

SPORTS

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In brief

Hockey

The UNB Red Devils won this year's version of "The Battle of the Hill" by virtue of their 5-2 victory over STU Wednesday night. Trevor Boland, Kelly Reed, Gord Christian, Brian Wilson and Alistair Still had UNB's goals while Vojtech Kucera and Jeff Grant replied for the Tommies. Devils' goalie Jeff Reid earned his second straight win over STU. UNB won the series 3 games to 1.

UNB Athletes of the month

Male

Terry Pomeroy of the Black Bears wrestling team was awarded UNB male athlete of the month. Pomeroy managed a second place at the Montreal Open and won both the 52 kg and 57 kg weight categories at last weekend's UNB open.

Female

Jill Jackson, a guard with the Red Bloomers, is the UNB female athlete of the month. Jackson earned MVP honors at the University of Lethbridge tournament and has played a key role in the team's victories since the holidays.

Palmer named AUSA athlete of week

Red Bloomer Kara Palmer was named athlete of the week by the AUSA. Palmer, a fifth year physical education student, netted an incredible 34 points last Saturday in the Bloomers 83-72 win over St. FX.

This week in UNB sports

Saturday, Feb. 6

M. Volleyball vs. Memorial (8:00 pm at L.B. Gym)
W. Basketball vs. St. Mary's (1:00 pm at L.B. Gym)
M. Basketball vs. St. Mary's (3:00 pm at L.B. Gym)
Hockey @ UPEI (CHSR 97.9 FM, 7:00 pm)

Sunday, Feb. 7

M. Volleyball vs. Memorial (11:00 am at L.B. Gym)
W. Basketball vs. Acadia (1:00 pm at L.B. Gym)
M. Basketball vs. Acadia (3:00 pm at L.B. Gym)
Hockey @ UPEI (CHSR 97.9 FM, 2:00 pm)

Tuesday, Feb. 9

M. Basketball @ UMPI

AUSA Scoreboard

Women's basketball

DAL 66 UNB 57
MUN 78 UCCB 47
UNB 83 SFX 72
MUN 63 UCCB 45
UPEI 63 DAL 60

Men's basketball

DAL 93 UNB 60
ACA 77 SMU 75
MUN 83 UCCB 81
SFX 68 UNB 47
MUN 76 UCCB 73
DAL 82 UPEI 59

Women's volleyball

SMU 3 ACA 0
MTA 3 MUN 0
MTA 3 MUN 0
UNB 3 SFX 1
DAL 3 UPEI 0
DAL 3 UPEI 0
UNB 3 SFX 0

Women's swimming

MTA 87 UNB 73
DAL 125 ACA 49

Men's swimming

UNB 135 MTA 37
Dal 115 ACA 64

UNB Athletes of the week

Stacy DesRoches, Black Bears
Kara Palmer, Red Bloomers

Better Reds than dead

Varsity Reds new name for UNB teams

by Frank Denis

Well it's official.

On Friday of last week the UNB Athletics Department announced that beginning next year all varsity sports teams will be called Varsity Reds. Currently UNB's 12 varsity teams each go by a different nickname.

The decision comes after a voting period which began in October and finished early in the new year. Voting was conducted throughout the city and around the campus as well as by out of town alumni. Varsity Reds beat out four other names by gathering over 66% of the vote. Falcons was the second choice with 18% followed by Red Lions and Red Mariners.

Up until now UNB was the only university in Canada where each team went by a different nickname. The change was made so that the university could better market the athletic teams. Clothing and other merchandise will soon be available across the province and country with Varsity Reds and a logo splashed across it.

While a logo and mascot have yet to be designed Dean of Physical Education and Recreation Terry Haggerty says that will be done by September. A contest may be launched, Haggerty says, to see who can come up with the best logo.

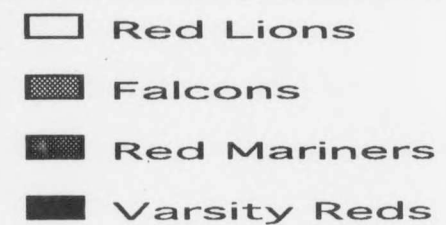
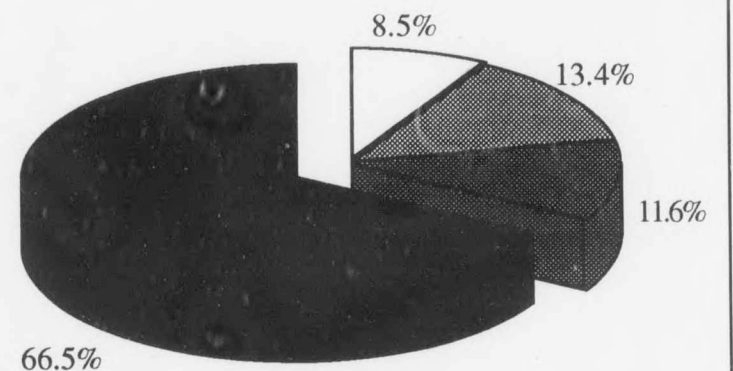
As far as the purchasing of new uniforms go, Haggerty states that uniforms will be changed when current uniforms become too worn and ragged and need replacement. As well many

uniforms carry the letters UNB and not the nickname.

Maureen Sparks, the Athletic Department secretary is the one credited with suggesting the name Varsity Reds.

UNB INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

% Support For Nicknames



Bloomers bring axes out

Hope to slaughter Axettes in Varsity-mania game

by Bruce Denis

On paper, this weekend looks like it should be a vacation for the Red Bloomers women's basketball team. They host 7th place St. Mary's tomorrow and 4th place Acadia on Sunday.

However, after last weekend's disappointing loss to Dalhousie, they'll have to remain sharp to insure the wins. They headed to Halifax last Friday and received a healthy wake up call from the Tigers who won the game 66-57.

Forward Bonnie Hale couldn't pinpoint the reason for the loss but credited Dalhousie for their hard work. "We started out strong, we were up by 10 points at the half, but we couldn't pull it together during the second half of the game and they were stronger."

Fortunately, the Bloomers rebounded and managed to beat St. Francis Xavier on Sunday by a score of 83-72. Kara Palmer managed a season high 34 points enroute to being named player of the game, UNB athlete of the week and AUSA athlete of the week. Hale also contributed with 14 of her own while Jill Jackson added 13.



photo Kevin G. Porter

Bonnie Hale

"It was a tough game but it was a big win for us, we played well. St. FX doesn't have a big inside game so we just dumped the ball inside. Kara played excellent basketball, she put every shot in" Hale said.

The Bloomers now sit atop the

AUSA with a 10-3 record and have virtually clinched the AUSA league title.

They welcome St. Mary's tomorrow at 1:00 pm at the L.B. Gym in what should be an opportunity to reach triple figures in points. Sunday's game will be tougher as the Bloomers host the Acadia Axettes in a Varsity Mania event that begins at 1:00 pm.

Hale is confident that the Bloomers are ready to face the Axettes. "Acadia has some very good inside post players, but they're weaker in their back court and overall we are a better team, so we should be ready for them."

Red Bloomer Basketball

Saturday, February 6
vs. St. Mary's, 1:00 pm, L.B. Gym

Varsity-MANIA
Sunday, February 7
vs. Acadia, 1:00 pm, L.B. Gym

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