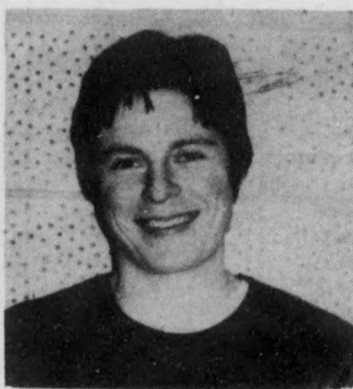


# UNB Red Bloomers win two on and the heroines were.....



Claire Mitton



Laura Saunders



Cathy Maxwell

This past Saturday the UNB Red Bloomers defeated the home-town team of Saint Mary's Belles in Halifax by an impressive score of 72-58. This was the girls' second confrontation with SMU as they dropped their first game against them on November 18th by a single basket.

The final score belittles UNB's actual dominance of the game as they enjoyed a 24 point lead at one point in the second half, only to have it cut down by an increasing number of personal fouls.

The game might be said to have been heavily influenced by "unusual means" as Laura Saunders of UNB employed her own unique brand of psychological warfare against the SMU team. Her grating, constant cry of, "RUN! RUN! RUN!" shouted in her opponent's face served to confuse the SMU girls and one wonders whether or not they could even think straight, let alone shoot with that cry ringing in their ears.

More than one SMU player found herself suddenly relieved of the ball or saw her pass intercepted as Laura's chant refused to allow them to concentrate and Lois Scott or Claire Mitton capitalized on their distraction. They tagged SMU for 8 and 7 steals respectively.

The Red Bloomers forced the Belles to play their type of game, flat-out and fast, while UNB kept up their constant harassment of SMU ball carriers with at least 2 UNB players combining to box them in. Their passing game thus restricted, the SMU girls committed more and more fouls. A bad mistake against any team it was compounded by the Red Bloomers always excellent foul shooting as they averaged 70.8 per cent on the foul-line for the game.

These "extra" points plus the girls' dominance of the play allowed UNB to pull ahead 37-24 at the end of the half.

At the start of the second half, UNB really showed their skill as they gradually increased their lead to 24 points at one time and usually see-sawed around 20 points ahead. Then the girls seemed to take a note from SMU and began to foul heavily. In the space of a few minutes they ran up

over 6 personal fouls and totaled 17 fouls for the second half. It was these fouls that enabled SMU to close the gap to 14 points by the final buzzer.

SMU, obviously learning from the first half, held themselves to just 6 fouls until near the end when desperate to catch the UNB squad they became too aggressive and conversely added 5 more fouls to their total and ended with 11 for the half.

Had the Red Bloomers not gotten careless with their 24 point lead and started to collect cheap fouls, they undoubtedly could've finished the game with that lead intact, and in all probability could have increased it. The Red Bloomers ended with a total of 26 team fouls.

Final score was UNB Red Bloomers 72, Saint Mary's Belles 58. The top scorer of the game was Claire Mitton (UNB #8) with 20 points who also claimed 10 rebounds and 7 steals. Moira Pryde, Cathy Maxwell, and Carolyn Gammon also tapped SMU for 13, 12 and 10 points respectively with Lois Scott leading with 8 steals for the game.

	PTS.	REB.
Carolyn Gammon	10	3
Lois Scott	0	0
Laura Sanders	6	1
Claire Mitton	20	10
Cathy Maxwell	12	4
Patti Moffitt	Did Not Play	
Moira Pryde	13	2
Marleigh Moran	2	2
Kathy Jennings	1	1
Liedy Scholten	6	1
Patty Sheppard	4	0

On Sunday, January 14th the UNB Red Bloomers met their arch rivals, the Dal Tigerettes, in what was the most evenly matched and hotly contested game of the season.

Dal, who was looking for revenge for their two losses to UNB last weekend, faced an equally determined UNB squad fresh from a 72-58 victory the day before over SMU and eager to wrap up their final conference game with the Tigerettes. UNB had previously lost to Dal in overtime in Halifax and were ready to prove that they could in fact beat Dal on their home ground as surely as at UNB.

Claire Mitton started the Red Bloomers off on the right foot with the opening basket of the game, but Dal soon returned the favour with interest. Her opening 2 pointer was the only time that UNB had the lead in the first half as Dal, seemingly invincible on home ground, scored repeatedly and quickly took the lead and stretched it to 12 points.

It was not until after a UNB time out mid-way thru the half and subsequent change in defense that the Bloomers began to hold the Tigerettes and slowly regain lost ground.

UNB was also severely hampered at one point by "obscure" and "doubtful" fouls and perplexing referee decisions, like calling a jump ball after UNB gained possession of the ball prior to a false buzzer. The referee also called a foul on Laura Saunders that was so obscure and puzzling she had to ask for an explanation from the ref. of what she had done wrong.

In fact the half ended with a "delayed" foul as Cathy Maxwell was accredited with fouling a Dal player after the clock had run out and the buzzer had sounded. Thankfully Dal scored only a single point on the 3 for 2 situation and UNB ended the half after a disastrous start, only 8 points back of Dal with UNB 26, Dal 34.

In the second half the Red Bloomers once again scored first blood, this time as Patty Sheppard struck from the corner. This set off a Bloomer offensive that just didn't quit as the girls obviously resenting their earlier position