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DOCTOR'S DIAGNOSIS, "GROWING PAINS"

By PATRICK MCCARTHY

The Red Raiders suffered two tough losses this weekend which head coach Dr. Phil Wright termed growing pains.

Friday night the raiders opened up slow and fell behind by eleven at the half. Led by co-captain Paul Watts who finished the game with nineteen points, the Raiders played Mt. A evenly in the second half losing by the eleven point half-time margin 90-79.

Saturday the Raiders hit heart break. First year point guard Yaw Obenq led the Raiders with nineteen; there were four other players in double figures for UNB. Mt. Allison trailed by one late in the game when mountie guard

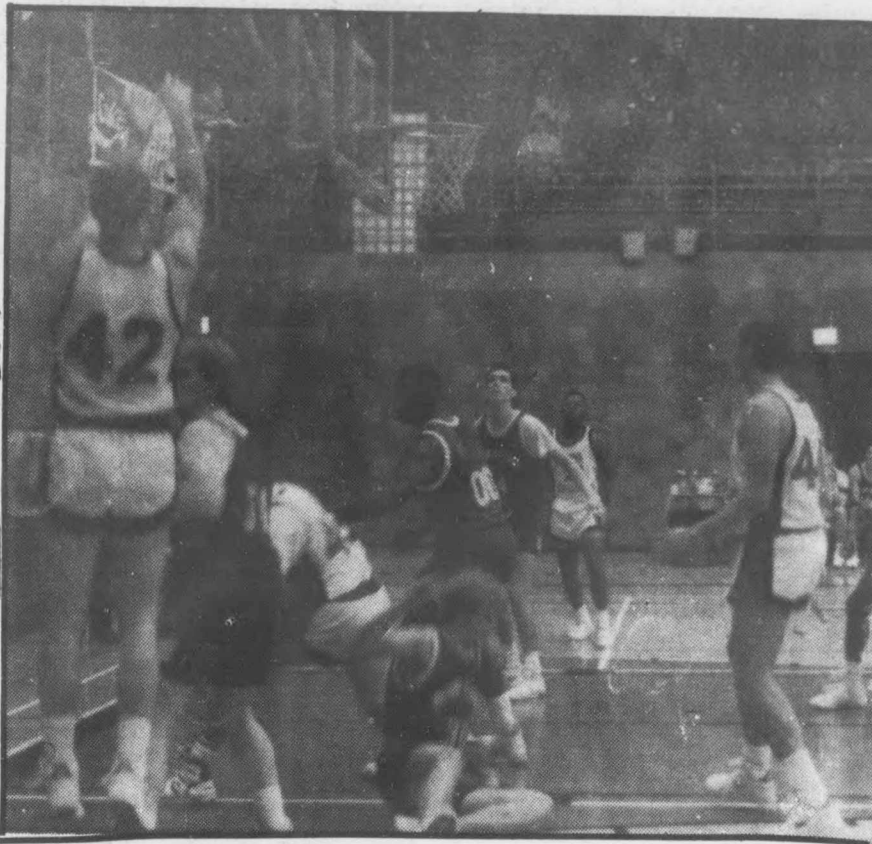
Richard Rainford was fouled. After two time outs, Rainford stepped up to the free throw line with a body temperature of -273° K, absolute zero. Rainford missed the first free throw and threw up an air ball on the second to the delight of 600 screaming UNB fans. UNB co-captain Paul Watts was fouled seconds later and responded by nailing both free throws to put the Raiders up by three. With time running out mountie guard Rory Herget hit a twenty-five footer to send the game into overtime. In overtime the Raiders were plagued by the game's one mortal vital statistic: UNB fouls 36, Mt. A. fouls 16. Referees Fran McHugh and Dan Arbeau are definitely off the Red Raider's Christmas list. Final score Mt. A 90 UNB 74.

The prognosis for the Raiders is fair at best. Before the Christmas break the team must travel to St. F.X. and Dalhousie on the 2nd and 3rd of December respectively. The challenge at hand, however, is this weekend in the Aitken Centre.

Friday at 8:30 pm the Axemen will take the court hot off a seven point overtime victory over DAL. Acadia is rebuilding this year and does not have the scoring ability it is reputed for.

Saturday at 3:00 pm the Raiders will try to repeat last seasons upset of St. Mary's in the Aitken Centre. SMU has only three starters returning.

Phil Wright stated "All things considered, we (the Raiders) have got a good shot at both games... it's going to be a very competitive weekend!"



Red Raiders in action from last weekend.

featuring: Men's and Women's Basketball
 The UNB Red Bloomers and Red Raiders vs S.M.U. Huskies

VARSITY-MANIA VI

Saturday Nov. 26 at 1:00, held at the A.U.C.

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HOME OPENNER FOR YOUNG BLOOMERS

By Mark Savoie

The word that most accurately describes this year's UNB Red Bloomers is "young". The only senior on the team is 5'8" guard Pauline London, who was among the league's stars last year. Joining Pauline

will be veterans Lynn Christiansen, Leanne Brady, Kara Keays, Tammy Polchies, and second year player Danielle Michaud. Joining these veterans will be a crop of six freshmen; two of whom (Jennifer Hale and Kara Palmer)

are expected to make an immediate impact.

Because of the team's youth the goals which coach Claire Mitton has set are modest. She wants the team to make the playoffs, and to be the best defensive unit in the league. Of

the four teams to make the playoffs UPEI and Dalhousie are considered to be assured of a berth. This leaves six teams fighting for the final two slots. The teams expecting to compete heavily for these positions are UNB, Acadia, and

Memorial. This makes tonight's game against Acadia extremely important, as a win will give the Bloomers head start toward the playoffs.

Athletes of the Week

For the second time this month, fifth year Red Beaver Jackie Hatherly, from Thunder Bay, ON, has been selected as UNB's Female Athlete-of-the-Week. The 24 year old swam very well this past weekend in the UNB Invitational Swim Meet finishing with two firsts and two seconds. The fifth year Political Science student finished first in the 200m Individual

Medley (2:36.61) and the Backstroke (2:35.85) and second in the 100m Backstroke (1'14.13) and the 400m Individual Medley (5:32.91). Jackie also swam on two team relays - a second and third place finish. Coach Bruce Fisher is very pleased with Jackie's performance and believes "she will be a dominate factor when the AUA's take place."

Second year volleyball Rebel, Rick Boyle of Gagetown, NB, has been chosen as UNB's Male Athlete-of-the-Week. The second year Business student played a key role for the Rebels at the Dalhousie Invitational Tournament where the team finished with a 2-1 record. Saturday evening Rick lead the team in a 3-1 win over MUN. Even during a 3-0 loss to Dal, Rick was

the Rebel standout and in a comeback victory over Moncton (3-2 after being down 2-0) Boyle was a key figure. Over the entire weekend Rick has 23 kills and 5 blocks. Coach Paul Belanger was "very pleased with Rick's leadership especially in the Moncton match."

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Jackie Hatherly