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Raiders hope for pair of wins

by Anand Irrinki

After losing 3 regular seasons games in four days, the UNB Red Raiders look to take the frustrations out on the hapless Memorial Seahawks. This weekend, the Raiders travel to St. John where they will play 2 games against Memorial. UNB must take these games if they wish to salvage their season at all.

In order for UNB to win against Memorial they will have to show good judgment. The players must judge when they have a quality shot, when to gamble on defense, while the team must decide when to change the tempo of the game.

A steady and solid performance will practically guarantee UNB two road wins (that's two more than Quebec).

Last weekend, UNB

travelled to UPEI where they hoped to steal at least one of two games. With Raham Dixon back in their lineup, UPEI swept the series from UNB.

In the first game, a poor offensive effort led to the Raiders demise. Defensively, UNB held UPEI at bay as indicated by UPEI's shooting percentage of 38%. Unfortunately UNB could not fare much better as they shot 36%. UNB's shooting woes in this game are best summed up by saying that UNB's starting guards, Andy MacKay and Yaw Obeng, shot a combined 6 for 27. The Raiders lost the first game 76-71.

If UNB thought they could redeem themselves by winning game 2, UPEI had other plans for them. UPEI improved

their shooting to 62%, while keeping the Raiders shooting percentage at 37%. UPEI's new found shooting skills led them to a 102-74 victory. This game showed an increasing trend evidenced in the Raiders recent losses. The Raiders supposedly weak inside players shot 14 for 21, while the consistent outside shooters shot 6 for 28. All in all, UNB's woes on the island can be centered around one problem, no not

rebounding, but obviously poor shooting.

After suffering a rough weekend in UPEI, UNB looked to rectify its recent tumble when they played host to Dalhousie on Monday.

Dalhousie is battling St. Mary's for the fourth and final AUAA playoff position. With a convincing 84-67 romp over UNB, the Tigers showed how they beat St. F.X. and why they deserve to be in the

playoffs.

UNB's inside game kept them alive until halftime, where they trailed by 6 points. Booby O'Brien led the way with 23 points, while Vinod Nair added 13 more. Unfortunately for Nair, he spent much of the game on the bench as he got into foul trouble. UNB's outside shooting trouble continued as,

Bloomers in home stretch

by Peter West
Bruce Denis

This weekend, the UNB Red Bloomers head into their final two games of the regular season looking to extend their 5 game winning streak and secure first place in the AUAA standings. The first game will be played tomorrow at 8 pm while the second will begin at 1 pm Sunday in the Main Gym.

The Bloomers defeated UPEI last Friday 64-53 and shut down the Dalhousie Tigers 66-56 on Monday leaving them in sole possession of second place, 2 points behind St. FX. In order for them to finish in first place, St. FX will have to lose one of their 2 weekend games and UNB must win both their games.

Though Memorial University doesn't pose a large threat to UNB this weekend, Coach Claire Mitton believes they may offer a challenge. "They are a very physical team. They like to play a physical game. These two games will provide us with an opportunity to fo-

cus on our game."

Mitton is confident that should the team have to settle for second place and lose home court advantage for the playoffs, they will still be capable of winning the championships: "We won the AUAA championships last year at Dalhousie. It's a mark of a quality team to win the championship on the road. I think we have the experience and talent to do just that."

Monday's game began well for the Bloomers as they led 19-13 at the 10 minute mark. However, late in the first half they began to miss key shots and failed to capitalize on offensive chances. At 15:45 Dalhousie tied the score at 23. plagued by careless passing UNB trailed 30-29 at the end of the half.

The second half saw the Bloomers regain offensive confidence as they stole the lead for good at the 4 minute mark with 2 from Laura Swift, putting them ahead 33-32. Midway through the half, the Bloomers began to open up the gap and by the 15 minute mark

they led by 11 points. Two time outs couldn't even help Dalhousie reorganize their defense, as the Bloomers went on to win 66-56.

