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Bloomers still Trying

By Tim Lynch

The UNB Red Bloomers learned the hard way last Saturday night why the UPEI Lady Panthers are the best team in the AUAA. The Panthers used their lightning-quick speed to knock off the Bloomers 60-43 to remain the only undefeated team in the conference.

The two teams exchanged early baskets and established a fast tempo from the outset. The Bloomers enjoyed their first and last lead of the ball game at the 9:40 mark. They were up 13-12 but were then outscored 10-0 over the next four minutes. From that point on the Panthers were in the driver's seat, and they took a 30-18 lead into their dressing room at the half.

The Bloomers started the second half like a different team. They managed to cut the gap to 39-30 with nine minutes left to play, but once again the UPEI offence responded to the threat. Meanwhile the Bloomers went into a defensive lapse, and they were outscored 12-2 over the next five minutes. UNB was unable to overcome the deficit as they were handed only their second conference loss of the season.

UNB head coach Clair Mitton believes that the real UNB Red Bloomers didn't show up for last Saturday's game. "It's not easy to say, but we certainly didn't play very well. In the first half, we really hurt ourselves. We shot 8 for 27, we had 12 turnover, and we didn't have any continuity in our offence at all."

It was certainly not a typical Bloomer effort. Their offence came up with a less-than-spectator performance. Despite Pauline Lordon's game-high 17 points, they were unable to sustain any type of consistent scoring attack. They even had difficulty bringing the ball up-court at times as the Panthers used a full-court press to their advantage.

UPEI, on the other hand, used a balanced scoring attack to win a game that earned them the right to host the AUAA playoffs at the end of the month. Stephanie Smith had 14 points to lead a parade of four Panthers who hit double digits.

Despite the loss, the Main Gym was rocking with enthusiasm throughout the game that was actually more exciting



Photo: Dave McCluskey

than the score indicated. "Colour Red Day," as it was billed, permitted some 500 crimson fans to show their school spirit. Yes, there were even four young gentlemen with their faces painted. Great job guys! As well, this clash of the AUAA Titans even had a live halftime show provided by the three-hundred and thirty-third Lord Beaverbrook Squadron Marching Band.

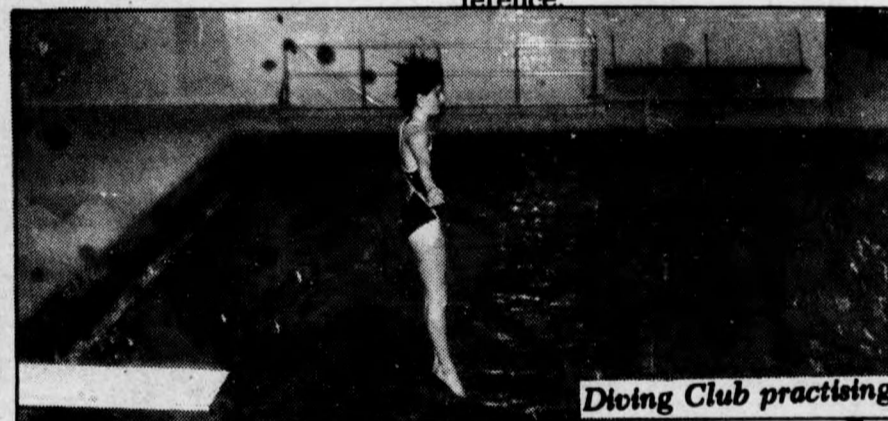
In other action last Saturday, Dalhousie beat St.FX 65-43 to move into a second place tie with the Bloomers. Both teams have identical eight and two records.

The Bloomers have a pair of conference games on the road this weekend. Tomorrow they play St.FX, and they're in Halifax to play Dalhousie on Sunday in a game that will decide second place in the conference.



Bridges shows its support at Bloomers game.

Photo: Eric Drummie



Diving Club practising

Diving On The Road

By Keith Pickard

The UNB Diving Club travelled to Halifax the weekend of January 30. They attended a training camp held at the DalPlex at the University of Dalhousie, where they were joined by other area divers from Halifax.

Over the past weekend UNB also attended the Little Rhody Diving Invitational in Providence, Rhode Island. UNB was the only Canadian diving club present at the meet while other clubs were from Boston, Maine, New York, and Rhode Island itself. Because of the large number of divers in attendance, the meet consisted of the 1 meter and 3 meter board events being held simultaneously.

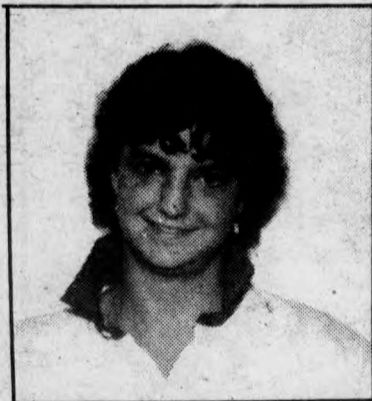
The results were:

- 1 meter girls - 4th, Sue McLean, 14th, Pam Gillespie.
- 3 meter girls - 4th, Sue McLean, 9th, Pam Gillespie.
- 1 meter mens - 7th, Keith Pickard.

Coaches Steven Power and Jody Crowther supported the team with their experienced coaching before the meet and after.

The UNB Diving Club is now looking forward to the upcoming Atlantic being held here at the Sir Max Aitken Pool from March 4-6. The club is anticipating a large number of divers from the Atlantic provinces, Upper Canada, and the US. The UNB club will be selling T-shirts, so come out and support them.

Athletes-of-the Week



Katie Naylor, 19, from Wolfville, Nova Scotia, was selected as UNB Female Athlete-of-the-Week. The second year arts student won her way through to the final of three events this past weekend during a swim meet at Acadia. Katie recorded personal best times and came very close to attaining the national championship qualifying standard in three races: 50m, 100m and 1500m free-style. Coach Bruce Fisher commented that "Katie has set herself up to win medals in the approaching AUAA Championships, and to register CIAU qualifying times. I think she can do it," he added.

Pat Zwicker, 21, from Italy Cross, Nova Scotia was named the University of New Brunswick's male Athlete-of-the-Week. The first year physical education student won the 150 lb weight division at the St. F.X. Wrestling Open on Saturday. Pat won all three of his bouts convincingly against tougher than usual opposition. Coach Multamaki explained "Pat moved up a weight class from last week's UNB Open and wrestled very well; no one took a point off him."

Sorry no picture available.