

## Red Sticks win: off to Nationals

Before the largest crowd in the history of the UNB field hockey the UNB Red Sticks captured the AUAA playoffs this past weekend. This victory sends the Sticks to represent the Atlantic region at the Nationals in Toronto Nov. 2-5.

To the delight of home fans the UNB team defeated the defending champion St. Mary's Belles by a 2-0 score in semi-final play. At the 15 minute mark of a tension filled opening half, Beth McSorley, a rookie from Fredericton, scored to lift the Sticks into the lead. The Sticks were dominating the play but the score remained at 1-0 until Patty Sheppard added an insurance goal late in the second half. Marleigh Moran was sharp in goal, notching another shutout to her credit—and to the credit of the Sticks defensive players. All the Sticks played strongly (as was the case in the finals) but Lois Scott and Laurie Lambert were particularly outstanding.

In Sunday's final it was Dal versus UNB, following a 2-1 consolation game victory by St. Mary's over Memorial U.

Dal had a veteran team and

were very strong offensively this season, however, UNB used its impressive speed and quickness to dominate the Dal offense. The Sticks nullified many Dal offensive plays by pressuring their key offensive players. As well, UNB controlled the ball for numerous attacks and maintained possession in the Dal zone for most of the game.

Again the score was 2-0 in favor of the Red Sticks and the rookie team (11 of 15 players) were the new AUAA playoff champions.

UNB scorers are Carolyn Gammon and Beth McSorley, but again it was the team performance as a whole which impressed the crowd as the Sticks dominated play all over the field.

The Red Sticks hope to make an adjustment to Astro-Turf at the Nationals where they play 5 games in 3 days in order to qualify for the final game Sunday Nov. 5 which will determine the Canadian Champions.

Reports of the UNB games at the Nationals will be aired on CHSR



throughout the Tournament. May the Sticks continue their winning ways!

Three of the Sticks have been honored as members of the AUAA East all-star team for their play

this past season. They are Patty Sheppard and rookies Donna Phillips and Laurie Lambert.

## Red Bloomers expect good season

Red Bloomer fans will have only one opportunity to see the team play at home before the Christmas break.

Friday November 10 at 7 p.m. the Bloomers will see action in an Alumni game which should feature several past 'stars' from the annals of Bloomer teams. This year's team will utilize their youth and conditioning to counter the immense experience of the 'Grad' team. It should be a heated but fun match-up, so come out and see this year's Bloomers, who promise to be possibly the best Bloomer team ever.

Right now the team is working out without 4 members or the team who are presently involved in field hockey, but next week these players will join practices full-time.

The 78-79 Bloomers consists of 10 designated players and 2 alternates. These two alternates will dress for home games but not travel with the team.

Working out at practices are 3 other girls aiming at Winter Games competition next Feb. in Manitoba. They are first year players Sharon Keays and Carla Rider, both from Moncton, N.B. and Francie Dunn, a second year student who played last season at UPEI. Keays is a very fast guard (a la Patty Sheppard type) who could out-jump most centers in the league. Rider is a good play-making guard with excellent ball handling fundamentals. Dunn is known as a hard working player able to drive strongly to the basket.

Current alternates for the team are first year students with lots of promise for future action. They are also aiming at making the N.B. Winter Games team, which will probably be finalized before December. Jill Jeffrey is a 5'4" guard who played at Sackville High, Nova Scotia last year. She is

very quick and could become one of the best defensive players with more experience. Patti Moffitt is another promising guard who possesses good fundamentals. She is from Harvey Regional High where she led her team offensively with many 30 point games last year.

Eight of last year's Bloomers have returned to give weight to hopes for a shot at the National Championship. But it's one day at a time and one game at a time before that chance comes around with the AUAA play-offs next Feb. After last year's National Tournament the players and coaches know what level is required. The experience gained there may be a factor in aid of this year's team.

The two new players in the Bloomer roster of 10 are graduate student Kathy Jennings and first year student Marleigh Moran—who is currently known on campus for her numerous shut-outs as goalie of the UNB Red Sticks Field Hockey team.

