

Coleen Dufresne: Red Bloomers

COLEEN DUFRESNE - JUST YOUR AVERAGE CIAU COACH OF THE YEAR

The figure sits on the end of the bench. The banter between her and the two figures beside her seems endless. Suddenly a whistle blows and the figure is up, checking on a referees call or a players thoughts. More play, another whistle, and a horn sounds. The public address announcer intently states "time out, UNB". The players in red quickly gather around as plays are changed, weaknesses re-discussed, and strategy is laid. The horn blows again, and the teams are summoned. A quick word with her floor leader and the figure is seated again, totally engrossed in the task at hand. This is the side of Coleen Dufresne that the public gets to see.

But the part of Coleen Dufresne that is really important in her job as coach of the University of New Brunswick Red Bloomers is the part that most people know little about. Her dedication shows in the hours of practise, the many meetings with both the team as a whole and the players individually. This is the part of Coleen Dufresne that earned her the plaque that now hangs on her wall. It simply states: "CIAU COACH OF THE YEAR, 1982-83"

Coleen Dufresne is someone many would class as a disciplinarian. A few simple policies must be followed if a player is to be successful in her system. Academics, of course, are a must. She follows her players academic

progress and scholastic moves closely, and dread flows thick when the marks are received by "her".

But one must also be giving to basketball. Practising five times a week and playing two games a week on average during the winter can get very tiring, both physically and mentally. Coleen's job is not an easy one. She must demand, and usually gets, 100 per cent from her charges, as she takes her team through yet another offensive change in practise, or urges them to yet another victory. And that she did very well this year, with the Bloomers chalking up a 32 wins, 8 losses record, with a perfect 16-0 mark within the Atlantic conference.

"This is certainly a great honor for me but there is more than one person involved here", stated Coleen the evening of the presentation. "Andy and Joanne (assistant coaches Andy Cheam and Joanne MacLean) have put in an awful lot of effort and this award is a credit to them as well".

And if Coleen says something you know she means it. No punches pulled for this lady. When it comes to talking about her team, "humble" is not one of her strong points. Nor need it be! Early in the season Coleen would tell anyone that asked that her team would easily capture the AUAA championship, and then she led her Red Bloomers to an easy romp through the Atlantic University world, and undefeated at that. How easy it seemed.

But what does a CIAU Coach of the Year do when the balls are stored for the summer. Well, winners are not built from nobodys, so Coleen is out pounding the bleachers and driving countless miles, whether it be in her native Montreal, Halifax or anywhere in between in search of that player who will provide a bit more of the magic that goes into a champion. She talks to players and parents alike, selling them on both the academic and athletic programs here at UNB. Countless games watched, thousands of miles driven and many months later, Coleen sits down again in September to mold a new group of rookies into the veterans that it will take to be a winner.

Coleen's philosophy is that a coach should be more than an instructor on the court, but also a guidance councillor away from the hardwood. The well being of her charges, from the high scoring star right down to the trainer, is a big matter for Coleen. The theory is simple. If a person feels better, the better they perform, not to mention the fact that Coleen is genuinely concerned about her players much like any other human being.

So the story evolves for Coach Coleen Dufresne and the person Coleen Dufresne. She is simply as good as any in her profession and the plaque that adorns her wall is certainly well deserved.

Soon she will have what she deserves and has worked

so long to get. A CIAU Championship banner hanging from the rafters of the Lady Beaverbrook Gym. Until then it will be more strong recruiting and long days of work. With the strong group

of ballplayers and support staff she has UNB and Canadian Intercollegiate Basketball is witnessing the beginning of a great dynasty.

COLEEN DUFRESNE'S DYNASTY!

ANSWERS

1. The New York Islanders were down 3-0 to the Pittsburgh Penguins, during the 1974-75 play-offs (quarter finals), and came back to win 4-3.
2. In 1943-44, the Montreal Canadiens won the Cup, with rookie Bill Durnan in the nets.
3. Jean Ratelle has never been on a cup-winner; Mikita with Chicago, Doak with the Bruins, and Arbour with the Leafs, have all played for Cup winners.
4. The Minnesota North Stars won two games against the Canadiens, during their 1970-71 semi-final meeting; the Habs won the series 4-2.
5. Ken Morrow, defenseman for the New York Islanders.
6. The Toronto Maple Leafs, when they claimed the Cup in the 1966-67 season.
7. True.
8. Pat Quinn.
9. Bob Nystrom, leading the Islanders to a 4 games to 2 win, their first cup win ever.
10. Butch Goring of the Islanders.

Intramurals continued

INTRAMURAL BALL HOCKEY

The Intramural Ball Hockey League has just ended another successful and enjoyable season. The league consisted of fourteen teams segregated into two divisions, Red and Black respectively. Each team played a total of six games each, with the top two teams in each division advancing to the Play-offs. This year's semi-finalist were 1st place Forestry Grads and 2nd place Big Lads representing the Red Division, and the 1st place Miramichi Manics and 2nd place Forestry Engineers representing the Black Division. The first place team in each the respective division, played the 2nd place team of the opposing division; therefore, matching the Forestry Engineers against the Forestry Grads and pitting the Big Lads against undefeated Miramichi Manics. Both semi-final matches were fast-paced and exciting, unfortunately only two teams could earn the right to advance to the finals and they were the Forestry Grads and the Miramichi Manics. The Championship match was played on March 17th. Both teams were fired up for the match. The game

was tied at the conclusion of the first period. Both teams

scoring three goals a piece. Early in the second period the Miramichi squad applied the pressure and went on top 5 to 3 but the Forestry Grads caught their second wind and raced back to pull ahead 6 - 5 at the conclusion of the second period. The third period was the most exciting of all three periods. The Forestry Grads team started with a full steam of attack and nearly dominated the third period. With less than six minutes to go the Forestry Grads were winning 10 - 6 and looked like sure winners, but then the tables turned and the Miramichi Manics roared back and scored 4 unannounced goals tying the game at 10 - 10 with less than a minute left to play in regulation time. Suddenly there was a scramble in front of the Forestry Grads net and with less than 25 seconds left to go, Roy Mills scored the winner (one of his five goals for the game). Both teams played valiantly and were worthy contenders for the Championship, but the Miramichi Manics proved to be the better team for this year ending.

In concluding, I would like to thank all the team and officials who participated in this year's Intramural Ball Hockey program making this season a very enjoyable and successful one.

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