

UNB SPORTS

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REDS OFF TO 3-1 START

by Tim Lynch

The UNB Reds travelled to Antigonish last weekend with a united purpose. That was to take a pair of matches from the St. Francis Xavier X-Ettes, a team that, on paper, UNB should defeat. The Reds managed a pair of impressive victories, and they saw their AUAA regular season record vault to 3 wins against 1 loss.

The scores in Saturday's contest were the closer of the two matches. The Reds won two of the three games by two points - the narrowest margin possible. UNB won the opener 15-13 and posted a commanding 15-9 victory in game two. The X-Ettes, however, refused to surrender

their hopes of a victory. They managed to score 15 points of their own in the third game, but the Reds countered with 17 to post the victory.

St.Fx did manage to win one game the following day. They opened Sunday's match with a 15-10 win. The Reds reversed this score in their favour in the second game. From that point on, UNB really began to dominate. The Reds eventually recorded a 3 games to one victory in the match. This was due to their sound defensive effort in games three and four in which they posted 15-6 and 15-7 wins respectively.

As mentioned, the St. Fx sweep leaves UNB with an impressive 3-1 record. Earlier in the season, the Reds split a weekend series with St. Mary's

in the Main Gym. This weekend the Reds will be competing in the Université de Moncton Tourney. Action begins today and continues through till Sunday. UNB's

next home game is Wednesday, November 29 at 3 o'clock in the Main Gym. That's when the Mount Allison Mounties visit the campus for a rare mid-week encounter.

In another game played last Saturday, the Université de Moncton Blue Angels swept the University of Prince Edward Island Lady Panthers in a pair of contests.

Bloomers Split Two On The Road

by Mark Savoie

The UNB Red Bloomers travelled to Acadia and Dalhousie Universities and came away with a win and a loss. The loss came against Acadia after a fairly pathetic effort from the Bloomers, while the win had the Bloomers dominate Dalhousie from start to finish, with the outcome never really in doubt. This gives the Red Bloomers a 1-1 record on the young season, a record they hope to improve on this weekend against the very tough UPEI Lady Panthers.

Athlete-of-the-Week Tracy Ross leading the team to within two points with six minutes left. However, Acadia consistently answered every challenge and the Bloomers failed to capitalize on their chances to tie. When the game ended, Acadia had managed to hold on for a 66-60 victory over a potentially superior team. (Note that the weekend before the Red Bloomers had beaten Acadia by 19). This marks the first time Acadia has beaten UNB in the last five years.

This held Dalhousie to only 11 field goals and a dismal 26% shooting percentage. Angie McLeod of the Lady Tigers (who has had a National Team tryout) was held scoreless throughout the game by the tenacious Bloomers.

At the half the Bloomers led 31-18 and had totally dominated play. Dalhousie made a better showing of it in the second half, closing to within seven, but the Bloomers answered the challenge and surged to an easy 55-40 win. The game ended with the Red Bloomers trying to drive up the score after Coach Carolyn Savoy of Dalhousie had her players intentionally foul the Bloomers in the dying seconds of an already lost game.

Tracy Ross was clearly the star of the game for UNB, hitting for a game high 19 points. The disappointments for the Bloomers offensively were veterans Pauline Lordon and Lynn Christiansen, who managed only two points apiece. Both of these players answered the bell against Dalhousie, striking for 19 and 11 points respectively. This game however, was more of a team effort than anything else, with all nine players contributing.

The Bloomers prevented Dalhousie from any type of offensive rhythm by showing an aggressive pressing defence.

This weekend the Bloomers travel to Charlottetown for two games against UPEI. The first of these is a league game to be played tomorrow and the second is an exhibition game on Sunday. If the Bloomers want to make the Nationals this year, UPEI is the team they will have to beat. They have the talent and ability to do so, but they have yet to prove that they have the drive and consistency that will be needed.

LADY BEAVERS DEFEATED AT MT ALLISON

by Lynne Wanyeki

The UNB Beavers Women's Swim Team were away at Mt. Allison last Thursday night. The Men's Team did not compete at this meet as Mt. Allison's Men's Swimming has been dropped off the varsity lists for this AUAA season. However, some of the Men's team went down to support the Women's team.

