

# Rebels not close enough in tourney

by Janet Lloyd

Graham MacDonald

The atmosphere in the gym was electric and tension was high for the Rebels first collegiate match of the year. Day one of the UNB Invitational volleyball tournament saw UNB drop a very tightly contested match against CEGEP de Sherbrooke 2 games to 1 by scores of 14-16, 15-13 and 7-15. Sherbrooke brought height and power to the match, but UNB countered with lots of scrappy defence.

On Saturday, the Rebels played the Saint John Spikers, a team featuring several Rebel alumni. After

a shaky start, the Rebels soundly defeated them in three games by scores of 12-15, 15-10 and 15-6.

In the second match of the morning, the Rebels played the Right Spotmens senior team. The Rebels took the match in three games, 11-15, 16-14, 15-9.

Their two and one record in the preliminaries provided them with a semi-final match against the eventual champion Lunar Rogue senior mens team. The very strong Lunar Rogue team won the match in two games with scores of 15-5 and 15-

8, thus advancing to meet Sherbrooke in the finals.

The finals saw Lunar Rogue defeat Sherbrooke in a close three game match (15-10, 12-15, 16-14). UNB Rebels' captain John Ellsworth was selected to the tournament All-star team, and Mark Boldon of Lunar Rogue was the MVP.

Coach Paul Belanger would rather have had the tournament title, but these were warm-up matches, and had no sway in their AUAA standing. His team's performance impressed him, especially against Sherbrooke. "I wanted to play against a real strong team to start the tournament off",

he commented after their opening match, "just to get things going and give the team a little bit of confidence; it could have gone either way. Both teams had streaks of real good and real poor serve reception", said Belanger, "and it cost us in the first game of that match where we were leading 14-13".

The team got quite a bit of help on the weekend from it's rookie squad. John Richards, a talented young middle blocker who will probably be quite a force in the AUAA, was in the starting lineup. Eric Pinfold, a setter with very soft hands got his share of starts this weekend and performed admirably.

Mike Fullarton subbed on several times as a serving and defensive specialist, bringing about immediate results with some ace serves. Home town boy and crowd favorite Doug Eagle proved he could pound the ball at the AUAA level. Doug Barkhouse and Rod Robinson, both 6'4", should help relieve the team's relative lack of height. "It's the best crop of rookies I've seen in four years of coaching", beamed the proud coach, "a lot of talent; a lot of raw, physical talent. It's just a matter of molding that talent, and getting them going in the correct direction". While all the rookies had shaky moments

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## Mason leads Reds

by Graham MacDonald

Carla Mason, of the UNB lady Reds volleyball team, inflicted serious damage against the UdeM blue Eagles during last Sunday's AUAA league match, leading the team with 12 kills, 6 stuff blocks and a 48% kill ratio. Despite this stellar performance, and an excellent all round effort by her teammates, UdeM took the match in three games 15-4, 15-12, 15-13.

"We had a week between matches," said head coach Al McGarvie, "we haven't played through the week. It took us a game to get going, but we played very well in the second and third game", and indeed they did, scarring the powerful Moncton squad in two very close games, both of which went down to the wire. "In the future, we'll have to find other team in the area to play matches against so we can stay sharp".

The Lady Reds have a very

strong, experienced nucleus this year, consisting Carla Mason, Gina Dickinson, Tia Toner, Monica Gaudet and Karen MacLean. Around this solid foundation, Al McGarvie is developing his rookie squad. "Working with such a strong nucleus gives the rookies and the team lots of stability", says McGarvie. Among these talented rookies is Carrie Maher, a tireless setter, and Patti-Jo Lavigne, a fiery power hitter, both of who were in the starting lineup Sunday. Versatile Sue MacKinnon is a strong all-round player and can handle any position. Power hitter Kelly McLean had a 60% kill ratio during Sunday's match despite seeing limited playing time, and Jodi Goudie subbed on as a solid relief setter and fared quite well during Sunday's match.

The Lady Reds will be hosting the Saint Mary's Huskettes this weekend, and will be playing at 8:00 PM on Saturday and 1:00 PM on Sunday in the main gym.

## Raiders lose in final

by Anand Irrinki

After back to back weekends of tournament play, the UNB Red Raider's have two weeks before they begin league competition. After garnering third place at the Raider Fall Classic, UNB went to the Ottawa University tip-off tournament looking to place even higher. UNB achieved this goal by finishing second overall at the tournament.

The Ottawa tournament featured four solid basketball teams: UNB, Carleton, McGill, and Ottawa. UNB started the tournament off against home town favorite Ottawa. UNB opened up by shooting an amazing 73% (see Lakers 1987/88) in the first half. Even with this high shooting percentage UNB only has a 41-37 half time lead. The second half was as tight as the first, with neither team giving an inch. As the game neared its completion, UNB held a 3 point advantage 81-78 and looked poised for victory. Unfortunately the never say die Ottawa Gee-Gee's (who named this team?) hit a 3 pointer from "deep" (promo for CNN sports). This sent the game into overtime, but the Raiders showed no fear. The Raiders outscored Ottawa 12-8 in overtime and took the game by a margin of 93-89. Duff Adams led UNB by shooting an awesome 8 for 11 and counting 26 points. UNB's second leading scorer was Bobby O'Brian with 19 points. Another player who had a strong game was Andy McKay. McKay guarded Roderic Lee of Ottawa and his stiffling defense caused much frustration on the part of Lee. This emotional win sent UNB into the finals, where the Carleton Raven's awaited them.

