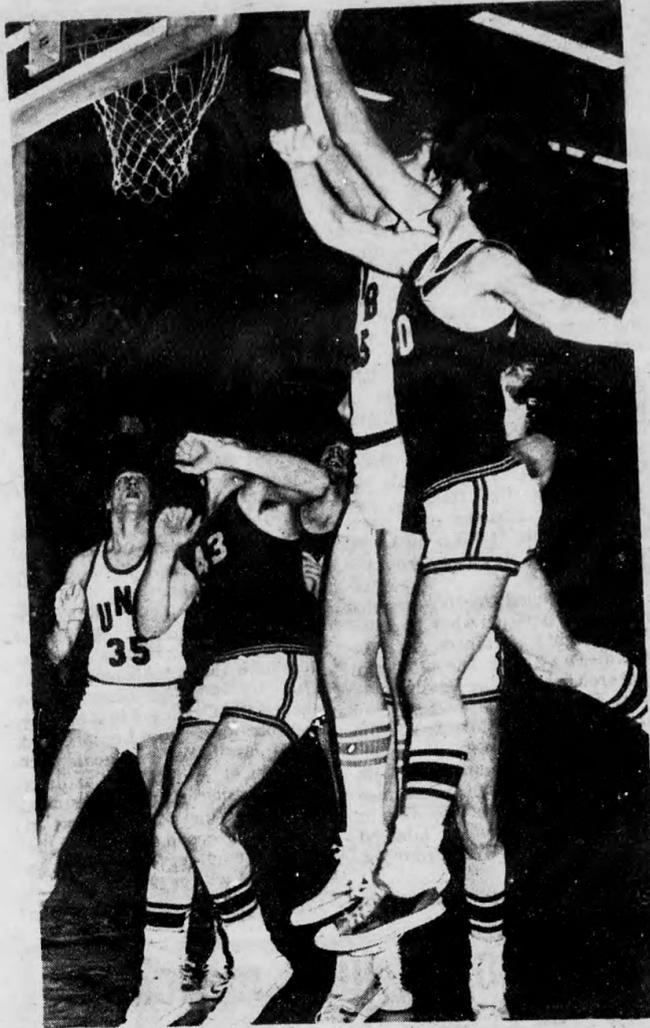


Red Raiders win Conference, playoff at Acadia



Red Raider Van Ruiten (45) goes up for the ball as teammate Blaine MacDonald (35) looks on. Action was in an important game on Tuesday as UNB defeated Mt. A., 67-62.

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On Friday night the UNB Red Bloomers reverted to the old style, by winning. The game was a close one all the way with the Bloomers holding on to beat the UPEI Pantherines 45-39.

The game was the final game of the league schedule for the Bloomers who finished with a 4-4 record. It was a tough victory, however, as the Bloomers kept taking leads while UPEI girls kept catching up.

Helen Jensen led the Bloomers with 18 points while Janet Goggin added 7 to the cause. Anne Fenety and Leslie Miziner scored 6 points each. Fenety played a very strong game despite her points as she picked off many rebounds and blocked numerous shots.

The UPEI squad was led by Janet Trainor who scored 14 points. Mary Bradley added 7 while Rose King and Nancy Berrigan added 6 points each.

The game saw the lead change hands several times in the first half with UNB finishing the half with a 20-17 lead. In the second half the Bloomers took a 12 point lead and threatened to run away with the game. At that point the UPEI second string came in and started to get hot. Cheered on by the capacity Winter Carnival crowd the Pantherines brought the score to within 4 points with a little over two minutes left. But their shooting hand went cold and hence the final

score of 45-39 for UNB. Much of the credit for the win must go to the UNB defense and to their rebounding 41-30.

SUMMARY: UNB (45), Lynda Bicknell 2; Anne Fenety 6; Janet Goggin 7; Helen Jensen 18; Leslie Miziner 6; Dawne Wishart 4; Pat Bastarache 2; Lynn Kirk; Bev Ogilvie; Debbie Holts; Personal Fouls 11; Foul Shooting 53 percent.

UPEI (39), Nancy Berrigan; Mary Bradley 7; Sandra Dunsford 2; Rose King 6; Fran McKinnon 2; Janet Trainor 14; Joan Trainor 2; Shirley Birch; Susan McAdam; Barb Stevenson; Personal Fouls 15; Foul Shooting 42 percent.

