

Red Raiders lose to Mt. A -Play St. Mary's Tonight

The UNB Red Raiders finish their pre-holiday schedule with two Atlantic Conference game - St Marys tonight at 8 p.m. and Acadia tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. This has to be one of the toughest back-to-back series the Raiders have on the schedule with the only advantage being the comforts of the Lady Beaverbrook Gym.

The Raiders hoped to be going into tonight's game with the Huskies riding an eight game victory streak, however this is not the case as the Mount Allison Mounties shocked the locals last Saturday night in Sackville by a 86 to 78 score. The loss was a bitter pill for the UNB squad as they had built up

a 45-35 half time lead only to see the Mt. Allison team come on like Gangbuster in the second half with an awesome display of shooting and hustle.

Be that as it may, the Raiders must prove they have the ability to compete with the 'Top Three' in the Atlantic Conference and the time has arrived. St. Marys are defending National Champions and come into town tonight with an array of talent including last season holdovers Ross Quackenbush, Ron Blommers and Rick Plato. Couple this with two outstanding rookies, a new coach and a string of pre-conference victories and it is not hard to see the Raiders have their work cut out for them.

The Acadia Axemen and Coach Dick Hunt invade the Lady Beaverbrook hardwood tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. The Axemen are once again a national power and are looked upon to be ranked in the top three across the country. Leading the Nova Scotia squad are a pair of outstanding guards in the person of Ron Ricks and Robbie Upshaw. Up front the Axemen have Ted Upshaw and All-Canadian Mike Hazzard ready to prove their national class calibre.

The Red Raiders have been working hard all week in preparation for this weekend of basketball. Coaches Don Nelson and Phil Wright have every confidence in their squad and feel that upsets

are in the making. Certainly to be a play-off contender the Raiders must pick up a four point game with one of the four Nova Scotia teams, and there seems to be no time like the present.

The Raider coaching staff have had a difficult time with early season injuries and trying to put together a combination of talent that shows consistency on the court. Scott Devine and Luigi Florean have teamed well at the guard spots with Wayne Veysey, Don MacNeil and Marc McGeachy providing excellent strength off the bench. Up front the Raiders have Don McCormack and Steve McGinley at the wings with Ted Kicinski and Chris McCabe at the

post. Reserve strength has been supplied by Roberto Florean and Mike McLaughlin. Bob Aucoin has seen little play in the early part of the schedule, however, this weekend could see his return to action and resulting benefit to the UNB squad.

Tonights 8 p.m. game will have a \$50 Pick-Up at half time and Saturdays game will have the Radio Shack Shoot-Out with Records from Sam the Record Man and free Decker Boy meals for lucky program holders. A great weekend of Intercollegiate basketball at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym-Gety out and Support the Red Raiders, YOUR TEAM!!!

Bloomers destroy Acadia

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By BEVERLEY BENNETT

The Acadia Axettes came to town last weekend to be soundly defeated twice by the UNB Red Bloomers. The score from the first game was 90-43. The second game ended 80-54.

In the first game, offensive stars for the Bloomers were Carolyn Gammon 13 points, Ann McClellan 12 points, and Joanne McLean 12 points. All Bloomers scored showing the good depth of the team.

The Bloomers went on a scoring spree throughout the game, particularly in the second half. From the fourth minute to the twelfth minute UNB scored twenty points while the Axettes failed to score. This is also indicative of the defensive ability of the Bloomers. A defensive standout was Ann McClellan, pulling down an amazing 11 rebounds. Moira Pryde grabbed 5. At the foul line UNB were vastly superior, shooting 60.9 per cent while Acadia shot a terrible 17.6 per cent.

In the second game, offensively, it was Sandy Hill from Newcastle. Sandy scored 18 points and added 4 rebounds. Joanne McLean play-

ed an excellent two way game having 6 steals and 12 points, giving her a 24 point weekend. High rebounder was Jill Jeffery with 7.

During the first half UNB controlled the play as in the previous game. The second half saw the Bloomers relax allowing Acadia to take advantage of some sloppy play. The Bloomers then tightened up to return to their game of tough defense and a fast moving offense.

Acadia appeared disorganized and lacking in the fundamentals in both games. A strong UNB defense prevented any effective penetration in the key. The UNB offense was constantly moving with good work under the boards and fine outside shooting. Team captain Moira Pryde directed and set up plays all weekend and provided leadership obviously lacking in the Axettes.

The Bloomers hope to maintain the momentum of league play when they travel to Concordia to play some of the top teams in Canada as well as a strong team from Southern Connecticut.

Laura Sanders Comments:

On Acadia: Acadia is a scrambling team that never stops trying. They showed this in the second game scoring points when the Bloomers got casual.

On UNB: Moira Pryde and Ann McClellan played great basketball this weekend. The team's defense was sharp. Switching defenses ruined Acadia's tempo, allowing us to control the rhythm of the game.

Final Words: We're going to be ready when we meet Dalhousie. Point Scorers:

First Game: J. Jeffery 8, Sandy Hill 4, C. Gammon 13, L. Sanders 6, C.A. Ahier 8, A. McClellan 12, J. McLean 12, M. Pryde 8, C. Ryder 2, C. Hamilton-Irving 4, Ann Steeves 7, S. Keays 6.

Second Game: C.A. Ahier 4, C. Gammon 9, C. Hamilton-Irving 2, S. Hill 18, J. Jeffery 3, J. McLean 12, Ann McClellan 8, M. Pryde 10, C. Ryder 2, L. Sanders 8, A. Steeves 4.

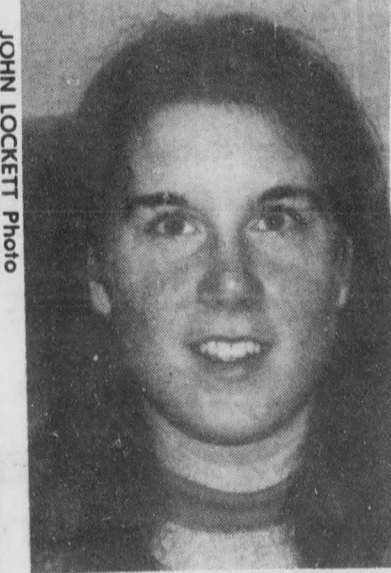


Laura Sanders (7) shoots against Acadia

Athletes of the week



Sid Veysey



Ann McClellan

FFEMALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
The two victories for the Red Bloomers women's basketball team over Acadia were highlighted by Ann's great defensive play. Ann led the team with 16 rebounds and an impressive 8 steals. Along with such a strong defensive game she scored 20 points. Ann is a first year Education student from Fredericton.

MALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
The second year BBA student from Florenceville led the Red Devils Varsity hockey team in two big wins this past week. Last Wednesday he had 3 goals and 2 assists in the Devils 7-5 victory over campus rivals St. Thomas. On Saturday, Sid had 2 goals in the team's impressive 6-3 win over the strong Universit  de Moncton. Sid is now leading the Red Devils with an impressive 10 goals and 8 assists for 18 points in only 8 games.



Junior volleyball

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