

## Red Bloomers Continue Winning Streak

By DICK SLIPP

The UNB Red Bloomers rang up two more victories to run their league record to 16-0 and their season record to 21-1.

However, the team experienced a 1-0 loss to the Dr. Jackyl and Mr. Hays syndromes against St. F.X. Friday and Saturday Feb. 4 and 5.

In Friday's opener against St. F.X., the Bloomers disintegrated any hope of challenge from the third place X-ettes as they

walloped them 92-34. In convincing style the Bloomers fast-broke to a 53-20 half-time score and left St. F.X. disorganized and hopelessly demoralized.

UNB continued to roll easily in the second half, scoring at will on driving lay-ups. The Bloomers could be proud of their strong and impressive defense which easily contained the X-ettes to a very low 34 point total. It may well have been the best played basketball game in the past few years —

although it could not match the excitement of the Bloomers 72-71 triumph in last year's Holiday Classic Tournament over Concordia nor this season's only loss - a double overtime game against Canada's number one team, the Laurentian Vees of Sudbury Ontario in the Concordia Classic in Montreal last November.

All the Bloomers played well in this game and substitutions were made in platoon fashion, i.e. 5 at a time, to keep constant defensive

pressure on St. F.X.

The UNB team utilized a new zone press called the "go" press which was very effective against the X-ettes. The alignment is a 2-2-1 formation with various "traps" and "interceptors" used to pressure the team with the ball.

This defense adds to the arsenal of pressure defenses the Bloomers are capable of employing and is important in increasing the choices of defenses whenever UNB wants to continually change the defensive alignment during

the game. This tactic is particularly effective because most teams have difficulty in adjusting quickly enough against such variations as the game is being played.

The Bloomers were very impressive in the rebounding department in Friday's game as well. They out "boarded" St. F.X. 41-7, an unbelievable difference which reflects in the final score because of the number of second shots gained by the Bloomers versus almost no offensive rebounds by St. F.X.

Cathy Maxwell was the star among stars as the whole team was outstanding. She scored 24 points, but it was her defensive work and impressive rebounding performance which singled her out in this game. She had 12 rebounds in the first half alone and finished with a total of 16 for the game. Moira Pryde scored 17 points in her most productive offensive effort and played excellent defense as well.

In Saturday afternoon's game St. F.X. bounced back from their humiliating defeat to battle the Bloomers despite losing 53-42. Although UNB could not be expected to duplicate their near perfect performance from the evening before, they put out a determined but disappointing effort as they seemed to be going through the motions with little mental sharpness in the first half.

However, credit must be given to the St. F.X. team for their improved defensive performance and their increased confidence on offense, particularly by their "quarter back" little Marg Murphy (5'5") and their giant center Cathy Bryan at 6'3" the tallest player in the Atlantic Conference.

The Bloomer defense was as stingy as usual as they took a 27-20 lead to the locker-room at half-time. Due to the lack of rebounding there seemed to be fewer fast-break opportunities available to UNB. As well, St. F.X. handled the UNB defense and the tempo of the half was slow compared to the normal style enjoyed by the Bloomers in order to take advantage of their conditioning and team depth in personnel.

At the end, it was a 53-42 win for UNB and a bit of a psychological victory for St. F.X. via their improved performance.

The league now stands with UNB in first at 16-0 with Dal in second at 13-3 with all 3 of their losses at the hands of the Bloomers. St. F.X., Acadia, and SMU seem most probable to battle for the two remaining play-off positions.

The Bloomers have an important trip this week-end when they travel to Halifax for a "triple header" week-end. They play Dal on Friday, SMU on Saturday, and the Halifax Midtown Senior team on Sunday.

A victory over Dal would undoubtedly assure the Bloomers of a first place finish in the league which would provide them with the home court advantage of the league play-offs to be held Feb. 24 and 25.

Player	Points
Carolyn Gammon	8 Did not play
Lois Scott	6
Laura Sanders	2
Claire Mitton	6
Cathy Maxwell	24
Sylvia Blumenfeld	10
Moira Pryde	17
Janet Proutie	6
Nelda Robbins	4
Liedy Scholten	2
Patty Sheppard	9

## Red Devils play a devilish good game

By ROBERT MACMILLAN

The UNB Red Devils appear to be rebounding to salvage the remainder of last weekend's games are any indication. Losing to Mt. Alison 3-1 Friday night, the regrouped forces defeated the one time nationally ranked U de Moncton Bleu 6-3 whom they had earlier crippled.

Mountie Dan Fergus scored half way through the first period. Eric Sloan tipped in the second marker for the Mounties. The Red Devils were given four of the seven penalties during the first period.