Marleigh is a 5'10" center who played a strong role in the success of the F.H.S. championship in AAA last year. She is from Fredericton and will see lots of action "under the boards".

Jennings played 4 years at Laurentian University which has won the last three national championships. She played a prominent role in the success of those teams. She is a "floor" leader who can control the offensive tempo during a game. She also possesses a fine outside shot which should aid the Bloomer offense this season.

The other three guards of the Bloomers are all currently active in Red Stick field hockey players.

Lois Scott and Patty Sheppard are both 4th year students who started in the back-court for UNB last year. Their compliment of control and quickness provided

the Bloomers with strong leadership. Both can be counted on to have an equally good effect this season.

Carolyn Gammon, a second year student, was last year's "rookie" Bloomer and she showed she could play inter-collegiate ball from her first appearance as a clutch performer in the Concordia Tournament. One of her summer highlights was winning the Gilette title of "Canada's Fittest Female".

Returning third year Bloomers are Liedy Scholten, Laura Sanders, and Moira Pryde. Scholten is noted for her floating baseline drives where she can bank in a lay-up shot blind-folded. Sanders was a consistent outside shooter and was the team's most improved

defensive player. Pryde was the team leader on defense and often directed the team's half-court and full-court press defenses.

The remaining two front court players are seniors Claire Mitton and Cathy Maxwell who along with Patty Sheppard, Moira Pryde, and graduate Sylvia Blumenfeld all made positions on the two AUAA all-star teams last season.

Maxwell was an outstanding scorer and rebounder and has been a first team AUAA all star selection all three seasons as a Bloomer.

Mitton was a strong offensive performer who adjusted well to the Bloomer style after transferring to UNB last year. She played this past summer with the

National Women's Team and travelled on a tour to Jambol, Hungary for Canada.

This year the Bloomers plan to institute "motion" offense as a part of their offensive repertoire to take advantage of their conditioning. Like last year they will continue to fast break and use defenses such as the "rat" and "go" to pressure opponents.

Competition in the AUAA looks improved as the Bloomers must play 4 games against each of the four Nova Scotia universities this season. All in all, it looks to be a challenging season ahead with a talented group, dedicated to tackle that challenge and be in the top rankings in Canada.

## Exhibition Basketball

This weekend will be a busy one for the UNB Red Raiders with three scrimmage games slated for the Lady Beaverbrook Gym. Friday (7:30 p.m.) and Saturday (7:00 p.m.) will have the Red and Black playing a semi-pro team from Presque Isle, Maine. Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. will see Husson College and the Raiders hooking up in an exhibition contest.

Coach Don Nelson expects plenty of tough competition from the American clubs. He feels this will give the Raiders their first opportunity to see their team under game conditions. Both Presque Isle and Husson have plenty of shooting ability as well as good overall height. Husson should be as tough as any team in the Atlantic Conference and the Raiders will have to work hard to stay with the high-flying club from Bangor.

Starting line-ups have not been

a concern of the coaching staff to date. With 14 players still on the UNB roster, it will be a matter of seeing which combination of players function most effectively.

Coach Nelson feels that Andy Cheam and Scott Devine will be one backcourt combination, with Luigi Florean and Wayne Veysey another backcourt duo. Up front the Raiders have Mark McGeachy and Steve McGinley with experience. Gary Young, John Kiviste and Dale Moffitt will be used as much as possible to give the coaches a chance to see them compete under fire. In the middle the Raiders will have freshman Bob Aucoin with veteran Leo Coyle and another combination will see Robert Florean and Don McCormack, two former FHS players, teaming up to strengthen the inside game.

"Without the big man, states Coach Nelson, we will have to depend on our quickness and

ability to run. This will present some risk as we must score to keep with the always high-scoring American clubs."

After the three scrimmage games this weekend, the Raiders will open their Northeast Conference schedule with Maine Presque Isle and Fort Kent next weekend. Home opener will have Athletes in Action on the 16th of November and Mount A on November 18th.

