

Red Bloomers take holiday classic by one point

By BRENDA MILLAR

At approximately 3:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon there was nothing that could keep the Red Bloomer fans in their seats, as the Bloomers, inspired by coach Joyce Slipp, demoralized the Concordia Stingers by a 76-75 win.

The UNB women, captivated the audience by winning their very first Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament, which involved the University of Concordia Stingers, the University of Western Ontario Mustangs, and the University of Guelph Gryphons.

The tournament touched off

Friday afternoon with Guelph University pitted against UNB. The game was completely controlled by the Bloomers as they handed the Gryphons a 71-30 loss.

The most outstanding player of the game was UNB's winger Ruth Henry, as she dazzled the Guelph defense by firing up 15 points. Liedy Scholten followed Henry's example by placing 10 points in the hoop. Sylvia Blumenfeld also showed up in fine form as she ripped 16 rebounds from the boards.

The leading scorer for the Guelph Gryphons, coached by Karen Lee, a former Red Bloomer, was Marg Uttilig with 12 points.

The second game of the Classic, following the UNB - Guelph game, had the University of Western Ontario Mustangs and the Stingers. The Stingers were slated to be victorious in the game as they just recently were rated no. 1 in Women's Collegiate basketball in Canada at their annual tournament in Concordia when they defeated the National title holders, the Laurentian Vees.

The Western Ontario - Concordia game ended in an 89-51 win for the Stingers and proved, once again, that Liz Silcott and Sylvia Sweeney had done nothing but improve. Silcott basketed 28 and Sweeney hooped 12 points. Sweeney also dominated the

boards for the Stingers.

The Mustangs were lead by Eleanor McKeague and Marty Demaree as they shot 15 and 14 points respectively. Marty Demaree rallied to collect the most rebounds in the game.

UNB's and Concordia's wins headed the tournament into Saturday for the Consolation and Championship games. The tournament resumed at Saturday morning when the Guelph Gryphons and Western Ontario Mustangs met to play for third place in the Holiday Classic. The final whistle of the game had Western Ontario down Guelph 62-41.

The Mustangs were led by Sue Swain and Martha McKeague as they hit for 14 and 11 points respectively. Jill Finlan sank 17 points for the disappointed Guelph team.

There was one game remaining and nobody who came to the championship game between UNB and Concordia would have ever believed they were about to see such a fantastic display of Women's Basketball.

The game opened with the Red Bloomers up 12-0 before the Stingers finally heard the swish of their first 2 points.

The first half continued with basket to basket action and ended with the Bloomers holding a head of three points.

The Bloomer lead was lost during the second half as they went down by six points. Only for the great determination of the Bloomers and the constant applause of the crowd, UNB may have seen defeat.

Staying within one point of each other. The teams exchanged basket for basket with the

Stingers hanging onto the lead. Finally, at the 15 second mark Bloomer Rookie Laura Sanders sank a 30 foot shot to put the Bloomers ahead by one point. The crowd was in an uproar as the Stingers raced down the floor. Paddie Chiara was up for a sure basket when Joyce Pedersen took her fifth and most strategic foul of the game. With one second left in the game Chiara was given a 3 for 2 situation from the line.

Breathlessly, the fans watched Chiara take her three shots which fell off the rim. The Bloomers, cautious not to violate, let the rebound go to the Stingers guard who threw up a final desperation shot. The game ended 76-75 for the Red Bloomers.

The Stingers high scorers were Liz Silcott and Sylvia Sweeney with 30 and 29 points respectively.

For the Bloomers Sylvia Blumenfeld netted 21 points as Joyce Pedersen was the highest rebounder. Lois Scott played an excellent game by controlling the offense with her fantastic ball-handling.

The Classic finished with the presentation of trophies for the winning teams and Most Valuable Players plus keepsake mugs for the All-Star players.

The Most Valuable Player award was presented to Sylvia Blumenfeld the Captain of the Red Bloomers. The All-Star team consisted of Blumenfeld and Scott of UNB, Silcott and Sweeney of Concordia, and Sue Swain of Western Ontario.

The UNB Holiday Classic was an extremely successful tournament for the Red Bloomers who are looking forward to more action when Acadia visits UNB Saturday January 15th at 6:00 p.m.



The Red Bloomers beat the top rated Concordia Stingers last weekend 76-75.

Photo by Jack Triggs

Red Devils lose playoff chances

By STEVE GILLILAND

The UNB Red Devils dropped a pair of games to the Mt. A Mounties, last weekend at the Aitken Center.

Saturday's game ended 5-3 in favor of the Mounties. The difference in the game were two power play goals scored by Dan Simon, captain of the Mounties, while UNB's J.J. McInnis was in the sin bin.

Mt. A's other marks came from the sticks of Steve McCallum, Paul Bourque, Dan Coulombe.

Replying with singletons for UNB were Jerry Kelly, Jim Welykochy and Mark Sawyer.

Added to the Red Devils for last weekend games were Jerry Kelly and Steve Comeau. Comeau came up from UNBSJ to serve as back up goaltender to Bob Jones.

These additions were necessary due to the fact that goaltender Phil Jones has left the team, forward Bob McSorley has left university and Dave Neill was sitting out a one game suspension, for an incident involving the referee against St. F.X.

Both teams played as if they had too much Turkey and partying over the holidays.

As usual UNB were outshot by a 34-37 margin, with many fine saves being turned in by goaltender Bob Jones. Allstar hopeful Mark Rickard played with an all-out effort on the blue line.

Sunday, the Red Devils fell to the Mounties 6-5. The Red Devils

came out flying and had built up a 5-1 lead by 3:23 of the second period, and for a while it looked like it was going to turn into a slaughter.

As soon as the Red Devils started to play conservatively trying to protect their lead, Mt. A. began playing wide open, offensive hockey and scored five unanswered goals to the dismay of the fans. It looked like UNB would be playing their fourth overtime of the year until Mt. A. scored in the final minute of play to completely embarrass the Red Devils.

Mount A defenseman Dan Fergus showed the Red Devils why he was an AUHC allstar last year as he scored a pair of goals and completely controlled the game when he was on the ice.

Other goalscorers for the Mounties were Ross Yates with a pair, including the winner, with singletons added by Dave Stymiest and Mike Toole.

The big gun for UNB in the first fifteen minutes of the game was Phil Handrahan with a pair of goals and an assists. Dave Kent, Mark Sawyer and Dave Wright filled in the scoring as Jim Matheson also added a pair of assists.


Jones was called on to make 39 stops while Mt. A.'s Real Samson turned aside 26 shots.

The Red Devils travel to Nova Scotia this weekend with games against Acadia, the only team they have beaten and then powerhouse

St. Mary's. The Red Devils who are currently 1-10 have only the chances of being a spoiler and their pride left to play for.

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