On Saturday the same two teams met in an exhibition tilt. The game was close until halftime with the Bloomers leading 26-20. In the second half the Bloomers came on to win 66-39 going away.

UNB was led by Anne Fenety and Helen Jensen who scored 14 points each. Janet Goggin and Pat Bastarache each had nine in the Bloomers victory. UPEI was led by Janet Trainor with 13 points while Nancy Berrigan had 8 in the losing cause. Barb Trainor had six points as did Barb Stevenson.

SUMMARY: UNB (66); Lynda Bicknell 3; Anne Fenety 14; Janet Goggin 8; Helen Jensen 14; Leslie Miziner 2; Debbie Holts 8; Dawne Wishart 8; Pat Bastarache 9; Lynn Kirk; Bev Ogilvie; Personal Fouls 20; Foul Shooting 14-35.

UPEI (39); Rose King 1; Sandra Dunford 1; Janet Trainor 13; Joan Trainor 6; Barb Stevenson 6; Nancy Berrigan 8; Francis McKinnon 4; Mary Bradley; Shirley Birch; Susan McAdam; Personal Fouls 27; Foul Shooting 9-14.

The Bloomers now go to Halifax this weekend to play in the Atlantic Tournament hosted by Dalhousie. The winner of this tournament also involving St. F.X. goes on to the Nationals the weekend of March 2 and 3.

The UNB Red Raiders have captured a berth in first annual AIBC by winning two out of their last three games.

The weekend started off poorly for the Raiders when they lost 67-58 in overtime to the UPEI Panthers. The Raiders should have won this game as they were ahead by four with less than a minute left to go but the Panthers came back to tie and took the game in the overtime.

The Friday evening game was a see-saw contest with the lead changing hands several times. Led by Andy Packard's 12 first half points the Panthers gained a 31-28. In the second half the Raiders came on early and threatened to blow the Panthers out of the gym when they gained a seven point lead.

Urged on by the capacity crowd, as it was the Winter Carnival Game; the Panthers started to come back in the final eight minutes of the game. John Wetmore and Tom Hendershot kept the Raiders ahead until the final minute when the Raiders were ahead by 4 with 42 seconds left. In the final seconds UPEI went into a press and a lead pass gave them 2 of their 4 needed points. After a UNB shot which missed, the Panthers had the ball and scored with 7 seconds left to tie it. UNB had the last shot but it was not to be with Tom Hendershot's basket went in after the buzzer. A big factor in UPEI's gaining of the tie was the erratic foul shooting of UNB missing all five of their foul shots.

In overtime it was all UPEI, or perhaps I should say it was all Andy Packard. The UPEI forward urged on by the Panther supporters scored 5 points to lead UPEI to an 11-2 spread and a final score of 67-58.

Andy Packard led the Panthers with 30 points with 18 of these coming in the second half. Mike Connolly added 12 points to the UPEI cause as did Bill Robertson.

Ken Amos led UNB with 22 points. Amos had a fine game as he had all of his points by the 5 minute of the second half but he stopped

shooting. Tom Hendershot added 14 to the UNB cause while John Wetmore and Blaine MacDonald had 6 points each

SUMMARY: UNB (58); Ken Amos 22; John Wetmore 6; Scott Fowler 3; Tom Hendershot 14; Dick Slipp 2; Blaine MacDonald 6; Van Ruiten 5; Brian Troy 0; Steve Ruitter 0; Brian Body 0; Personal Fouls 14; Foul Shooting 6-13.

UPEI (67); Mike Connolly 12; Phil Connolly 8; Andy Packard 30; Bill Robertson 12; Grant Conium 3; Jerry MacDonald 2; Bruce Grass 0; Bob Gray 0; Ed Kane 0; Peter Morris 0; Personal Fouls 15; Foul Shooting 7-19.

On Saturday the Raiders had their backs against the wall and they responded with a great effort. The game was quite a pressure contest with the Raiders knowing that if UPEI won they would have won the Northern Conference title.

