

SPORTS

Bloomers dominate opposition

By DAVID MOMBOURQUETTE

What is the best kept secret on campus? If you answered Cheryl Tiegs phone number, you're not even close. No, we are talking about females with more talent than that, none other than the hottest sports team on the hill, the Red Bloomers women's basketball team.

After chopping down the previously undefeated Dalhousie Tigerettes the week before, the ladies made a return trip to Nova Scotia, where they strengthened their hold on the AUAA's second spot with victories over the St. F.X. X-ettes (59-47), and the Acadia Axe-ettes (62-50).

It was a well balanced attack that led the Bloomers to victory in the first game, with eight of the players contributing to the total. The X-ettes on the other hand, relied heavily on three players, Adelle Belliveau with 18, Linda Barcauskas with 16, and 11 from Marcelyn McGinn accounted for all but two of the X points. For the Red Bloomers, Laura Gillespie (13), Sandy Hill (11), and Jo-Anne McLean (10), were the only ones in double figures.

The Bloomers had a little trouble getting started in the first half, but a slight offensive adjustment put the girls into the lead. The half ended with the UNB squad ahead 33-26, with most of the damage coming from some good outside shooting by McLean, who scored all of her points in the first frame. Barcauskas and Belliveau were the top scorers for X with 10 points apiece.

The second half proved to be a continuation of the Bloomers dominance, as they changed game from an outside to an inside one, allowing their size advantage to over power the St. F.X. zone. When the final buzzer had sounded, the Bloomers had another win, and more important, had defeated their closest challenge for second place in the conference.

The ladies had little time to celebrate though, as they faced an afternoon game the following day in Wolfville, against a much improved Acadia women's team.

It took only about five minutes of the first half to realize that the Axe-ettes had not improved enough, as the Red Bloomers jumped out to a quick ten point lead. As in the game, Jo-Anne McLean had a great first half, scoring twelve points as the Bloomers finished

the period up 36-25. Using a great pressure defence and controlling the boards, the ladies were able to stretch their lead to as much as 18 points, scoring mainly off the fast break. Coach Dufresne used the comfortable lead as a chance to give the non-starters some valuable playing time.

The second half saw more of McLean's scoring prowess as she stretched her team leading total to 22 points. With Ann Doiand and Sharon Keays in foul trouble early in the half, Cathy Norman and Sandy Hill were able to get a lot of playing time, and did not waste their opportunity, playing well on both ends of the court. Another standout was Jill Jeffrey, who used her excellent defensive skills to force numerous turnovers, and kept the fast break working.

For Acadia, the only bright lights were VanBarnoveld and Burgett, scoring 12 and 10 points respectively.

For Coach Dufresne, the ease of the two victories was an indication of the steady improvement by her team over the

course of the season. Dufresne cautioned however, that, "we can't take any game lightly because the other teams seem to play their best against us." She remained very optimistic about her teams chances in the

AUAA tournament next week, stating, "by defeating Dalhousie in Halifax, it gave us

a psychological edge, because we know we can do it again."

With the Red Bloomers play-

ing their last game of the regular season tomorrow at the L.B. Gym, the ladies are hoping for a good crowd to send them on to victory next week, in Halifax. Game time is 1:00.



Sandy Hill goes inside against the Acadia Axe-ettes, as Sharon Keays (left) and Cathy Norman look on. The Red Bloomers were able to move the ball inside numerous times during the game.

Black Bears devour Mounties

By RON HARWOOD

Last Wednesday saw the Bears at Mt. Allison university tangling with the Mounties in what was the last dual meet of the year. The Mounties did not get their man and, to coin a popular cartoon phrase, our Yogis proved "better than the average Bear." UNB trounced Mt. "A" 50-12. Mt. "A" only succeeded in winning one match (the other six points resulted from a forfeit at 118 lbs.)

Kevin Hodgson had the outstanding fight of the meet. He won his weight category by default but in an exhibition match against Maronish Pastroni, Mt. "A's" much reversed light weight. He tied 4-4. Because Pastroni had scored a greater number of two point moves, Pastroni won but the win was shadowed by some much contested point calls by the referee. Pins were slated by Greg Hughes, Gabriel El Khoury, Ron Harwood, and Tim Murphy. Leo McGee won his match 12-0 and Rick Parker dominated with an 8-1 decision. Brian Bessay won by default and Wayne Wiggins won in exhibition. Newcomer Ron Allison was defeated by Mullroney of the Mounties.

Ron fought valiantly but lack of experience caught up with him - next time Ron. This victory assured UNB of the dual meet championship.

This weekend, UNB will be trying to win the AUAA Wrestling Title for an unprecedented fifth consecutive year. They start the tournament with a four point advantage over second place (dual meets) St. F.X. The tournament is scheduled in the UNB gymnasium today from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. and tomorrow from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Finals will be wrestled at 4 p.m. and it is hoped that many Black Bear wrestlers will have bouts at this time. This will be the last year for Leo McGee, Gabriel El Khoury, and Tim Murphy. Leo will be trying for his fifth AUAA championship. If he achieves this, he will be the only wrestler in UNB history to do so. Gabriel and Tim will be trying for their fourth titles and they will cap off what have been remarkable careers for them.

See the championships if you can. Admission is free and the action is fast and furious. The beast will not be there but Rick Parker will be. The Midgets are always popular and our midget Kevin Hodgson will

delight the fans with a post tournament performance. After the dust has cleared and

the fighting is over, Hodge will blow up like a balloon. Don't believe me? Come and see!!



By JEFF IRWIN

UNB took the Labatt's Challenge Cup in 4 games over St. Thomas this year; the final game having been played last Thursday evening at the Aitken Center with UNB skating to at 10-1 victory. The point getters for UNB were Vaughn Porter and Gary Agnew each scored 2 goals. Mike Kelly, who won't be mentioned. Ian MacDonald, Mark Jeffrey, Jim Somers, Peter Adams and Andy Slipp.

This weekend is going to be a tough one for the Red Devils. On Saturday the Red Devils travel to Mt. A. to take on the Mounties in the last of the four game series of which UNB has won three 6-4, 6-4, and 8-6 in an over time game. UNB faces off against UPEI on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Aitken Centre. UNB has played UPEI three times so far this year and have been victorious only once and that was on the Island. This will be the last regular season game for the Red Devils and it sure would be nice to see a lot of fans to support UNB in their efforts against the Panthers.

I sure would like to be able to explain the playoff set up but try as I may I can't. Coach MacAdem said that he wouldn't be able to say anything definite until this weekend is over and all the final results are in from the regular season.

Good luck to the Red Devils and please come support them.