

# Bloomers drop SMU 71-48 & 81-66 to win conference

By MAC BREWER

The UNB Red Bloomers wound up the '78/'79 season by defeating the St. Mary's Belles two straight to clinch first place in the AUAA conference for the second straight year.

In Saturday's game, the Bloomers quickly built up a 17 point lead only to have foul shots by the Belles close the gap to 12 points at half-time.

In the second half, SMU pushed on to narrow the gap to 8 points with only 7 1/2 minutes remaining.

The Red Bloomers weren't to be denied a victory though as they pressed even harder to widen their lead to 23 points and hold it until the end. A commendable performance as they weren't assessed a single shooting foul for the half although they pressed the Belles unrelentingly.

The game ended with the UNB Red Bloomers outshooting the St. Mary's Belles 71-48.

Top scorers for UNB were Cathy Maxwell with 29 points, with Patty Sheppard and Laura Sanders scoring 16 and 14 points respectively.

trading baskets as the clock ran out on the half leaving UNB narrowly pulling ahead once again to lead SMU 43-39 at half-time. It's worthy of mention that St. Mary's only made good on one out of nine foul shot attempts and in all probability this hurt their morale considerably. UNB had no such problems however as the Bloomers scored 7 points on foul shots during the half.

In the second half UNB quickly pulled ahead even further and although St. Mary's closed to within 2 points of the Bloomers at one time, the girls were never in serious trouble for the remainder of the game.

All the squad played smoothly and Patty Sheppard again hit SMU for a couple of steals to set up team-mate Moira Pryde for a basket before collecting one herself on a lay-up from another steal shortly later. The Bloomers continued to stretch their lead until the end to take the Belles 81 to 66.

Top scorer for UNB was again Cathy Maxwell with another impressive total of 27 points. Claire Mitton was second with 16.



Patty Sheppard shows how to score while being double teamed by some SMU players in last weekend's games. Photo Brewer

## UNB 81 - SMU 66

In game two on Sunday, the St. Mary's Belles came out fighting and treated the crowd to a much closer and exciting game of basketball than on Saturday.

Although closely matched by the Belles on this occasion, the Red Bloomers took the lead from them at 16:57 on a basket by Cathy Maxwell and never lost it for the rest of the game. This is not to say that the Bloomers had it easy for with only 2:15 left in the half SMU once again caught up with them to tie the game 35-35. The two teams battled it out

## STATS BOTH GAMES

	PTS	REB.
Patti Moffitt	DNP	
Carolyn Gammon	DNP	
Laura Sanders	22	11
Claire Mitton	19	12
Cathy Maxwell	56	22
Lois Scott	6	2
Moira Pryde	19	4
Marleigh Moran	DNP	
Kathy Jennings	6	1
Liedy Scholten	0	2
Patty Sheppard	24	5

## Bears at the Games?

Five members of the UNB wrestling team will be leaving for the Winter Games straight from competition in Nfld. this weekend.

Black Bears Paul Simmonds (109-lb class), Dan Burman (126-lb), Tony O'Hara (149-lb), Perry

Kikkonen (177-lb), and Brian Dunham (190-lb class) will represent New Brunswick along with wrestlers from Moncton and other universities.

Best of luck and let's see some medals there, hey guys!

## Ski Team in the medals

By WAYNE FLANN

The UNB Ski Team captured five medals at the second race of the New Brunswick Cup series held last weekend at Poley Mountain, Sussex. Teams from Campbellton, Edmunston, Fredericton, Saint John and Nova Scotia attended the two day event.

The Slalom race was dominated by the UNB women. Michelle Dauphinee placed first in the event with Robin Richardson taking second place. Unfortunately the men did not place in the Slalom race but were close to the top finishers.

Winning medals in the Giant Slalom race held Sunday on a very icy course were Tom Letibony

second and Stephen Flood third. For the women, Michelle Dauphinee finished second.

Racing for UNB were Stephen Flood, Stephen Smith, Peter Reves, Jim Cuttle, Stephen Garland, Mike Daniels, Wayne Flann, Peter Chranowski, Niel Price, Don Forbes, Rob Simmerling, Tom Letibony, Cauleen Bridges, Michelle Dauphinee, Robin Richardson, Leslie Johnston, and Annette Bonga.

The third race of the series will be held at Crabbe Mountain on February 24-25. With the home advantage the team should dominate the event.

## Red Devils need 2 wins to better record

The UNB Red Devils head into their last home games of the season this week. Their opponents will be U de Moncton on Friday and Mt. Allison on Saturday. Both are evening games at the Aitken Centre.

Even though this years team hasn't been able to improve on last years record as of yet they only need one more win from four games remaining in the schedule to equal last years mark. The Devils have made a vast improvement in their goal output already. In last years 20 game AUAA schedule they managed only 59 goals - already this season the Devils have 71 goals! Leading the way for most of the season has been left winger George Wood and his linemates Brian Craig and John Kinch. They have 26, 25 and 15 points respectively. They have proven to be a constant scoring threat to every AUAA opponent. Centre Rick Doucette and winger Phil Handrahan have 16 points each. Along with left winger Bob Toner, they originally were the Devils defensive line but, they have also been very effective offensively also.

Defense has been the weak link in the Devils game. Their goals against this season has been identical as 77-78 despite out-

standing efforts of goalies Ken MacLean and Gary Bernard. Coach MacAdam has received steady and often outstanding play from team captain Dave Neill and Jon Coster. Both defensemen have been strong offensively. Coster has 13 points and Neill 10.

Injuries have played a big part in the Red Devils season. Top recruit Craig Crawford had torn ligaments in the 1st game of the season and has missed 10 games already. Gordie Burns missed most of the first half suffering from mono. Ed Pinder suffered thru a broken wrist before Christmas. At present Crawford is out with a bruised shoulder and Handrahan with knee problems.

Regardless of injuries and their defensive lapses, the Devils have never quit. In several games they have spotted opponents several goals but have never given up. Coach MacAdam is confident that this type of attitude will see the Red Devils better their 77-78 record.

The final home weekend for the Red Devils will be highlighted by a number of special events. The most notable will be the fact that two Red Devils will be playing their last games in a Red Devils uniform. Gary Bernard has been steady and often brilliant in goal

for UNB over the past number of seasons. He leaves the Red Devils and hopes to obtain a teaching position in his home town of Chatham. Charlie Bird returned to the Devils this year after two years of junior hockey. He is working very hard at his courses and hopes to be admitted to the UNB law school next year. Best of luck to both Gary and Charlie!

During the Saturday game the finals of the Oland-Schooner Showdown will be run with trophies awarded to the top goalie and top shooter.

Also on Saturday night the UNB Red Devils Mid Winter Draw will take place. The winner will receive a cheque for \$5000.00 or a 1979 Chevrolet 1/2 ton 4x4.

