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# Raiders Looking for Upset

## UPEI in town for Weekend

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The Red Raider's men's basketball team is looking to pull off an upset or two when they host University of Prince Edward Island Panthers this weekend in a pair of games.

The two games, scheduled for Friday at 8:30 pm and Saturday at 2 pm, have been moved back down to the Main Gymnasium from the Aitken Centre.

"UPEI definitely is a contender for the conference championship," Raider coach Don Nelson said, "but we played with them for the first half in both our games over there and just got overpowered in the second half. But we felt a victory was a possibility in both games."

The Raiders have chalked up three victories in the tough Atlantic Conference this year -one more than a year ago - and have set themselves the goal of pulling off victories in their three remaining conference games. Along with the two contests against UPEI, the Raiders host Mount Allison Mounties on Saturday, February 15.

"We're moving in the right direction, trying to improve from year to year," Nelson said. "We've got some quality players in here this year, but this is a touch conference and you can't expect to turn it around in one season. But the signs are there."

One of those signs came last weekend when the Raiders split games against Dalhousie and St. F.X., perennially two of the top teams in the conference. The Raiders upended "X" 71-68 Saturday night before dropping a 78-53 decision to a conference-leading Dalhousie on Saturday.

Bob Aucoin fired 20 points for the Raiders in their victory while Mark Newell added 19. The Raiders led 39-30 at the half.

Rookie Manfred Hoyer led the UNB scoring attack against Dal with 18 points, while Aucoin found the range for 14.

"Manfred Hoyer is showing improvement every week and people are seeing why he was one of out prize recruits," Nelson said. "He has had his baptism of fire this season and should be one of the dominant players in the conference in the years to come."

Another strong performer for the Raiders of late has been Mark Newell, a fourth-year guard who has played extremely well in the past four games, including victories over St. Mary's and St. F.X.

"Mark has started doing the things he was reluctant to do earlier in the season," Nelson said. "There's been a marked improvement in his play."

# Blazers Geared for Drive

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With 28 games played the UNB Red Blazers womens hockey club are ready for their coming heavy schedule. The Blazers should have close to 50 games played by the time the season winds up in March.

Just past the halfway mark Red Blazer statistics put out by Blazer Manager Kathy Cleveland show team Captain Carol Cooper on her way to a record breaking season. The veteran defender, who also plays right-wing on the power play has 10 goals and 38 assists leaving her just 5 points shy of her own team record set last season. Three other UNB players are having banner scoring years. Center Anne Campbell has 11 goals and 22 points, while a pair of rookies hold down third and fourth places, Jennifer Reicker has 7 goals and 19 points, while Charlene Arsenault has 8 goals and 19 points also.

In the team plus-minus standings Cooper is tops with a +17 standing, followed by defender Diane LeBlanc at +15, Arsenault +10, Reicker +8, and Campbell +6.

Campbell also leads with power play goals with 5. Overall the team powerplay is operating at a record pace, having scored seven times more with the manpower advantage then they did in all of last season.

Third year goalie Sue Keirstead is having a super season with a 2.74 goals against average and 4 shutouts in 24 games played. Her partner veteran Wendy Dickinson is at 3.27 after 5 games.

Overall the Blazers have 15 wins and 5 ties in their 28 games. That leaves them just 2 short of the team's single season win mark. Against female hockey teams UNB is 6-1-1, while their record against boys Bantam teams is 9-6-4.

Upcoming for UNB will be a pair of home games. Sunday the Blazers will face the Nackawic Bantams at 2 pm while Monday night at 7:15 the team will meet a team of Bantams from the Nashwaaksis Arena, both games will be at the Aitken Center and admission will be free.

## Athlete of the week

(Week ending February 2)

Two basketball players are the latest athletes-of-the-week at the University of New Brunswick.

Manfred Hoyer, a first-year arts student from Dundas, Ontario, fired 30 points and pulled down 15 rebounds as the Red Raiders defeated St. Francis Xavier University 71-68 before dropping a 78-57 decision against the powerful Dalhousie Tigers. Hoyer is 19-years-old.

"Manfred has played outstanding basketball in the latter half of our season," coach Don Nelson said. "He is our candidate for rookie-of-the-year in the AUAA."

For the women, point guard Chris Matheson returned from a serious injury to help quarterback the Red Bloomers offense as they defeated St. F.X. and lost to Dalhousie. The 21-year-old education student from Brookfield, N.S. also chipped in with nine points against Dalhousie.

"Chris has bounced back from her injury very well," coach Claire Mitton said. "She is an important part of our team."

## Of Devils and Lions

The hockey Red Devils ran into the powerful University of Prince Edward Island juggernaut last Sunday at the Aitken Centre

The result was a 3-1 victory for the Island crew, but not before goaltender Dean Frost and the rest of the Red Devils put up a spirited fight. Frost faced 47 shots and was brilliant throughout the game, while his team-mates tried to penetrate the strong Panther defense.

