

Bloomers lose one, Still Number One

On Friday Feb. 10 versus Dalhousie Tigerettes the UNB Red

Bloomers endured their first loss of this season in AUA league play, but bounced back to virtually

clinch the AUA first place position with a victory over SMU on Saturday afternoon.

They also added another

exhibition victory to their impressive record by defeating Halifax Midtown Senior Team - finalists in the Bloomers' N.B. Holiday Classic in January. This game was played Sunday Feb. 12th and pushed the UNB record to 23-2.

It was Dal 63-60 over UNB in an important psychological match as both teams had out-distanced the

rest of the league to stand 1-2 atop the AUA. The Bloomers have actually beaten Dal four times this year although the Dal team is much improved since the Christmas break.

Dal is recognized as the major threat to UNB's drive for the playoff championships which

determine the league representative to the Nationals in Calgary.

The Dal team was fired up for the Bloomers, especially after a loss on Feb. 8 against Acadia that cost Dal any hope of the league championship - which provides the home-court advantage for hosting the top four teams in the league playoffs.

Nothing can be taken away from the Dal team in their hard played victory but questionable officiating tainted the game and involved Bloomer coach Joyce Slipp in several loud and heated verbal exchanges with one of the referees.

Although the game was not protested, the particular referee admitted his error after the game - which was of little condolence to the Bloomers. It was unfortunate that it affected the outcome of such an exciting and well played game.

The Dal team shot an impressive 57 percent on field goal attempts versus a good 47 percent shot by the Bloomers. UNB fought back to take a third quarter lead after trailing by nine points at half-time. Much of this come-back was due to the effectiveness of their full-court 2-2-1 zone press - called the "Go" press. UNB hopes to perfect this pressure defense by playoff time.

Cathy Maxwell continued her inspired play of this season scoring 14 points and grabbing nine rebounds to lead the Bloomers.

Coach Joyce Slipp feels that with increased practice the Bloomers can learn to handle the 1-3-1 defense employed by Dal which gave UNB some problems in this last game.

Saturday afternoon UNB thumped SMU Belles 86-54 after taking a 48-21 half-time lead. All the Bloomers shot well and played effective defense - the key to the team's success this season as they

have held opponents to an average of 47.9 points per game.

Sunday's performance versus Midtown was very satisfying to Coach Slipp in two respects. First of all, the Halifax team is very strong and rated as one of the top three senior teams in Canada. The Bloomers had two close games with them at UNB in January.

Sunday's 70-55 score is the largest of the three victories over Midtown thus far. Secondly, the game was the third of the weekend, simulating the tough three-game series awaiting the conference playoff champions in Calgary - these hopefully being the Bloomers.

Next action for UNB is another "triple header on the road" as they travel to Acadia (now in third place) for two games Friday and Saturday Feb. 17 and 18, and to Sackville on Sunday to play the Mt. A Angels in their last game of the schedule.

The Bloomers are playing very well right now and are gearing up for the league playoffs with strong team spirit.

The Bloomers would like to thank their "Bloomerthon" foul-shooting supporters at this time. The monies earned will be used by the team in the event of a trip to the Nationals and/or for other parts of the UNB Basketball Program.

	DAL	SMU	Mid
4 Carolyn Gammon	2	12	10
5 Lois Scott	4	4	4
7 Laura Sanders	0	DNP	4
8 Claire Mitton	10	12	7
9 Cathy Maxwell	14	14	4
10 Sylvia Blumenfeld	8	6	11
11 Maira Pryde	14	8	2
12 Janet Proude	0	8	8
13 Nelda Robbins	0	12	8
14 Liedy Scholten	DNP	8	8
15 Patty Sheppard	8	2	4
TOTAL	60	86	70



Devils Down, Then Up

By ROBERT MACMILLAN

The UNB Red Devils were outplayed last Friday night at the AUC by the St. Francis Xavier X-men, as they were beaten 12-3.

In the first period the Devils made many rushes on the X-men goalie George Barret who made some outstanding saves. The Devils had very effective penalty killing shifts during which they managed to scramble up the play attempts by the X-men on their power plays.

Rod Pike put UNB on the score board with Phil Handrahan getting the assist. St. F.X. went ahead with less than one minute left to lead 2-1.

The X-men opened the second period with a goal. As strong playing by the X-men broke up the UNB plays. George Wood took a shot that went up over Barrett, Dave Kent and John Pollabauer were given the assists. This goal picked up the UNB team as they were able to take loose pucks that the X-men left behind.

Midway into the period the teams started to play up and down

hockey but Gary Bernard, the goalie for the Red Devils was not playing up to his potential. He was making his move on the attacker, instead of forcing the forward to make his move.