The game began with each team being tight and trying to feel out the other. The score with 8 minutes gone was 12-12 but the Raiders were ahead 17-14 by the ten minute mark. At this time the Raiders began to work their 1-3-1 zone defense to great benefit. Combining this with good team shooting the Raiders surged ahead to take a 34-22 lead.

This time in the second half the Raiders did not let up. Captain Dick Slipp kept the Raiders going scoring 8 points in the second half. The Raiders were ahead 50-46 at the half way mark and coasted in from there with a 73-55 victory.

Ken Amos again led the Raiders with 17 points while Dick Slipp added 14. Three other players were in double figures; Blaine MacDonald 12; Tom Hendershot with 11; and Van Ruiten with 10.

Andy Packard led UPEI with 17 points while Bill Robertson and Grant Conium had 10 each. It must be noted that Blaine MacDonald did a fine job in holding Packard down.

SUMMARY: UNB (73); Ken Amos 17; John Wetmore 9; Tom Hendershot 11; Van Ruiten 10; Dick Slipp 14; Blaine MacDonald 12; Brian Body; Steve Ruitter; Scott Fowler; Brian Troy; Personal fouls 7; Foul Shooting 13-18.

UPEI (55); Mike Connolly; Phil Connolly 8; Andy Packard 17; Bill Robertson 10; Grant Conium 10; Bob Gary 8; Jerry MacDonald 2; Bruce Grass; Ed Kane; Peter Morris; Personal Fouls 18; Foul Shooting 1-3.

This Raider victory eliminated UPEI from the Conference race and made the final meeting of the

year between UNB and Mount Allison the deciding game.

Before a crowd of 800 fans the Raiders and the Swamp met Tuesday night in the game to decide it all. A second half surge was the story of the game as the Raiders won 67-62.

The game started with great expectations and it showed on the tenseness of the players. The Raiders were led by the early scoring of Ken Amos and Dick Slipp in taking a 15-9 lead midway through the first half. Then Ted Corby came in and started the Hawks with his scoring and that of Calin Campbell gave Mount A. a 31-29 half time lead.

In the second half the Raiders left their full court man to man and went to a half court zone and it was effective enough to hold the Swamp to 11 points in the first 12 minutes of th half. John Wetmore hit 7 points in a row in the space of one minute and a half as the Raiders staffed off the Mount A attack and held on to win 67-62.

Ken Amos and Captain Dick Slipp led the Raiders in scoring with 19 points each. John Wetmore and Van Ruiten added 9 points each to the Raiders cause. A particular mention should be made of Van Ruiten's blocked shots and his 17 rebounds in the game.

The Hawks were led by Neil Keenan, who had 18 points while Colin Campbell added 15 and Dennis Bedard had 13. Bedard played a fine game for the Hawks as he had 16 rebounds as well as his points.

SUMMARY: UNB (67); Ken Amos 19; John Wetmore 9; Tom Hendershot 7; Van Ruiten 9; Dick Slipp 19; Blaine MacDonald 4; Brian Body; Steve Ruitter; Scott Fowler; Brian Troy; Personal Fouls 19; Foul Shooting 19-35.

Mt. A. (62); Dennis Bedard 13; Colin Campbell 15; Neil Keenan 18; Ian Smith 3; Ted Corby 10; Greg Donald 3; Bob Cooney; Gordon Avery; Dave Henry; Dave Myatt; Personal Fouls 26; Foul Shooting 10-17.

From here the Raiders go on to the Atlantic Tournament, February 23 and 24 in Acadia. Tickets will be held for UNB students at the Acadia Gym from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The first game the Raiders play is Friday night at 9:00 p.m. when they meet the Acadia Axemen, defending AIAA champs.

At this time we would like to thank all our loyal fans who have followed us this season. If we don't see you at Acadia we will see you next year. Thank you!

National Basketball, Hockey standings

National Basketball Standings

1. U of Waterloo
2. U of Windsor
3. Acadia
4. St. Mary's
5. U of Alberta
6. Lakehead U
7. Loyola College
8. U of Winnipeg
9. Laurentian U
10. U of Guelph

National Hockey Standings

1. U of Toronto
2. St. Mary's
3. U of Alberta
4. Sir George Williams U
5. U of British Columbia
6. U of Western Ont.
7. Laurentian U
8. U of Winnipeg
9. U of Waterloo
10. U of Ottawa