Bloomer's coach Claire Mitton excused the relatively poor play of her team saying "the girls are used to playing on the weekend. It is hard for them to come straight out of classes and play such an important game. It seemed almost like a practice." The game's awkward day and time was due to the fact that it had been rescheduled.

The Pepsi player of the game was Laura Swift who managed 16 points and 10 rebounds. Jennifer Hale also posted 16 points and Kara Palmer managed a disappointing 7 points but raked in 15 rebounds.

The Bloomers are still unsure as to who they will be playing in the playoffs. Mitton feels they have to keep an open mind; "we have to prepare for playing both at home and away as well as against any of the top five teams."



Mark Bray photo

Red Devils face Moncton in first round

by Frank Denis

The UNB Red Devils opened their post season play last night with a game against the Blue Eagles from the University of Moncton. The second game of the best of three series will be played tomorrow at 2 pm in Moncton with game three, if necessary back at the Aitken Centre on Sunday. Game time would be 1 pm.

UNB earned the right to face Moncton by finishing in first place in the MacAdam Division with an 18-7-1 record. That's a significant improvement on last season's totals when they compiled a 12-11-3 record and finished in third place.

Moncton, who dropped to 4th place this year with a 9-14-2 record after finishing in second last year, is by no means to be taken lightly.

Last season the Red Devils fell to the Blue Eagles in the

first round. The best of two series was decided in the fourth overtime period of the second game when Danny Gauvin beat UNB netminder Chris Somers. That second game of the series lasted more than five hours and has gone down as the longest AUAA hockey game in history.

Earlier in the week, Chris Somers was named to the CIAU All Canadian hockey team. The last Red Devil to be named to the All Canadian team was John LeBlanc in 1984. LeBlanc is currently playing in the NHL with the Winnipeg Jets.

Somers was a true workhorse for the Red Devils this season by playing in all but two of the team's games.

UNB has had a fair amount of success this season against Moncton. In their two games at the Aitken Centre UNB came away on top by scores of 5-3 and 5-4. At the J. Louis

AUAA Hockey Standings

	Kelly division			
	W	L	T	PTS
ACA	18	4	2	38
DAL	13	8	4	30
SMU	9	13	4	22
SFX	9	14	3	21
UCB	7	15	4	18

	MacAdam division			
	W	L	T	PTS
UNB	18	7	1	37
PEI	13	9	2	28
STU	11	14	1	23
UDM	9	14	1	20
MTA	7	16	1	15

Levesque arena in Moncton the Red Devils lost 4-3 and then just last Friday tied the Blue Eagles 6-6.

Scoring for UNB were Trevor Boland with two, Jim Landine, Ken Murchison, Mike Cavanagh and Jamie Colvin.

On Saturday, in their final game of the regular season, UNB fell by a score of 6-4 to the Mt. Allison Mounties.

If the Red Devils defeat the

Moncton Blue Eagles then they will face the winner of the UPEI- STU series.

Other AUAA playoff

matchups will see Dalhousie playing Saint Mary's and St FX taking on Acadia.

UNB ATHLETES

OF THE WEEK

Angie Pickles of the UNB Beavers is the Female Athlete of the Week. Angie, Captain of the Lady Beavers, won the AUAA 200 meter backstroke in a time of 2:28.73 and qualified for the CIAU competitive. The Beavers managed to win the competition with the best combined score and had seven CIAU qualifiers. "Angie had a tough race, but performed when it counted", said coach Andrew Cole of her performance. Angie is a 4th year Science student planning to attend medical school next year. Angie is from Fredericton, NB.

Scott Harper of the UNB Black Bears Wrestling Team is the Male Athlete of the Week. Scott won the heavyweight class at the AUAA competition held at Mt. A. over the weekend. Scott pinned both his opponents from St. FX and Memorial to take the gold medal. Coach George Multamaki believes Scott's wrestling has improved steadily during the season, culminating in his best performance at the AUAA's. Scott is a 4th year Business student from Woodstock, N.B.