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RED BLOOMERS CRUSH B-BALL OPPONENTS

by Mark Savoie

The UNB Red Bloomers finally exhibited the ability that they've long known that they had with two dominating wins last weekend against St. FX and SMU. These were team wins, with all players contributing with solid efforts. To top off the team's collective excellence came outstanding individual performances from Pauline Lordon, Jennifer Hale, and Kara Palmer. Jennifer Hale's efforts won her UNB Female Athlete-of-the-Week

honours.

Both teams started slowly last Friday night as the Bloomers battled St. FX at the Aitken Center. Five minutes into the contest St. FX was leading by a score of only 4-2. It was at this point that the shots started to fall for the Bloomers and by half time the game was essentially over, with the Red Bloomers up by twenty, 36-16.

The second half amounted to what was essentially a team practice, as the team worked on their drills and coasted to an easy 74-48 victory. Leading the way was game high scorer Kara

Palmer with 20 points, with Pauline Lordon and Jennifer Hale pitching in with 18 and 17 points of their own.

Against SMU the next day the Aitken Center crowd saw more of the same, as the Bloomers once again took a slow paced start (leading 13-7 with 10 minutes left to the first half) and translated it to an insurmountable half time lead. The half ended with SMU trailing 46-25 and the game was all but over.

The only question in the second half was whether the Bloomers could reach 100 points. They fell short of that

target by 11, to win by a huge 89-48 final score. St. Mary's was completely unable to halt UNB's peripheral shooting game, as outside shooters Jennifer Hale and Pauline Lordon struck for 25 and 22 points respectively.

One of the keys for the Bloomers last weekend was their defense. While their offense was misfiring at the start of each game their play at the defensive end of the court prevented the opposition an opportunity for an early lead. The Bloomers employed a very aggressive full court press for most of the weekend, forcing

mistakes and a great many errant passes. This aggressive style also created opportunities for steals, enabling the team to go on several lengthy runs.

The team enters the Christmas break with a disappointing 3-2 record. Although this is not the record they were hoping for, the way they have ended the term should give the team confidence for the second half of the season next term. The Bloomers will start the New Year at McGill for a three day tourney on January 5-7, before their next league action when they host UPEI.

REBELS DESTROY MEMORIAL

by Mark Savoie

The UNB Rebels easily defeated the Memorial University of Newfoundland Beothuks in AUA Men's Volleyball action at the Main Gym last weekend. Memorial has been the bottom team in the conference thus far and a victory had been expected, but the fact that the Rebels were finally able to sweep a weekend without dropping a game is a positive way to end the term.

Last Saturday's match started well for the Rebels, as they opened the first two games quickly. The killer instinct was lacking however, and in both games Memorial was allowed to climb back into contention before finally being put off by UNB. In the third game MUN was uncompetitive and the Rebels had their first match sweep (15-9, 15-12, 15-1).