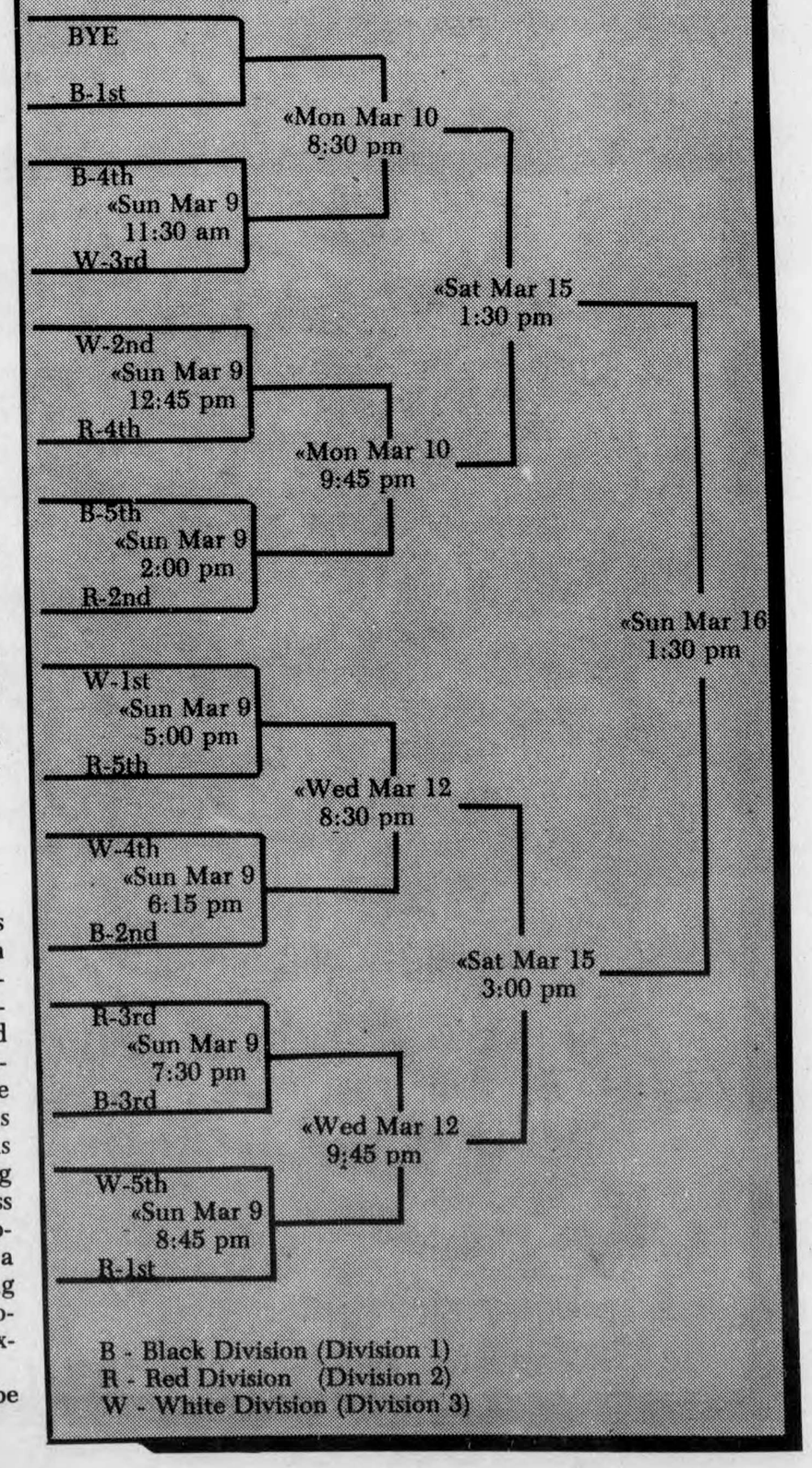
Renato Marino fired the lone goal for the Red Devils.

This weekend, the Red Devils are in Antigonish tonight for a contest against St. Francis Xavier X-men while on Saturday they visit Wolfville for a game against the Acadia Axemen.

Next Wednesday, UNB hosts St. Thomas at the Aitken Centre in a 7:30 start.

### RED LIONS FINISH FIRST

Last Saturday two members of UNB's Red Lion Judo Team attended a tournament in Edmunston. Armand Vaillancourt fighting in the 189 pound category only had one oppenent to contend with. He recorded two consecutive wins to capture first place in his category. Peter Moore fighting in the 157 pound weight class managed to dispose of four opponents including one of a higher belt. Besides finishing first, Mr. Moore was also promoted to green belt for his excellent effort.

This weekend UNB will be competing in Gagetown.

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