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Bloomers: the only winning team?

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"It's good to hear cheers in the Aitken Centre."

It took UNB's Basketball Bloomers almost 39 minutes to get a lead in last Sunday's game against the Dalhousie Tigers, but once they did, they held tough for an exciting, down to the wire 55 - 54 victory.

The win capped off a good season-opening weekend for the Bloomers which also included a 67 - 37 drubbing of the St. F.X. X-Ettes.

Sunday's game against the Tigers saw UNB get off to a slow start, with Dal jumping to an early lead of 10 - 4, and increasing the lead to 20 - 12 after ten minutes. The Bloomers were having a difficult time with 6' 3" Trish McCormach, who was doing most of the rebounding, but a good concentrated team effort brought the score to 34 - 30 at the half.

The Bloomers quickly tied the game, but could never get the lead until, with 1:30 left, Kara Keays intercepted a

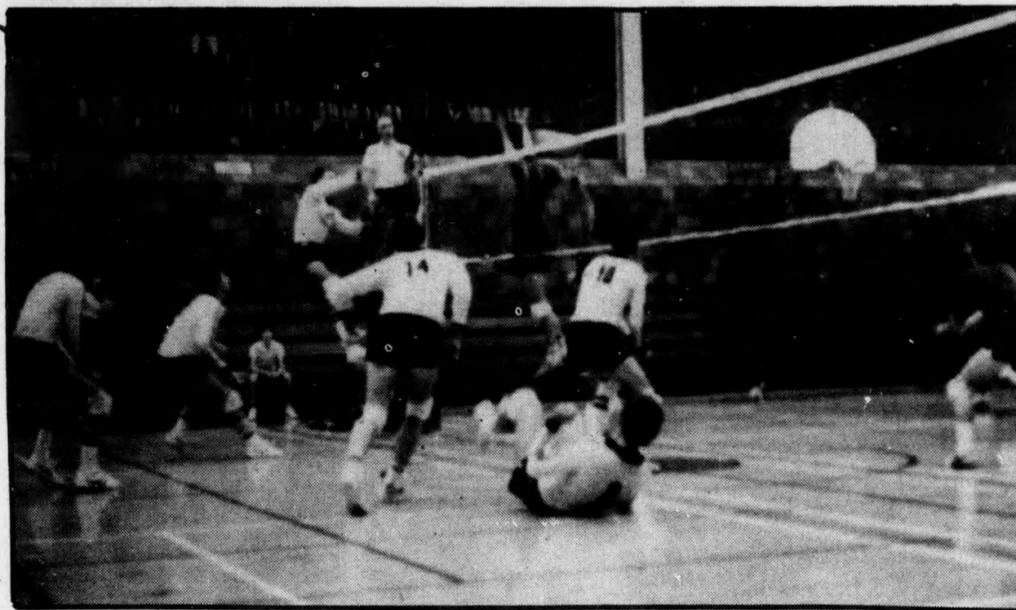
quick Dal pass, and broke down the court where she was fouled, and sank both shots for a 49 - 48 UNB lead.

The Bloomers held on until the end, and gave an exciting finish to the 150 or so spectators at the Aitken Centre.

Most impressive for UNB was their speed in moving the ball around the key, and their outside shooting, especially from Pauline Lordon, who scored 19 against Dal and 20 against St. F.X. Sue McMaster kicked in eleven against St. F.X. and ten against Dal while Jane Williams contributed thirteen on Friday night against St. F.X.

Against the X-Ettes, UNB scored first and never trailed, turning a 26 - 15 halftime lead into a 67 - 37 route. Leanne Brady showed her speed and aggressiveness and, despite her 5' 4" height, hooped ten in the victory.

The Bloomers are on the road this weekend for their last two games before the Christmas break, but will be back to provide exciting basketball action in January.



Bloomers did real well last week against St. F.X. and Dal.

No spike to the Reds

UNB Reds had a tough weekend in volleyball losing two home matches to the Dal Tigers. Saturday night UNB lost 15 - 8, 15 - 2, 15 - 6. Sigi Schatterny recorded 10 kills and Donna Landry recorded 6.

The Reds started off the match having problems with their serve reception which did not allow them to set up their plays.

On Sunday, their serve

reception was up in the 90% range however, this time their serving faltered to the amount of 16 missed serves. Sunday's scores were 15 - 6, 15 - 9, 15 - 13. Sigi Schatterny and Smyce Hull led the Reds with 15 and 6 kills respectively.

Though the scores did not indicate it, coach Alice Kamermans feels that on Sunday UNB definitely played up to Dal having the lead in most of

the second and third games. "We now have to plan a quicker attack in order to win against teams like U de M and Mt. Allison. They have very few holes in their defense and the key to locating them is a hard, quick hitting game."

UNB's record is now 1 - 3 in conference play. They are on the road this weekend to play in the U de M tournament. Their next conference game is December 3 at Mt. Allison.



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Andy Hayward

Jane Williams

Athletes-of-the-Week

Jane Williams, 23, from Sackville, N.B. has been selected as the female Athlete-of-the-Week at UNB. The fifth year Arts student played strong games in leading the UNB Red Bloomers basketball team to two wins on the weekend. Against St. Francis Xavier (67 - 37) Jane had 13 points and 10 rebounds. She followed that up with 6 points and 7 rebounds against Dalhousie (55 - 54). Coach Claire Mitton commented that "Jane had her best weekend of the year at an important time for the team."

Andy Hayward, 22, from Fredericton, N.B. has been chosen as the male Athlete-of-the-Week at UNB. The fifth year Engineering student continued his impressive play for the UNB Red Raiders. During weekend play, Andy scored 28 points in a 92 - 77 loss to St. Francis Xavier and chipped in with 26 more in a 102 - 82 loss to Dalhousie. He is leading the AUAA in scoring with an average of 28 points per game. Associate coach Phil Wright noted that "Andy provided on-court leadership in both games."



A successful spike! A UNB Red jumps high to score a kill against Dal.

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