The UNB/Carleton matchup was a rematch of the Fall Classic consolation game. Unfortunately for the Raiders, the Ravens didn't play like Seagulls as they did when they were in Fredericton. Carleton jumped out to a six point half-time lead and then put it on

cruise-control. They ended up defeating UNB 85-61. One might ask how a team, which UNB defeated soundly just one week earlier, can thoroughly dominate UNB the next week. The answer to this is actually pretty simple; UNB came out FLAT. As one UNB player said, "the players looked like zombies". Coach Phil Wright summed it up by saying "the team just ran out of gas". The team shot 29-90 (see Sacramento Kings) in the first half and ended up

shooting 19 for 49 (39%). All in all UNB had their second strong showing in a tournament. Hopefully this will catapult UNB into the upcoming AUAA season. Other notes from the tournament:

All Stars: Bobby O'Brien (UNB), Yaw Obeng (UNB), Slavic Stawski (Carl.), Michael Trought (Carl.), Dave Reid (Ottawa).

MVP: Slavic Stawski (Carl.).

## Bloomers off to Dal

by Peter West  
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The Red Bloomers women's basketball team heads to the Dalhousie University tournament today as hands down favourites after winning the Laval Invitational Tournament last weekend. They will begin their second tourney of the season facing Windsor University tonight.

In their first game at Laval, the Bloomers dominated Bishops University. They had almost doubled the Bishops Gaiters 39-20 at the half and easily held on to win 65-50.

Jennifer Hale posted 13 points to establish herself as a force to be reckoned with for the rest of the season. Jackie Flieger also had an outstanding game netting 11 points.

The second game of the tournament saw the Bloomers defeat Ahunatic college 50-34. The Bloomers held Ahunatic to only 13 points at the half, playing exceptional defensive basketball.

Kara Palmer was unstoppable, hitting for 19 points reasserting her natural scoring abilities. Jennifer Hale once again had a strong accounting for 13 points.

The Championship game played last Sunday saw the undefeated Bloomers tip off against the host Laval Rouge et Or. The first half was hard fought yet the Bloomers managed a 10 point lead. Both

teams played steady basketball during the second half, and the Bloomers prevailed 66-57.

Kara Palmer clicked for 20 points, earning her tournament MVP. Her consistent play last weekend is a sign of greater things to come. Laura Swift also contributed with 12 points, and Jen Hale's 10 points earned her a spot on the tournament All Star Team.

The Bloomers begin the Dalhousie Centennial tournament tonight when they take on Windsor University at the Dalplex in Halifax, while Dalhousie faces Carlton.

These four teams make up the first division, while UPEI, St. Mary's, Brock and Acadia constitute the second division. The winner of each division will vie for the championship on Sunday afternoon.

This tournament provides the Bloomers with their first chance to compete against rival AUAA teams. A strong showing will secure the Bloomers as contenders for the AUAA championships.

Next weekend, UNB will play host to the AUAA league tournament which kicks off regular season play. The four teams will play two tournament style games where the winners of the first two games play each other in a championship game. The losers play each other for a consolation final. All games will be played at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym.

## Sports shorts

### Yeowomen

The Yeowomen have once again completed another outdoor season under the official auspices of the UNB Sport Club program. The season was an unmitigated success with the club's membership reaching an all time high of 70 members and a final performance record of 5 wins and 1 loss against other varsity and club teams. The Yeowomen have proven definitively once again that the women at UNB have the skill, determination, and dedication to play in the big leagues - the AUAA!!!!

The club would like to thank our "rookie" coach, Jamie Pollock, for his incredible patience and skill during the outdoor season. Thanks also go out to Stacey Desroches - trainer extraordinaire!!

But a reminder to all club members and anybody else who is interested, the indoor season will officially start in a couple of weeks. This season looks to be very promising with tentatively three tournaments in Saint John and one in Fredericton. For anybody who is interested in playing indoor with the formidable Yeowomen teams should contact either

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### Sticks cont'd

pressure situation and with any luck at all their fourth place finish will make them hungrier in the season to come.

Hornibrook said if there was a black mark on the weekend it was in their bronze medal game against the University of Toronto in which UNB lost 3-0. She said "the bronze medal is harder to play for because you are coming off a loss." She said "UNB came out flat and the University of Toronto capitalized on it". The U of T scored all 3 goals in the first twenty minutes. UNB dominated play for the rest of the game but Hornibrook pointed out that "there are no points for territory". UNB simply was not up for their game against the Blues. Tanya Whalen earned player-of-the-game for UNB.

Josette Babineau was named to the tournament eleven all star team - and she was named a first-team all Canadian. Joan Robere and Tanya Whalen were also named first team all Canadians.