

# 'Rat' defense keeps St. FX off guard

The Red Bloomers were on the road this past weekend to take another two games in the AUAA conference to bring them closer to the league title.

In the first game against the second place St. Francis Xavier Exettes the Bloomers opened with their full court M2M defense only to throw in their "Rat" - half court 1-3-1 press at key times in order to throw the home team off balance. The lead seasawed and UNB went to the locker room up 4 points at half time.

The "Rat" seemed to keep X off guard for the majority of the game as they made countless costly turnovers continually throwing the ball into UNB hands. Patty Sheppard never stopped hustling, as usual, at the top of the defense as she continually harassed their guards. Moira Pryde sat back waiting for the right time to intercept. As a result she picked off numerous passes to lead the team with 8 steals. Claire Mitton once again controlled the boards for 9 rebounds. She has been very consistent in that area all year. Cathy Maxwell shot 50 percent from the floor for a game high of 18 points. Everyone got on the scoreboard to show the balanced attack UNB has this year. St. F.X. was particularly worried about the Bloomers getting into their running game as they knew they couldn't stay with them. X only had 8 players while UNB had 10 who could all do an excellent job. St. F.X. played full court M2M and is likely the best team in the conference defensively. Kathy Jennings was a very nice surprise this weekend. She has been

driving herself all week in practise and this certainly payed off in the games. Offensively she found the open people, she stuck her shot when it was needed and she played a key defensive role. Let's hope this is the start of great things to keep happening.

The final score was UNB-55, St. F.X. 39. The "Rat" defense proved to be too much for them as you can well imagine. It is designed to always have 2 people running at the person with the ball and if one of them happens to be Laura Sanders, watch out. She not only flusters the other team by constantly creating pressure, she also yells "Rat" very loudly whenever we are in this defense. If you don't think that's hard to play against ask St. F.X.

The league is such that UNB must play double-headers every weekend. UNB's closest opponent this year is in Halifax and all team's we play are in Nova Scotia. This makes for a difficult schedule as we must play the 4 other schools 4 different times during the season. Two of these games are always back to back which makes it difficult to get ready for that second game in as many days. It must be a lot worse for those other teams who are losing to UNB though.

The team decided to start out the game with pressure M2M defense. They haven't used this alot and as a result it had become a secondary defense which is so unlike the Bloomers of the past. They quickly showed that the pride and mental desire is definitely there to upset quite a few teams. It was decided there



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would be all out hustle on the floor knowing if one person became tired that there was someone on the bench who could go in fresh and take up where they left off. It was this attitude that had our big girls sprinting on the fast break for uncontested layups. We always had 5 back on defense and we continually outnumbered them on offense.

After 10 minutes the score was 29-8. The Bloomers had made 12 for 14 from the floor. X had scored only 3 baskets and 2 foul shots and one of those baskets was on a 22 foot desperation shot after little time left on the 30 second

clock.

UNB kept up this full court M2M pressure for the whole game and held St. F.X. to only 43 points while scoring 61. Cathy Maxwell again showed her soft shooting touch in going 7/8 from the floor for 16 points. She also led in rebounds with F. Kathy Jennings was again outstanding shooting 3/3 from the floor. Patty Sheppard had 5 steals in the game, 4 assists and only 1 turnover. In fact the 4 guards only managed to give the ball to the other team 7 times. We were low in the rebound department (19) likely due to our 47 percent shooting average from

the floor which doesn't allow a lot of rebounds.

The Bloomers play at home against St. F.X. this weekend. Game times are tonight at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. We would

all like to thank the Physical Education Society for their support during our homes. If any of you have not seen the signs the team have made up, it would be

worth your while to come down to LBG this weekend - see some exciting basketball and some great imagination in those signs.

## Bloomer's rank fourth

The UNB Red Bloomers are ranked as the fourth highest team in Canadian University women's basketball as of the January issue of "The Starting Line-up", a publication on university and other amateur basketball standings in Canada.

This should come as no surprise to the few dedicated Red Bloomers fans as they evidenced this in the girls' walking away with the AUAA conference title this season. (not finalized but they've beaten everybody there is to beat!). The girls are led by the excellent shooting of Cathy Maxwell and dynamite rebounding of Claire Mitton. Guards Patty Sheppard, Kathy Jennings, and Laura Saunders are as fast and slippery as "greased lightning" and are complemented by the well rounded skills of team-mates Caroly Gammon, Lois Scott, Moira Pryde, Marleigh Moran, Patti Moffit, and Liedy Scholten. In fact the Red Bloomers' bench could be done away with as any of the girls could play all game against any team in the conference. The girls' record is 10 and 2 in league play.

The UNB Red Raiders while still not attaining a spot in the top ten men's teams are experiencing

their best season in years. Scott Devine and Gary Young are outstanding at the guard position while Bob Aucoin has to be considered one of the best centres in the league.

The Red Raiders are playing "practise" games in the Northeast College Conference, practise as in having no effect on their regular league standing. Or should I say no "real" effect. The experience

gained by playing the American teams is showing already in their improved standing at home in the AUAA conference.

The Red Raiders are now 6 and 3 since Xmas owing to the powerful St. F.X. X-men (#2 in Canada). They now stand 4 and 6 in AUAA play and 5 and 2 in the American league after defeating university of Maine Presque Isle 67-66 Tuesday nite.

## Casual play time

The Intramural and Recreation Department, Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation have extended casual play time at the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium.

The following facilities will be made available with their respective program hours included:

**MAIN GYM**  
Fri., Feb. 2/79 9:30 - 11:30 p.m.  
Sat., Feb. 3/79 5:30 - 9 p.m.  
Sun., Feb. 4/79 4:30 - 9 p.m.

**WEST GYM**  
Sun., Feb. 4/79 4:30 - 9 p.m.

**SIR MAX AITKEN POOL**  
(Public - Adults)

Sun., Feb. 4, 1979 7 - 9 p.m.

All extended hours will be made available to Faculty, staff, students and alumni. Only the pool times will be open to the Public (Adults).

Also equipment services will be available to cover all facility use including bookings of paddleball, handball, and squash courts.

Further information on extended use of these facilities will be advertised weekly in the Brunswickan. Please take notice.

By PROF. CB & COACH CAT

- 1) Who holds the record for most RBI's in one season? What year?
- 2) Who was appointed coach of the Montreal Canadiens but never coached a game?
- 3) Who set an NHL record in his first rookie game by scoring a hat trick? Hint - His total NHL career was eight games.
- 4) What 3 pitchers have struck out more than 300 men in a season?
- 5) Who was the only boxer to win three divisional titles in 3 different weight classes?
- 6) Who was the man who tackled "wrong way" Riegels in the 1929 Rose Bowl?
- 7) What boxer was known as the "boilermaker"?
- 8) What four heavyweight champs retired undefeated (technically)?
- 9) W at original NHL team didn't make it through the NHL's initial season? Why?
- 10) What left-hander won three games in the World Series. What year?

Each question is worth 10 points. See how you score.

## Athletes of the week

### MALE ATHLETE

Scott Devine

Scott was leading scorer in two Basketball games against St. F.X. He shot 68 percent and 75 percent from the floor and scored 24 and 27 points. Defensively he played outstanding games in what Coach Don Nelson claimed was a "Super Effort". He is from Hyde Park, NY and in his 1st year Business.

### FEMALE ATHLETE

Kathy Jennings

Best games of her year with Red Bloomers - Led team defensively to best game of year. Scored 27 wins over St. F.X. to assure playoffs at home. She is from Islington, Ontario and a Graduate of P.E.