

# SPORTS

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Pride at UNB at all-time high

## Bloomers too strong for visitors

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Bloomers 54-46 Acadia  
Bloomers 65-61 UPEI

The Red Bloomers proved themselves as true title contenders this weekend with two hard earned victories. On Friday evening the Bloomers took on Acadia expecting to win, and they did. It was not, however, as easy as had been expected. Indeed, the Bloomers might have been caught with their minds on Sunday's game against UPEI.

At the half the Bloomers trailed Acadia 20-24. The offense had lacked zest, however, things changed dramatically at the start of the second half when the Bloomers stormed into the lead. Jane Williams and Pauline Lorden led the attack. The Acadia defense was overwhelmed as a six point lead was established. From this point on the Bloomers were in control of the game and they emerged the deserving winners.

The top point scorers for the Bloomers were; Jane Williams with 16 and Pauline with 15. Not only did these two players lead the team in points, but also by their single minded determination to win. Acadia were an inferior team, but alas, one which still had to be beaten.



From opening tipoff to the final buzzer, the Bloomers hung tough this past weekend.

On Sunday the Bloomers took on the previously undefeated UPEI Lady Panthers in front of 500-600 vocal supporters. Bloomers coach Claire Mitton was quick to acknowledge the part which the fans played in the victory. Coach Mitton thanks all those people who attended on behalf of the Bloomers, "it was very helpful to play in such a positive atmosphere, when we needed a lift the crowd gave it to us", she commented.

The first half of the game was very quick, open and exciting. The ball moved from

end to end with both sides maintaining a rapid tempo despite some whistle happy refereeing. The teams traded tactics and when the Lady Panthers tied to smother the Bloomers they were stung by two lighting raids in which Lyn Christiansen appeared under the hoop from nowhere to score points. At the break the Bloomers led by 41-37 and the scene was set for more excitement in the second half.

The Bloomers were hot for the first five minutes of the third quarter. "The attack was explosive and the defense was excellent during this spell", said coach Mitton. The Bloomers climbed into an eight

point lead and seemed likely to run away with the game. Foul trouble, however, temporarily turned a potent offense into a tentative one, and solid defense into cautious defense. The Panthers took advantage of this with 4'11 3/4" guard Ria Bahadursingh seemingly having no problem in hitting a basket twice her height for a total of 19 points.

The gap was closed, and as the clock showed a minute remaining the Panthers led by two. The Bloomers came back to level the scores but with only 23 seconds remaining the Panthers held possession. A shot was taken with only seven seconds remaining, but it caught the rim and was picked off by Alison Kent who was solid on defense. The ball was quickly passed to the perpetually moving Pauline Lorden who played in Bonnie McKenzie under the hoop. It seemed that McKenzie had drawn a foul but none was given. The one second left was not enough to break the tie and so a five minute overtime period was ordered.

Pauline Lorden opened the scoring in overtime but her mark was soon nullified by the Panthers. A tense period followed in which neither team could find the range. With only a minute left the Bloomers took the lead once more. The Panthers then besieged the Bloomers' hoop

but the composure of Shelly Slater, Jane Williams and Alison Kent in defense forced the Panthers into a low percentage shot. The shot missed but was rebounded by the Panthers to set up a tense last few moments. With 13 seconds left on the clock the Panthers shot again and once more the shot missed the mark. This time possession was retained by the Bloomers. Alison Kent drew the foul with a second remaining and scored two more to put the end score at 65-61.

Mitton was pleased with the whole team's play. Alison Kent top scored with 20, and Pauline Lorden chipped in with another 15. Coach Mitton reserved the most praise, however, for Shelly Slater. "Slater did a fantastic job. She totally neutralized Paula Edwards who was the league's MVP last year, restricting her to 5 points", she commented.

It was an enjoyable game to watch for all those in attendance. The Bloomers were well coordinated in attack by Pauline Lorden and Alison Kent while Jane Williams and Shelly Slater provided the edge under the basket. This combined with the sharp-shooting of Bonnie McKenzie and considerable additional talent could bring another AUSA championship back to UNB, especially with the kind of support received from the men's residences.

### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Representatives of the women's volleyball team and the men's wrestling team have been chosen as this week's athletes of the week.

Cheri Moore, a third year physical education student, has been named this week's outstanding female athlete for her performance with the volleyball Reds. Cheri was instrumental in UNB's 3-1 record over the weekend.

Cheri led the Reds in kills with an average of 14 kills per match. UNB defeated St. F.X. in two matches 3-0 and beat the Armies Armettes 3-1. The Reds lost to Mt.A. 3-1. The 20 year-old Gagetown native was also effective defensively in games over the weekend.

Reds coach Sonny Phillips said, "Cheri has demonstrated the ability to improve and it wasn't any more evident than in the four games last week."

On the men's side Donald Ryan of the wrestling Black Bears was outstanding as he won a silver medal in the prestigious Mt. Allison Open over the weekend.

He easily defeated opponents in each of his three preliminary matches only to be beaten in the final by Los Angeles Olympics 5th place finisher Doug Yeats of Montreal.

Don, a third-year physical education student from Chatham, was the 1986 AUSA champion and looks good to repeat this year.

"Don completely dominated all his opponents in the preliminary rounds and wrestled an intelligent match against a world class opponent," Black Bear coach George Multimaki, said later.



The heart of Rock and Roll may be in Cincinnati, but the heart of U.N.B. was with Bridges this past Sunday. Can they do it again at the Cheer Contest?

## Reds spike to win

UNB Reds started 1987 off on the right track winning 3 out of 4 matches last week.

On Wednesday the Reds defeated a local senior squad, Armies Armettes four games to one. This was the first match

in the "Arms Cup Series" matching the two best womens teams in the area. They lead the series 7 pts to 1 based on one point for each game won and 3 pts for the match. Next "Arms Cup" match is on Feb. 8

at 1:30 p.m at the Main Gym.

On Friday the Reds travelled to Sackville to meet the Mounties. Mt 'A' won 3-1 despite some good play by UNB. Scores were 15-9, 2-15.

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