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Bloomers are learning

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With Nov. 29th's home opener against Dalhousie quickly approaching, the Red Bloomers are looking back on a pre-season of exhibition games where they have struggled but learned.

Last weekend, Bloomers women's basketball team faced off in Dalhousie, against York University and the University of Winnipeg in their final chance to work out the bugs before the regular season begins.

In the first game, they ran up against a potent Winnipeg defense that shut them down defensively and shot over 60 % to score at random and seal an 82-56 win.

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Coach Claire Mitton says that the Winnipeg squad is the

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best the Bloomers have met this season. "They are a big, strong and powerful team. They shot at least 60 per cent when anything over 45 percent is pretty amazing. For us it was a bit frustrating," says coach Mitton.

According to the Bloomer's boss, the team just didn't come out firing. "We shot 10 for 29 in the first half. We just didn't attempt enough shots."

One positive point for the Bloomers was that Shelley Slater was named player of the game for her outstanding play against a national team member for Winnipeg. She was also the Bloomer's top scorer with 16 points.

The Bloomer's then went on to be defeated by York 62-53.

Bonnie McKenzie led the team's scorers with 18 followed by Shelley Slater with 14.

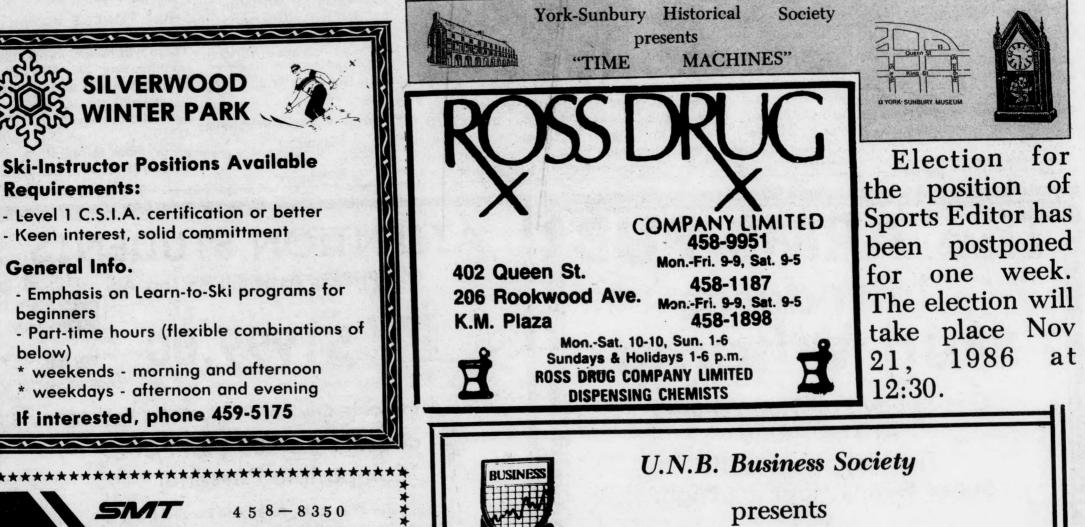
After their first two losses, UNB bounced back to defeat Acadia 53-45. Bonnie McKenzie, who was the player of the game with York, was also top scorer with 12. Jane Williams was named player of the game.

"It has been frustrating but its the end of the exhibition season which has been good to work on adjustments to our game. It's a good time to analyze the good and bad points of our style," said coach Mitton.

"We look at the league games as the most important and we'll be ready to go against Dal on the 20th," she says.

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