

Bloomers win AUAA

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It was early November and 1982-83 CIAU Coach of the Year Coleen Dufresne humbly about her UNB Red Bloomers as they were getting set to open defense of their AUAA crown, saying only they would be working hard to repeat as champions. But if Coleen's real thoughts at that time were known, 10-1 odds gets you that she had more than an inkling that her team would again dominate the conference, finishing undefeated once again, something that remains just slightly less than a mere formality this campaign.

It should be official sometime around 2:30 tomorrow afternoon as they finish their regular season on the island against the Lady Panthers. Tonight they are in Sackville for a game with the hapless Lady Mounties.

Currently standing at 12 and 0 in conference play, the Bloomers once again showed what a dominating force they are as they rolled up 73-34 and 84-57 scores over St. Marys and St. Francis Xavier respectively.

In Saturday's victory over the Belles the Bloomers got 22 points from AUAA scoring leader Jennifer George while Sue McMaster added 16. The Bloomers led the Belles, who were led by Michelle Gaunce with 11, by a 31-14 margin at the half.

Then it was on to Saturday's game with the X-ettes, where big Janet Nichols was the top scorer with 23, while Sue McMaster chipped in an even 20. Marclyn McGinn, who is part of the X-ettes Calgary connection, was the top scorer for the losers as she hooped 18.

"Just looking at the scores and what we're doing" commented Coach Dufresne, "and I've said it

many times before, we're trying to execute our offense in patterns, I don't care what the score is, so long as we do what we are supposed to be doing on offense and getting the shots, then that's great."

The Bloomers biggest problem, in all their domination of the conference, may be a lack of competition and a tendency to take their play too much for granted. But Coleen Dufresne seems to have found a cure for that.

"They set goals for themselves, such as we want to hold teams to less than 50 or 55 points and we didn't today", explains Dufresne, "so we're a little upset at that, and we allowed them to go to the foul line too often, so we've got to make some adjustments. But if we play them again, I can guarantee they won't score as much as they did today".

And play them again they probably will. As of now it looks like the X-ettes will be the Bloomers premiere sacrifice at the AUAA championships. They will be held at the Main Gym on the 24th and 25th of February with Dalhousie and UPEI looking to be the other opponents. While the Bloomers will most certainly have no problem repeating their sweep of last year, if you're in town during the break that should be some pretty exciting basketball as the Bloomers gear toward the Nationals the first week in March.

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fun non-competitive environment. It was also hoped that such an event might encourage some of the girls who don't often come down to the gym, to come and participate. Judging from some of the comments heard, this indeed did happen.

The W.I.A.C. would again like to thank all those girls who came down because it is only their participation that made such an event possible. We hope to see everyone again next year for the Second Girls' Night Out.

For the more daring there was a chance to have their fitness level tested or to venture beyond the doors of the weight room, perhaps for the first time. Thanks to Kathy Morton and Gerri LeBlanc for their assistance in these activities.

Attention all Racquetball Lovers

A tournament will be held just for you. Come down to the Recreation Office, L.B. Gym to find out more information. Registration deadline is Friday, March 9. Remember to pass the word around. See YOU there!

Co-Ed Volleyball

Due to the popularity of Co-Ed Competitive Volleyball this year, we have decided to hold yet another tournament. The weekend tournament will be held on St. Patrick's day, Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18. Entry deadline is Tuesday, March 13. Registration kits are available at the Intramural Office. All UNB/STU students, faculty, staff and alumni are welcome.

Co-Ed Basketball

Hey Guys and Gals! It's that time of year again. Our Winter Co-ed Basketball tournament is coming up on March 10 and 11. Entry deadline is March 7, so dribble on down to the Intramural Office and pick up your registration kits now. Don't forget, any faculty, staff, or students from UNB or STU may participate.

Free Throws Free Throws Free Throws

This will be my last column before the Bloomers appear at the nationals. That they will win the AUAA was a foregone conclusion in September. The competition at the nationals, however, will be a different story. I guess Bishops has to be given the odds on nod to repeat as champion. Brock, ranked number three last week, dropped to five after losing to the Waterloo Athenas, who, as Debbie Knowles informed me, are the Mt. Allison Lady Mounties of Ontario. Word has it that Candi Clarkson, is hurt, and if she is gone for long the Badgers may not even make a showing at the Nats.

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Calgary is seeded three at the moment so they should make as showing in Winnipeg. The University of Winnipeg (2) and Brandon (8) should be fighting it out to be representing GPAC, along with the host University of Manitoba. Two of Brock (5), Toronto (7) and Laurentian (6) should be representing Ontario. But then of course, upsets do happen and we may see some currently unranked teams there.

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Marg Jones is working out again after undergoing arthroscopic surgery on her knee last Thursday. She dressed on Saturday's game but only went through the warmups. The Bloomers captain will be undergoing surgery on her knee after the season is over to remove damaged cartilage.

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Sandy Hill was a surprise starter in Saturday's game. The veteran forward, who has been used mainly as a utility player in her years here, may be expected to play a big role for the Bloomers at the Nats. as she can put her aggressive style of play and tough defense to work along with her experience against the top teams in the country.

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Barring a total turnaround, which of course we all would be thrilled to see, the Raider's season is effectively over. They are on the Island this weekend and at home to Mt. Allison the weekend after before they host the Eastern Regionals, that being on March 9th and 10th.

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And as the Raiders' season draws to a close, so do the careers of a couple of outstanding players, Chris McCabe and Don McCormack. Both of these players gave the Raiders the leadership they needed during this rough campaign, and both will leave behind their own special legacy and place in the history books of UNB athletics.

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Everyone is saying the Sixers are not what they were last season. Well, I'll agree, their record may not be the same, but injuries and other factors are contributing to that. They remind me of another dynasty in another sport, who currently are on a streak of four straight championships, yet have never had the great regular season campaigns, the New York Islanders.

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in both the 100 and 200 metres, while Inches is look at to perform well in the 400 I.M.

For the relays, Verhille, Slavin, Stirling and Stangroom will represent UNB in the 400 metre while Cuddihy will replace

Stangroom in the 800 free style relay.

Based on qualifying times at both the AUAA championships and earlier meets, swimmers will qualify for the CIAU championships that are slated for Toronto beginning March 2.