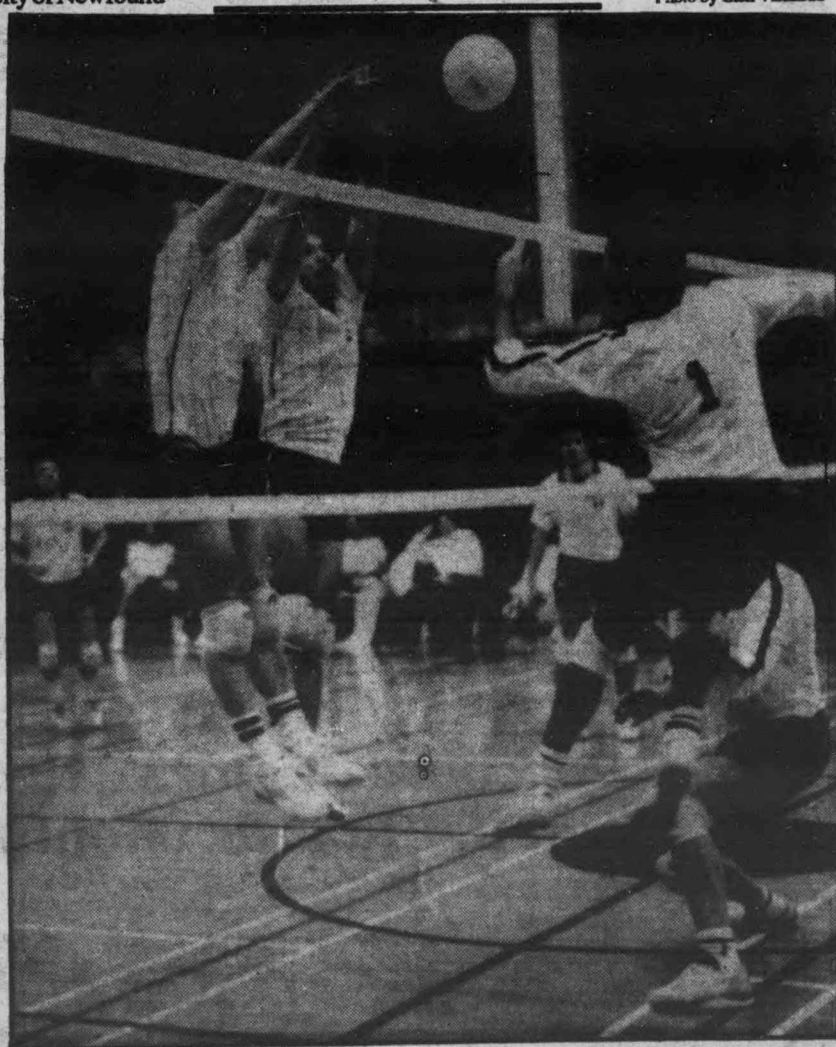
They continued this level of play on Sunday as well, again dominating the match and again coming away with a three game sweep (15-3, 15-6, 15-7). The issue was never in question for this match, and coach Paul Belanger

feels that the team is finally playing up to the level shown one month ago against Dalhousie.

Rebels Sweep Weekend

player of whom it is hoped that he will provide some depth as a center blocker. Also seeing action off the bench was Jeff Foot, who filled in admirably for Bryan Gauthier. Aside from this and other minor changes, Coach Belanger has stayed almost exclusively with his starting lineup of Guy Gallibois, Nathan Stairs, Mark Thorne, Geoff Colter, Bryan Gauthier, and Claude Cullinan.

The Rebels end the fall term in third place in the four team league. They are only two points behind UdeM in the chase for the second and final playoff spot, but are probably out of contention to beat out Dalhousie for the right to host the finals. The Rebels first action for the New Year will be the January 13-14 weekend in Moncton against UdeM. A double victory would propel them into second place and would provide a tremendous boost for the second half of the season.



Guy Gallibois and Bryan Gauthier put up two man block against MUN.

Belanger was pleased with the team's intensity, and was also happy to have the opportunity to give Dan MacEvoy some game experience. MacEvoy is a converted basketball



UNB's Jon Gagan 'Sculler of the Year' for 1989 according to the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Jennifer Hale of Truro, NS has been chosen as this week's UNB Female Athlete-of-the-Week. The second year Science student helped the basketball Red Bloomers to two victories over the weekend; 74-48 over St. FX and 89-48 over SMU. In the St. FX game Jennifer had 17 points, 8 steals, 6 assists, and was named Player of the Game, while against SMU she had 23 points, 4 steals, and 5 assists. According to Coach Milton, "This was definitely Jennifer's best weekend as a Red Bloomer. She shot the ball extremely well and made excellent passes into the post players. Defensively she stole the ball (a lot) and created many opponent turnovers."

Glenn Read of Fredericton, NB has been named as this week's UNB Male Athlete-of-the-Week. The second year Arts student had been elected team captain earlier in the week for the basketball Red Raiders and provided the necessary leadership on and off the court as the team struggled through a tough weekend. Glen scored 8 points in a loss to St. FX and scored 17 points in a close, tough loss to SMU. His season average thus far is 15.4 points per game. According to Coach Wright, "Glen has developed into a respected leader and his ability on the court has just begun to develop."