

Bloomers host conference tourney this weekend

In an 85-51 win over the St. Mary's Huskies, the Red Bloomers proved that number one was the place they should be. The Bloomers played what some people felt was one of the best home games all year.

The fans appreciated the play and rewarded the Bloomers with a standing ovation as they left the floor.

The home team led by a 44-26 score at half-time. They scored 16 of these points on foul shots as SMU committed 19 personal fouls.

In the second half, it was the Bloomers who were getting called for fouls but they did not get into serious trouble and no one fouled out. St. Mary's 6'6" center, Debbie Steele fouled out early in the second half while Nancy Knowlton, their high scoring wing, also fouled out.

Janet Goggin led the Red Bloomers with 17 points and Kim Hansen added 14. Cathy Maxwell and Sylvia Blumenfeld also hit the double figures with 13 and 11 points respectively. Every player on the team added to the effort by scoring.

For St. Mary's Debbie Steele was high scorer with 11 points.

This win against the Halifax based team finished the Red

Bloomers league play and left them with a 13-1 standing to claim first place in the AUA Women's Basketball Conference. This gives the Bloomers the privilege of hosting the play-offs and have the home court advantage.

The play-offs begin this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the L.B. Gym when UNB meets Acadia, the fourth place team. At 9:00 p.m., the second and third place teams, St. F.X. and Dalhousie meet.

On Saturday the consolation game is set for 1:00 p.m. and the championship game will be at 3:00 p.m. The winner of this championship game will represent the AUA at the National Championships at the Guelph University in Ontario on March 5, 6 and 7.

This is a big week-end for the Red Bloomers. The fan support for the team has been excellent and well appreciated. The Bloomers hope that it will continue for the games this week-end.

UNB - 85: Hansen - 14; Goggin - 17; Blumenfeld - 11; Maxwell - 13; Scott - 4; Pedersen - 3; Irvine - 3; Robbins - 2; Gilhes - 6; Sheppard - 6; Cull - 4; Rice - 2; Fouls - 23; Free throws - 17 for 28.

SMU - 51: MacCabe - 2; Knowlton - 9; Steele - 11; Hayes - 5; Britten - 10; Dunbrack - 2; Collins - 2; Mossman - 9; Ellis - 1; Fouls - 27; Free throws - 9 for 20.



The Bloomers finished their regular season play by devastating SMU Huskies 84-51. The Bloomers host the AUA championship tourney this weekend.

Photo by Philip Wong

Huskies - horses?

By DON SMITH

Out of the playoffs since mid-season by virtue of early losses to UPEI, Mt. A. and Dal., the UNB Red Raiders wound up this year's schedule last Saturday evening with a respectable showing against the St. Mary's Huskies, ranked number two in Canada.

Hopes of an upset soared in the first half as the Raiders played good team ball, hitting the open man down low on the weak side and getting some good outside shooting out of point guard Brian Davis.

Blaine MacDonald got things going early in the game with three quick hoops, driving over Huskie leapers Erol Bing and the legendary Lee Thomas. Center Dave Seman pulled a few things out of his hat as well, giving the SMU big boys some competition on the boards and tapping in the odd offensive rebound.

The other UNB starting senior playing in his last game, Gary Young, started to get hot mid-way through the half, but cooled off while sitting on the bench.

Despite excellent scoring by SMU new comer Bing, one of the most talented ballplayers ever to play in this conference, the Raiders were actually up by 6 with a couple of minutes left in the half. Raider substitutions resulted

in a couple of mismatches, however, and the Huskies poured it on to take a 14 point halftime lead, 48-34.

UNB's spirits were still up as they took the court for the second half, but after fighting for their lives to stay within 4 to 6 points of SMU throughout the first twenty minutes, it was extremely doubtful that anything could be done about the 14 point deficit. The Huskies just had too many horses, not only on the court but on the bench as well.

Ken Seward, who has been starting off and on this year came on as the sixth man and scored 20. Thomas picked up about 12 more in the second half, and Fred Perry played up to our expectations by scoring about 10 points late in the game.

While the forty point spread at the end of the game would seem to indicate that it was a wipe out, if a few things would have been different the score could have been the other way around; like for instance if Bing and Thomas would have been wearing UNB uniforms.

All joking aside, SMU will probably go on to win the AUA title and the National championship this year, barring a tidal wave or nuclear attack. Coach Don Nelson and his Red Raiders will have to wait until next year.

Underwater Olympics slated

The Sir Max Aitken Pool in the Lady Beaverbrook Arena will be the site of the 1976 New Brunswick Underwater Olympics, hosted by the UNB Scuba Club. The meet is slated for Feb 27-28.

Scuba clubs from around the province have been invited to attend the event which begins with registration Friday, Feb 27 at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend Saturday's competition from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. when the McNamara Trophy will be awarded to the top club team.

A number of events, including underwater obstacle, chariot, three-legged and tricycle races as well as a banana-eating contest will be part of the action to be viewed.

Photo by Philip Wong



UNB's men gymnastics team, the Saltos, qualified to go to the CIAU championships this weekend by winning the AUA meet held here last weekend.

By TOM BEST

UNB's gymnastics team, the Saltos, spiced up their seasons record by capturing then Atlantic Universities Athletic Association (AUA) championship for the fifth year in succession. The Saltos have taken the regional honors eight times out of the nine that the championship has been contested.

Sean Healey of the Dalhousie team put on a one man show and took first place in five of six events. On his way to winning the individual honors, Healey also smashed two of his own records in the AUA conference. In the preliminary events, Healey broke the old record of 8.2 on the floor exercises with a sparkling performance that netted him a score of 8.75 and on the high bar, he upped the old record of 8.05 to 8.25. Healey's total score for all six events was 46.6 also a new AUA record.

UNB's Pierre Gervais was second with a score of 40.0 and captured first place on the rings.

Close behind was teammate Ken Salmon with a score of 37.75. Salmon has moved from fourth to second place on the UNB squad.

Dalhousie's Steve Fraser placed fourth only 15 hundredths of a point ahead of Bert Principe of UNB, who was injured in the finals of the vault event. Mike Patterson of UNB placed sixth in the individuals scoring 35.40.

The top six gymnasts in the AUA Union (CIAU) championships to be held at Laval University in Quebec City this weekend. UNB will be the team representative from the Atlantic region.

Coach Don Eagle of UNB was pleased with the performance of the Saltos especially due to the implementation of new rules which made higher scores more difficult. He said that the other members of the UNB team for the CIAU's will be Bob Johnson and Dennis McKinley.

The UNB womens gymnastics team, under the direction of

Juliette Daley will represent the AUA at the championships also. The team will be made up of Margie Hamm, Wendy Gervais, and Holly Turner. Daley said that she doesn't expect the UNB girls to be finalists but feels they should put on a respectable showing.

Daley said the strongest teams will probably be from Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia. Some of the gymnasts from these areas may use the competition as a qualifying meet for the Olympic trials.

Eagle expects the toughest competition to come from York University and he hopes that the AUA conference will place as high as second in that scoring race.

Final Scores

UNB	- 184.25
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Dalhousie	- 83.10

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