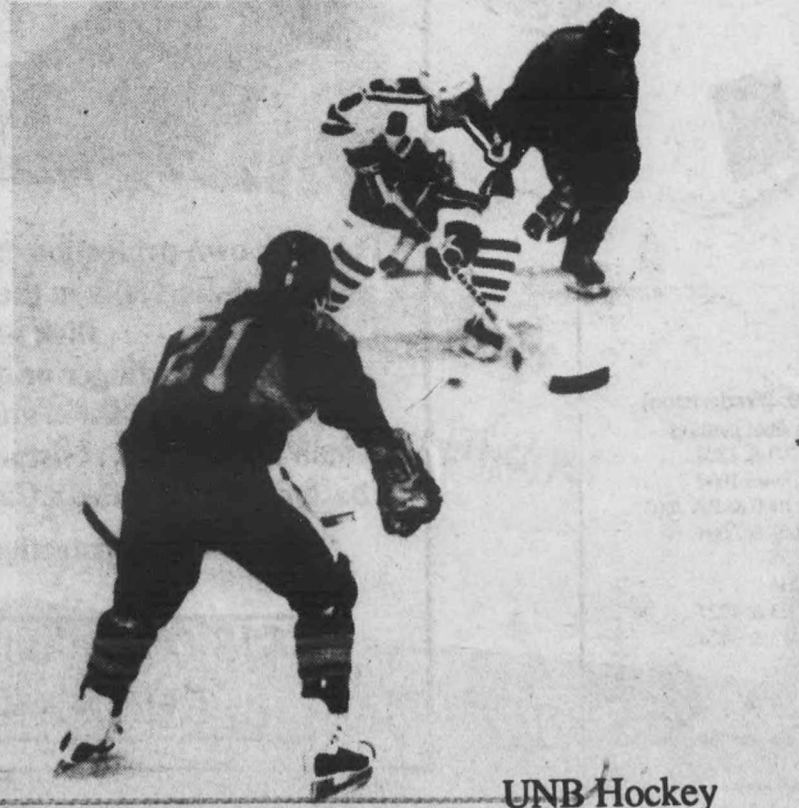
Mt. Allison won the meet, beating UNB with a final score of:

MTA 68 UNB 27

Angie Pickles managed to win the 100M Backstroke in a time of 1:18.61, despite recent problems with her shoulder. According to Coach Bruce Fisher, none of the other girls had a good meet, with the exception of Jodi Woolam. Peggy Ackerl, who would have gained some valuable points for UNB, stayed home, due to illness. Morale was low and the girls "just weren't ready to swim."

This weekend, November 25 and 26, the entire Beavers Swim Team travels to Mt. Allison again, this time for the first AUAA Invitational Conference Meet of the season. All of the teams in the Conference (ie. Acadia, Dalhousie, Mt. Allison,

MUN and UNB) will be participating. Coach Fisher expects Dalhousie to win the women's meet and is confident that UNB will win the men's meet. He notes: "It'll be interesting to see how the Conference teams play off one another. Usually two teams vie between themselves, which leaves it open for a third team to come up from behind. It'll be worth watching just who gains 3rd, 4th and 5th places."



UNB Hockey

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Tracy Ross, of Loggieville, NB, has been chosen as this week's UNB Female Athlete-of-the-Week. The second year education student had a strong weekend for the basketball Red Bloomers as they lost a close game to Acadia 66-60, and defeated Dal 55-40. Tracy had 19 points in the Acadia game and scored 8 points against Dalhousie. According to coach Mitton, "This was Tracy's best performance as a Red Bloomer. Her near perfect stats vs. Acadia kept UNB in the game." Coach Mitton said she is pleased to see Tracy beginning to play to her potential.

Ken Murchison, of Summerside, PEI, has been named as this week's UNB Male Athlete-of-the-Week. The second year physical education student had three assists as the hockey Red Devils pushed league leading Moncton into overtime. Ken also played outstanding on specialty teams - penalty killing and the power play. So far this season, in seven games, Ken has 4 goals and 5 assists for 9 points. According to coach Johnston, "Ken had an impact on every aspect of the game as he killed several of Moncton's power plays, assisted on our power play goal, and provided an excellent two way performance."