

Bloomers host AUAA's



The UNB Red Bloomers, (Front row): Linda Roy, Bonnie MacKenzie, Debbie Knowles, Sue McMaster, Marg Jones, Natalie Harmer; (back row): Claire Mitton, Pam Hartling, Allison Kent, Emily Quigley, Jackie Mooney, Holley Newman.

This weekend the Red Bloomers are hosting the AUAA championship in the Lady Beaverbrook Gym. Coach Claire Mitton has been extremely pleased with this year's squad performance. They've put up with a lot of adversity and injuries but, "I truly feel that at this time we are beginning to jell," said Claire.

In their game Friday night they face St. Marys at 7:00 p.m. while Dal takes on UPEI at 9:00 p.m. Between the games will be the AUAA All-Star selection. Claire and the

team are glad that the AUAA's are here, "we feel comfortable in the pit," remarked Mitton. St. Marys was the only team that ever came close to beating the Bloomers in their home court this year, but they feel confident.

The Bloomers main goal this season is to win the AUAA's. Their second goal is to go to the Nationals and win the first game. Historically, when the Bloomers go to the Nationals, they can't get past that all important first game. This year, they would like to go to the Nationals ranked 5th where they would probably face the

Quebec rep or 6th and face the Laurentian rep.

One game the team is looking forward to is meeting Dal if they get by UPEI. The Dal squad is the only one to beat the Bloomers in regular season play this year, and the Bloomers did not like that. "Deep down, we want Dal," said Sue McMaster. The Bloomers have the capability to beat Dal handily but it seems every time the Bloomers play someone they get fired up. The Bloomers want Dal because deep down, they feel that they're just simply, a better team.

Sportsview

By KEN QUIGLEY
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There is little that parallels the suspense of a neck and neck, down the line, highstakes car race involving the best drivers in the world. Unfortunately if those were your aspirations last weekend when you watched the Daytona 500, it needn't remind you or your disappointment.

At the onset it looked to have the makings of a classic confrontation against America's best: Cale Yarborough, 72, 83, 84 Daytona Winner; Richard Petty, 7 time champion; Bill Elliott who qualified at an unbelievable 205 miles an hour; A.J. Joyt; and Darrel Waltrip. At halftime however, only two of those boys remained.

Bill Elliott in his Ford Thunderbird wasted little time in pulling away from the pack leaving Cale Yarborough the only one in feasible contention. Then it began; Tim Richmond crashed his Pontiac Grand Prix and led a brigade of drop-outs which by race's end had encompassed over half of the 40 cars involved. Yarborough lost a cylinder, Richard Petty's car caught fire, A.J. Foyt's engine died, Neil Bonnett's tire blew, blah, blah, blah. In the end Elliott won. His car was so ridiculously more powerful than everyone elses that anyone with a driver's license could have finished first in that car.

However the fact that I watched a blow out race for several hours wasn't what bothered me the most about this over hyped dud.

First of all, I am not an anti-alcohol activist in any way. I drink as much or more as the next guy. So when I say there was a dangerous amount of beer association with driving in that race, you know there must have been a lot. Last Sunday I was a forced witness to a barrage of beer commercials from Coors, Budweiser, Miller and Old Milwaukee. Normally I could care less about this, but with the constant message that beer and racing went together, how could anyone not be enraged. I don't think I need repeat the dangers of alcohol and driving, you hear them everyday and the death and destruction that commonly ensues. You further have to wander about the irresponsibility of the people who could make and show a commercial, like the Old Milwaukee one which doesn't specify at all, if the beer in the commercial is being consumed before or after the high speed racing they were showing. They simply showed a lot of drinking and and a lot of driving. Now this alone would not have been sufficient to prompt me to write about this disgrace. Nor would the additional fact that almost all the cars involved had some sort of beer advertising on them. It was the televisation of several of the competing racers guzzling beer during the pitstops that really pissed me off. These are supposed to be America's best drivers, should I even bother to mention the obvious impression that leaves on the spectators. Outstanding examples were Darrell Waltrip and Ricky Rudd, who downed a beer every pitstop yet still came in third and fifth respectively. A driver goes through 5 - 7 pitstops a race, meaning that those two's blood alcohol percentage was illegal, yet they were still able to control a car at near 190 miles an hour and finish in the top five. Now its obvious that those drivers weren't bothered by the alcohol and were able to perform anyway. What about all the viewers that were influenced by the habits and success's of those racers, viewers who might not be able to handle the drinking as well. I have no doubt that by the time this article is printed, somebody will have been killed as a result of those racers influence.

For everyone who participated it was a fun and worthwhile tournament and thanks to all who helped out.

For those of you who can't just get enough of broomball,

there will be a short weekend tournament being held on Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10th (right after break). The entry deadline will be Thursday, March 7, 1985. Please have your team or individual entries in before 2:00 p.m. on March 7th at the Recreation Office, L.B. Gym. He shoots....she scores!

CO-ED HOCKEY

Thursday, March 7, at 2:00 p.m. (after break) is also the entry deadline for another co-ed event. Yes, it's Co-ed Hockey. From the turn out we had before Christmas, we decided to have a short three day tournament for all you hockey enthusiasts. The playing dates will be Tuesday, March 12, Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17.

Join us for some fun and exciting hockey.

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CO-ED BASKETBALL

This past weekend's basketball tournament went over with great success. Seven teams participated on Saturday with enthusiasm from all. Capers and MCJ's each won their division undefeated after completing their section round robin. Congratulations going to the Capers who put out their effort and defeated the MCJ'S

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CO-ED BROOMBALL

On Sunday, February 17 we

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saw the exciting finals of our first co-ed broomball tournament. In the semi-finals, we saw the Raiders team beat Rosary 3-0 and C.S. beat Forestry 2-1. The Raiders and C.S. then advanced to the final game. It was the Raiders who came out in the end with a 5-0 win against the downcast C.S. team.

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