Maritime) championship.

Only one face will be new to Bloomer fans: Lynn Estabrooks, a top player from Fredericton High School. A versatile guard-forward, Lynn's smooth outside shot can devastate the best of defenses. Up and coming second year players with the team are Anne Steeves and Sandy Hill. The former has shown

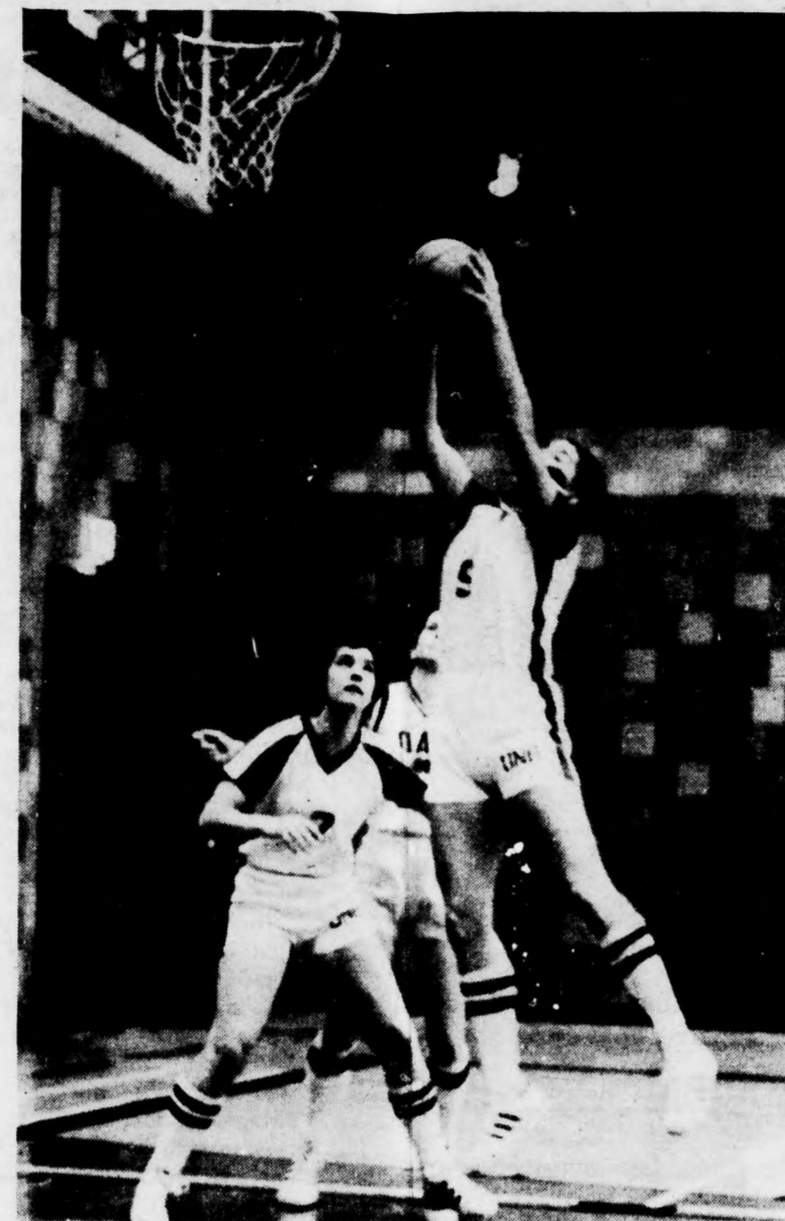
great improvement since last year and is known for her ability of "weasling" her way into the basket for a layup. Sandy is a "big man" whose speed and agility put her one mark above other girls her size. She is a strong rebounder and inside shooter. Anne McClellan, another second year team member is the sole player with national team experience. She too is incredibly fast for her height, a good ball handler, tough rebounder and when her shot is on cannot be stopped either driving to the hoop or from the outside. The team will look to Anne for a strong contribution this year.

Carla Ryder plays a level-headed guard expert

ly bringing the ball up the floor to set up the various Bloomer offenses. She too can be counted on for an accurate long shot. Another shooting guard, Jill Jeffreys is the quickest player on the floor and can be seen making use of this quality by playing exceptional defense. A player with perhaps the best shooting mechanisms on the team is forward Carolyn Hamilton-Irving. She has improved significantly from last year, displaying more confidence on the floor. Back from the injured list forward-center Marleigh Moran may be remembered from two years ago. She's back with national tryout and Canada Winter Games experience. Sharon Keays is also out,



Carolyn Gammon



Anne McLellan grabs a rebound as Laura Sanders looks on.

# The UNB Red Bloomers



Jill Jeffreys

with a knee injury and her return to the squad is questionable. The team misses her speed and hustle and is hopeful for a post Christmas Return.

Joanne MacLean, though only two years with UNB boasts four years intercollegiate experience. She amazes spectators with long bombs that swish easily through the mesh. The Bloomers look to Jo for leadership and knowledge of the game. Another veteran, Carolyn Gammon plays a quick guard who enjoys rattling the opposition by close man-to-man defense. She is also proving to be an inside offensive threat. The Bloomers are fortunate to have fifth year Laura Saunders back on

the team. Perhaps best known for her disturbing yells of "Rat! Rat!" her best asset is an unforgiving shot. She shoots a startling 50 per cent from the floor. Back for her fifth year as well is Leslie Nason. She has taken eight years off in the interim but apparently without harm as a sharp inside shot and keen passing are highly valued.

The Bloomers are a mixture of young, improving talent and top veteran experience. Coleen Dufresne, first year coaching at UNB has a tough job to mold the various personalities and abilities but is doing an admirable job. Each game the Bloomers pull together a bit more into a compact threatening

unit. They work hard in their daily two hour practices on two offenses and no less than five defenses. Their aptitude for switching quickly and smoothly from one to another baffle the teams they play and should delight knowledgeable fans.

Unluckily the team has been plagued with injuries early in the season as manager Carla Blaquiere has been kept busy running for ice. Through conditioning drills and mandatory wrapping or taping the girls are surmounting the plague and aim to show a strong healthy squad at next home games. Currently rated ninth in Canada, the Bloomers should be an exciting team to follow this season.

## New Brunswick "Holiday Classic"

Friday, January 9, 1981

3:00 p.m. UNB Red Bloomers vs Laurentian

5:00 p.m. St. Mary's vs Bishop's

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Saturday, January 10th, 1981

9:30 a.m. Women's Consolation

1:30 p.m. Women's Championship

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Coach Dufresne watches from the bench.