Ken MacLean went in goal for the Devils, at the start of the third period in which the play was very fast and hard hitting. Both teams tried but the X-men came out ahead. On power plays by the Red Devils, the X-men controlled the puck for most of the time. Devil passes were intercepted, and then the X-men would pass it around and kill off important time in the penalty.

Bob Toner got the third marker for the Red Devils. Fred Slipp and Bruce Kierstead were responsible for the setting up of the goal.

After losing to the X-men the night before, UNB came out and beat the Dalhousie Tigers by a score of 4-3.

The Red Devils played such a good game that it was hard to believe that they were beaten badly just the night before. Ken MacLean was in goal for the Devils, while Ken Bickerton was in

net for the Tigers. Both of the goalies played top notch hockey.

Midway into the first period, Gordie Burns got a goal which was very well set up. After he scored the goal, the Tigers complained to the referee as they felt that the curve in his stick was beyond the legal limit. After quite some time, a ruler type device was found which proved that the curve was greater than the half-inch limit.

At the end of the first period the Tigers lead by a score of 1-0.

UNB opened up the scoring in the second period with a short handed goal by John Pollabauer from Toner and Kierstead.

MacLean was doing a fine job of covering up his rebounds. If the Tigers took a shot from the blueline, another Tiger would be right beside the net waiting for the puck to slip out.

There were many penalties called throughout the game. The excellent goaltending by both goalies made the difference in the final score. The Red Devils were unable to get the puck into the empty net when they managed to pull the Dal goalie out of position. On one occasion they put the puck off of the goal post.

Good forechecking and defensive moves were evident throughout the game, especially in the third period.

George Wood managed to put the puck past the Tiger's goalie while the Devils were playing short handed. Bruce Kierstead put another past Bickerton, once more while the Red Devils had a player in the penalty box. Kierstead's action tied up the game, 3-3.

With less than two minutes left in the third and final period of the season George Wood was able to get the puck away from the Tigers and had an opportunity to score the winner, and did on an unassisted play.

Track meet

Twenty members of UNB's indoor track team will be competing tomorrow, Saturday Feb. 18th, in the Atlantic University championships. The meet will be held in the Nashwaaksis Junior High School Fieldhouse and is being organized by Leroy Washburn, Athletics Director at STU.

Highlight of the meet will be either the men's 1500, featuring UNB's Peter Richardson, the Canadian record holder in this event, or the men's 3,000 featuring UNB's Doug Haines who

the fastest time in the Atlantic Provinces in this event. Richardson set the Canadian record of 3.45, 2 years ago in Toronto where he narrowly defeated team mate Wayne Stewart who ran a 3.46. At that time these were the 2 fastest times ever run in Canada in the 1500 metres and Richardson's record still stands today.

Also competing in the men's 1500 will be Duane Johnston, Joe Lehmann, Perry Biddiscomb and Rich Hull, all from UNB. Hull

cont on pg. 19

Raiders Close Season

The UNB Red Raiders close their 1977-78 basketball season with home games tonight and Saturday afternoon. Tonight the Raiders play University of Main Presque Isle with game time at 8:00 p.m. The Maine team is currently leading the Northeast College Conference and are expected to be tough opposition for the locals.

Earlier this season U.M.P.I. defeated the Raiders 88-58, however tonight's game could be a different story. UNB will have to play good defensive basketball in attempting to control the high-scoring Owls of Presque Isle.

Leading scores for Maine have been Captain Brian Gaudet and Steve Miller. Dave Whitaker, 6'5" freshman center has been a tough opponent for the Raiders. He scored a game - leading total of 20 points in the earlier contest against the Red Raiders.

Saturday afternoon the Raiders tackle Mount Allison in the final game of the season for both teams. A very close 72-70 game at Sackville gave the UNB squad a slight edge in this contest. Coach Garney Henley has been getting excellent results from 6'7" Paul Holder and 6'3" Norval

McConnell. These two players have been the one-two scoring punch of the Mounties all season long.

The Red Raiders will be playing tribute to two players who are completing their college basketball career at UNB Team Captain Andy Cheam will be playing his final game for the Raiders. The quick little quarterback of the Raiders has had his best season for the Red and Black. He has played in every game over a two year period and is approaching the 300 point scoring mark this season. A real competitor, Andy will leave a tough spot for the Raiders to fill next year.

Tom MacMillan is also completing his college career at UNB Tom was the Raiders leading scorer and rebounder until an unfortunate injury against Dal in Halifax. As the result of the injury Tom has had to hang up his sneakers for the season, the time of his injury Tom was the Raiders leading scorer at 15 points per game and 7 rebounds per game. His presence has been greatly missed by the Raiders and a tribute will be paid to him at Saturday's game.

Friday night game time - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.