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Colour red day for Bloomers

By TIM LYNCH

The UNB Red Bloomers hope to see red waves in the Main Gym tonight. That's right, it's "Colour Red Day", and the Bloomers want to see you there in a red shirt, sweater, tie, whatever. At 6:30 pm the undefeated UPEI Lady Panthers will be on the hardwood with the Bloomers in the biggest game of the season.

UNB head coach Claire Mitton is fully aware of UPEI's potent style of play. "They're a 'run and gun' team... They press us whenever we score and then they turn around and they just jack shots whenever they can get it. It's just a fast, fast paced game. It'll be an up and down the court game the whole time."

The Panthers are leading the conference with an 8-0 record while UNB is right behind at 8-1. Tonight the Bloomers hope to avenge their 65-56 loss to UPEI last month in Charlottetown.

According to UNB's Sue McMaster, the Bloomers will need a solid team effort in order to be successful. "We'll have to play offensively the way we have been, and we'll have to tighten up our defense against them. That's really what cost us

the game against them on the island. we just had a few defensive lapses and they capitalized on them."

Last Friday the Bloomers sharpened their game at the expense of the Acadia Axettes. UNB roared to a 34-14 halftime lead and cruised to a 70-43 victory. Pauling Lordon led UNB's offence with her speed and scoring. She scored 20 of her 27 points in the first half and had several key steals. Acadia had difficulty moving the ball upcourt and the Bloomers made them pay for it. Shelly Slater scored 16 for UNB while Shelley Bolivar paced the 4-5 Axettes with 16 points as well.

The Bloomers also split a pair of exhibition games with a Halifax senior team last weekend. On Saturday night Jane Williams capped a brilliant performance when she blocked a shot with 15 seconds left to give the Bloomers a

76-75 win. Williams ended the night with 25 points while Lordon had another superb game with 26 points.

Sunday's game was a different story. The Bloomers trailed 25-24 at halftime and were down 46-36 midway through the second half. They fought back and tied the score at 50, but it wasn't enough as they lost 53-50. McMaster led the Bloomers' attack with 12 points while Slater and Williams added ten each.

In other AUAA action last weekend, UPEI handed Dalhousie their second loss of the season, 70-56. The Tigers are in third place in the Atlantic Conference with a 6-2 record.

In order for the Bloomers to host the playoffs, they must win tonight's game. If the two teams were to finish the season with identical records, points scored for and against

would be considered. That means UNB would have to win by at least ten points tonight to host the playoffs in the event of a tie.

The Bloomers are really counting on fan support in tonight's contest. "It really helps the team a tremendous amount. It's so nice to get that support. I know that they work extremely hard, and I know it takes us over the edge when we need that little extra push. We're trying to have everybody come and come because the product is there. They're going to be entertained," added the UNB coach.

CHSR-FM Sports will be broadcasting the game live in stereo starting at 6:25 pm. Remember, this is one game you don't want to miss, so come vocal and come red! (Is anyone out there GUTS enough to paint their face?)



Bloomer goes for a shot.
Photo by Bob Evans



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Red Bloomers

By GARY LESLIE

This is the amount of people we want to see at this Friday's game when the Red Bloomers (8-1) play host to the #7 ranked team in the country, the UPEI Panthers (8-0).

The Red Bloomers now boast an 8-1 record after their impressive win last weekend against Acadia. For those who missed it - too bad because you missed a team that, with a win against UPEI, can vault into the top 10 teams of the country for women's basketball.

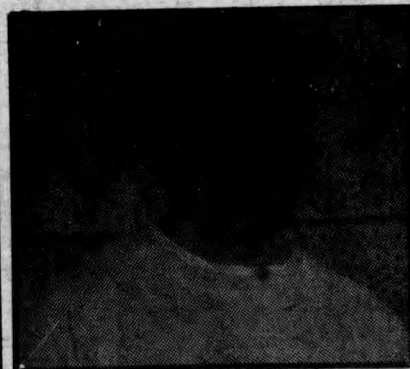
If it has been a winner you have been waiting for during these cold winter months, well here is your chance to see one. So you may miss the first call at the pubs - so what? Let's start the night's activity with a little vocal enthusiasm to prepare our taste buds to what may come later.

The Red Bloomers are a blend of vivacious veterans and rambling rookies that make for an exciting, winning

type of basketball. Led offensively by the high scoring Pauline Lordon, dominating inside players Sue McMaster and Jane Williams, and steady outside shooters in Shelley Slater and Lynn Christiansen, the Bloomers boast a starting lineup second to none in the league. Add to this list the dazzling quickness of guard Leanne Brady and the outside shooting of Kava Keays, the indispensable talents of first and second year players such as Patty Slaters (Shelley's little sister), Angela Gallant, Tammy Polchies, Jerri Lynn MacNeill and Danielle Michaud and you see the potential for excitement this team has.

Come on down tonight at 6:30; invite your roommates, your friends, your enemies! Be there tonight for the most exciting game to hit this campus this year. This is the game to show that UNB students really do support the teams that win! See you there and Rise with the Bloomers.

Athletes-of-the-Week



Elaine Buck

Elaine Buck, 18, from Fredericton, N.B. has been selected as the female Athlete-of-the-Week at UNB. The first year Physical Education student played her best match of the season for the Reds volleyball team against the University of Moncton. Even though Moncton won 3-1, Elaine helped keep the Reds close with tight defensive play and a team leading 14 offensive kills. Her kill percentage was an amazing 76% in the four games. Coach Alice Kamermans, excited about Elaine's play, suggested that "she will definitely be a player to watch in the future."



Dean Frost

Dean Frost, 21, from Peterborough, Ontario, has been named the male Athlete-of-the-Week for the second time. The fourth year Arts student played outstanding goal for the Red Devils hockey team in two games over the weekend. Frost stopped 45 shots in a 3-0 loss to the University of Moncton and 52 shots in a 4-4 game against Saint Mary's. Many of his saves were spectacular. Coach Rick Nickelchok commented that Frost displayed "the best goaltending performance I have seen in a year and a half. His play alone gave us the opportunity to win the point against Saint Mary's."