In the third period, Bill Brennan scored again for the Mounties to make the score 3-0 for the

Mounties. Less than thirty second after Brennan scored for the Mounties, Gordie Burns scored for the Devils, with assists going to Bob Toner and Ed Pinder. This was the last goal in the game. The final score was 3-1 for the Mount Allison Mounties.

The Red Devils did not seem up for this game. Their timing was off and the Mounties were taking advantage of the poor performance.

Last Saturday afternoon saw U de M Bleu Eagles play host to the UNB Red Devils. In the first period the Red Devils had trouble controlling the puck and were unable to keep possession of the puck and lost it to Les Aigles quite

often.

Les Aigles were not afraid to throw their weight around, the Eagles who out weight the Red Devils and who were trying to capitalize on this factor. The Red Devils were able to miss most of the checks thrown, and kept the pressure on.

The Devil's defence were very effective in blocking passes in their own end. Once the pass was blocked they would feed it up to a forward who would take it into the Moncton end. The first goal for the Devils was a result of this action. Kent scored the first Red Devils goal in the first period. In the final seconds of the first period, Ken MacLean made a

spectacular save. It was from a shot right from the face off in this end.

In the second period, the Red Devils came out and put the pressure on the Blue Eagles. For almost all of the opening the puck was in the Blue Eagles' end. The Eagles scored the first goal and tied up the game.

MacLean was excellent in goal for the Devils. Often he was partially screened, but still managed to come up with the save. The defencemen, especially Pineau, were very effective in preventing rushes by the Blue Eagles. The defence would block shots or anticipate the play and get the puck away from the forward.

Phil Handrahan got the second goal, and Wood got the assist. The third goal for UNB was scored by Brian Craig, the assist was by Kevin Bolger. The fourth goal was scored by George Wood, and this time Handrahan gave him an assist.

With just a few seconds left in the second period, George Wood scored, unassisted.

The lone goal for the Eagles was scored when there was only 23 seconds left in a penalty to the Red Devils. The period ended with the score 5-2 for the UNB Red Devils. The shots on goal for the Red Devils, 18, for the Blue Eagles, 28.

A slashing penalty to Jan Coster cost the Red Devils a goal as three seconds into the penalty Moncton scored. The officiating of the game left a lot to be desired. The referees must have been asleep for parts of the game. The officiating was poor, to the point of being ridiculous. There was an abundance of cheap shots made by the Moncton players, which went unnoticed after the whistle had been blown.

Wood scored this third goal into the third period and completed his hat-trick. The Red Devils came out in the third period and kept pressure on the Blue Eagles. With good forechecking, and managed to control most of the play. The game finished up 6-3 for the Devils.

After the game coach Don MacAdam said, "If they were to take any one period that they played today (against Moncton) they could have easily beaten Mount Allison the night before." At the end of the game, all of the players came onto the ice, and there were alot of post game hostilities. Don MacAdam commented that "the Moncton Blue Eagles were a one way team. They can take winning, but they cannot accept losing."



Ken Maclean gloves a shot by the Blue Eagles in the Devils 6-3 win last weekend.

## Black Bears seek regional title

The UNB Black Bears continue to prowling the paths of the AUAA meet circuit in hopes of winning the regional title. Last weekend, the Bears took the UNB Open Wrestling Championships by defeating representatives from all of

the teams that they will meet in the AUAA championship meet.

UNB won the meet with a total of 64 points. The Newfoundland Junior team was their closest rival with 50 points.

UNB took five individual weight

categories and placed second in two. They also had one third place finish.

Dan Berman took the 126 pound division, Gabriel el Khoury won the 142, Phil Knox walked away

with the 158 crown, Perry Kukkonen topped the 177 slot and Bob Lockwood rolled over the opposition in the heavy weight bracket.

Second place finishes came from Mike Ballak in the 150 and Fred Blaney in the under 220.

Pat Morrisette recorded the third place in the 190 category. The Bears are rebounding from an extensive injury list to what appears to be one of the strongest contending teams for the AUAA title in recent years.

## Fencing team to be chosen

By JUDITH LEBLANC

Lady Beaverbrook Gym on Sat, Feb. 11 and Sun. Feb. 12 beginning at 9 a.m. The fee is \$2.00

The team will consist of nine men, three women, a coach and a manger.

The UNB Fencing club meets every Tues and Thurs. nights at 8:30 in the West Gym. If you are interested, come out and join us. Equipment is provided.

There will be a selection clinic held to select a fencing team to send to the 1979 Canada Winter Games at Brandon, Man. The instructor is to be John Harvey of Montreal, who is studying to become an International Fencing Master under Fred Vamos.

The clinic will be held at the