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20 DOWN - 20 TO GO

UNB Black Bears Chris MacTague has worked hard and can now boast a weight of a mere 230 pounds. He has only 3 weeks left and another 20 pounds to lose. Will he make it? Stay tuned to find out.

HELP CHRIS SWEAT IT OFF

Chop me beam!

The Bloomers win again

Many of this years edition of the UNB Red Bloomers had never been to the rock, but they had heard all of the horror stories of Newfoundland; the home referees, physical style of play, and antiquated facilities. But they certainly were not to be psyched out by it all, as they simply gave another of their clinics, beating the Memorial Beothuks 81-60 on Saturday and then thrashing a disheartened Beothuks, who had given everything the nite before, on Sunday 85-34. On Wednesday nite the Bloomers defeated the Mt. Allison Lady Mounties in a game that needs no explanation. By a score of 79-40

On Saturday the girls started out slowly, as they have a habit of doing, finding themselves down by as much as 12 points midway through the first half, much to the chagrin of coach Coleen Dufresne. But then Coleen must have said something as the squad simply ate up the

Memorial squad in the second half enroute to the victory. On Sunday however, the Bloomers were not to be challenged as they simply demolished the Beothuks, taking off right from the start and never looking back.

Sue McMaster was the big gun for the girls on the weekend, as she hooped 16 points in each game, not too bad for someone who hadn't practised in a week and was listed as questionable going into the weekend. Jennifer George continued to be impressive with 18 points in the opener to lead the Bloomers. Pam Hartling was perhaps the biggest surprise of the weekend however, as she pumped in 12 points and blocked numerous shots in a few minutes to lead the Bloomers on Sunday.

The two victories on the rock, combined with Wednesday's win over the 0 and 11 Mt. Allison Lady Mounties, give the Bloomers a firm hold on

the top spot in the conference, with a perfect 10 wins, no loss mark. Dalhousie's Lady Tigers are alone in second spot at 7 and 1, six points behind the Bloomers. Memorial, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Mary's all are tied with 10 points for those last two playoff spots.

This weekend sees the St. Francis Xavier X-ettes in town for a Sunday afternoon encounter at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym. The X-ettes, who lost to the Bloomers in a 10-pointer before Christmas in Antigonish, have been stating rather publicly that they will beat the Bloomers this weekend, only downed the St. Mary's Belles by two points last week, a team which UNB demolished by over 40 a couple of weeks ago, so make of that what you may. Game time on Sunday is 1:00 p.m. That is the only action scheduled for the squad this weekend as the game originally scheduled against a senior squad from Halifax has been cancelled.

Letters to the sports editor

Dear Editor:

We write this letter to Jack Frimeth of the Dept. of Biology in response to his letter regarding the state of the varsity athletic program here at UNB. It's really too bad that you have been associated with varsity athletics because it's attitudes like yours that we don't need.

When we say "we" we are talking about the volleyball Reds (women) who are No. 1 in AUAA standings and ranked tenth in Canada; the field hockey Red Sticks, who placed

third at the CIAU's; the Basketball Red Bloomers, currently ranked first in AUAA standings; the Soccer Red Shirts who won AUAA's; and both the men's and women's cross country teams who won their respective AUAA's. We hope we have not left anyone out.

What about their losing attitudes? Do or did these athletes "not really expect to win the championship in their respective sports?" Perhaps you may be referring only the "Big 2" when you make that statement, but why confine your argument to just hockey and men's basketball? Maybe

because these sports are the only two that appear not to be having as favourable a season as the others.

Please don't come to any women's volleyball matches. We wouldn't want the loosing attitude that you clearly seem to possess spreading. But then you seem to have forgotten that there are other sports besides hockey and basketball remaining at this university.

We don't claim to be well informed about the circumstances surrounding the death of football at UNB or the current issue regarding the administration of the athletic department but as far as football goes, if it hadn't been that sport leaving it probably would have been four or five others instead.

Regarding the attitude of the administration... well, we don't even care to argue with some one who can find nothing better to do than cry about the fate of football at UNB. Really, now your letter would sound a little more rational without such comments as the one "Why don't you use the \$30,000 a year and help bring football back instead of sending more losing teams on losing trips". We miss football too, but there's no need to be bitter to the point where all other teams are put down by statements such as the one just quoted.

UNB Reds

Reds volley to victory

This past weekend saw the Reds increase their winning record to 9 and 1 as they defeated Mt. A. and U de M.

Reds travelled to Sackville last Saturday playing match opener with Mt. Allison at 7:00 p.m.

Sue Woods with 15 kills and 11 kills by Alice Kamermans contributed to the winning scores of 15-11, 15-13 and 15-13, thus beating Mt. A. Mounties 3 games straight.

Due to the fact that 2 starting players Helen Bridgego and Cheryl Matchett were away practicing for New Brunswick winter games. This weekend saw a lot of playing time for the entire team. Coach Sonny Phillips was very pleased with the strong performance of players coming off

the bench. Excellent defense and offense were shown by Janice Johnson, Judy Burns, Brenda Johnston, Cindy McDougall, Cathy Carpenter and Caroline Ball.

Saturday night the Reds travelled to Moncton to rise bright and early Sunday morning to face the U de M Angels. Once again the Reds out played their opponents with scores of 15-8, 15-11, 15-13. 21 kills by Alice, 12 kills by Sue, 4 Ace serves by Sharry Martin and fine defensive skill by Paula O'Brien brought the match to end on a powerful note.

This weekend the Reds travel to Quebec City participating in the Winter Carnival.

Athletes of the week

Mark Welton of the Red Devils and Pam Hartling of the Red Bloomers cap this week's Athlete of the Week distinction.

Welton, a first year Business Administration student from Minto, N.B., scored 2 goals in overtime against Mt. A. last Friday to give UNB a 4-2 win.

"Mark has the ideal combination for success - great skills and intensity. He plays with grit and determination regardless of the opposition,"

said Coach Don MacAdam.

Pam Hartling, a first-year Computer Science student from Windsor, N.S., scored 12 points and blocked 4 shots in less than 15 minutes to help the Bloomers beat MUN 86-35 in Sunday's games in Newfoundland.

Said Coach Coleen Dufresne, "Pam has a lot of natural talent and desire. With more game experience, she will become a vital part of Bloomer success."

NICK'S PICKS

Well, sports fans, the Superbowl is over, the Dolphins lost and Jones House is out for Nick's blood. Well sorry, guys, everyone's wrong once, but Nick has decided to eat his columns so maybe you guys will feel better. (At least its better than tape).

There's no sports this week so Nick is going to write about movies, Real Man Movies. The past few years have seen a surge in the really big movies. Star Trek, Dragonslayer, etc.

Nick's Real Man Movies

1. Any John Wayne Movie
2. Maltese Falcon
3. Rollerball
4. The Good, The Bad, The Ugly
5. Dirty Harry
6. Star Trek, Wrath of Khan
7. Rocky, I, II, III
8. Conan
9. Raiders of the Lost Ark
10. The Sword and the Sorcerer