

# raiders lose twice

Atlantic Intercollegiate Basketball Conference action returned to the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium last weekend as the Red Raiders dropped a pair of games to Acadia and Dalhousie to run their league record to 0-5.

Friday night the powerful Acadia Axemen gave both the Raiders and the fans a demonstration of flawless basketball en route to a 112-59 decision over our forces. The sure-handed Axemen, led as usual by Rick Eaton and Steve Pound, quickly asserted themselves as the much superior team and from the outset of the game it was obvious that it was only a matter of how much the visitors would win by. A case of Red Raiders jitters allowed Eaton, Pound, and Co., to jump off to a fast 20-4 lead

which was never to be threatened. The Raiders played as if they were awed by the excellence of their opponents as they continually lost the ball on turnover and when given the chance to score they often hurried or forced their shots.

By half-time the score stood at 62-25 for Acadia and only an inspired second-half performance by Bob English kept UNB from being run off the court. English scored 17 of his 24 points in this half, many of them on brilliant individual plays, and for a while the Raiders were able to match the Axemen point for point. This trend was not to last for long however as the Axemen, using some of their bench strength, soon pulled away again and by the final buzzer they were seemingly scoring at will.

The 112-59 score is only a small indication of the Axemen's domination of this game. They complemented their balanced attack with a fine defensive effort, controlling the rebounds at both ends of the court and exerting such constant pressure on Raider shooters that they managed to hit on only 25 per cent of their shots from the floor (Acadia managed 50 per cent). In all, the Axemen left little doubt in the fans as to who is number 1 in the Maritimes—and maybe even in Canada.

On Saturday afternoon the Raiders seemed to have recovered from the previous night's embarrassing defeat as they gave a strong Dalhousie team a good score before bowing 70-62 to the Tigers.

Led by a strong effort from centre Alex Dingwall and a hustling defence, the Raiders took an early lead in the game and managed to hold it until well into the second half. Then with about 12 minutes left to play, disaster struck. The Tigers suddenly came to life and poured in 12 unanswered points to wipe out a 45-38 deficit. Although the Raiders never gave up, the Dal team never allowed them to get close again.

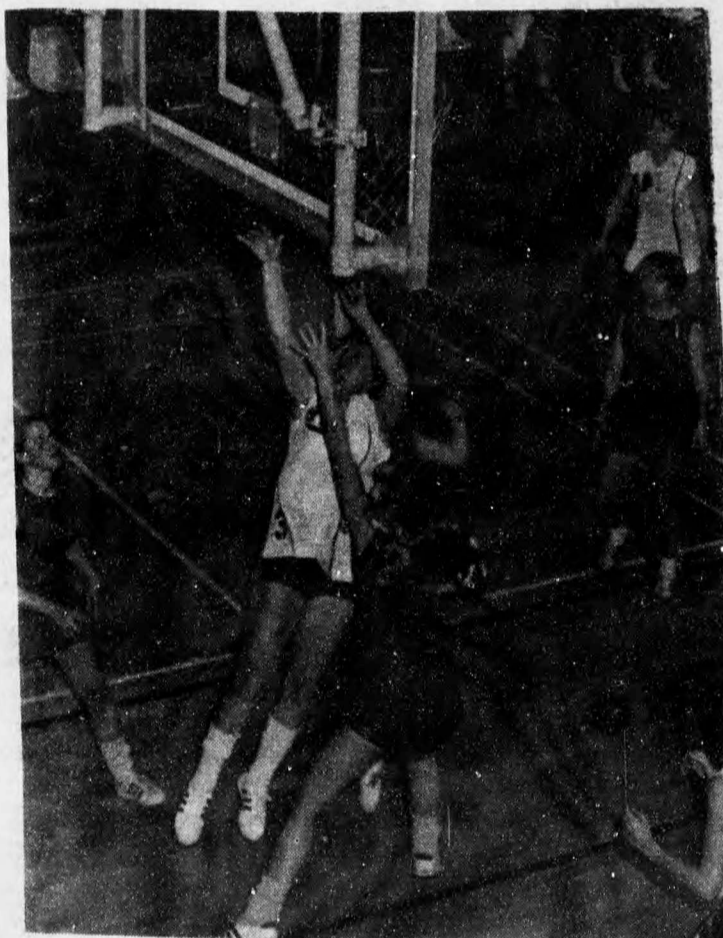
Bob English led UNB point-getters again as he dropped in 20 points. Jeff McLeod added 17 points to the losing cause and while no other Raiders hit the double figures, Dingwall and guard Chip Budreski with only 6 points each, made their presence felt elsewhere. Dingwall's steady play seemed to hold the Raider's zone defense together which effectively kept the taller Tiger team from penetrating near our basket. Budreski's hustle resulted in many Dalhousie turnovers and his ballhandling led a number successful fast breaks into Tiger territory.

Dal was led by substitute Peter Sprogis' 22 points, many of which came in the crucial 12 point binge in the second half. Bruce Bourassa with 17 points and Mike Flynn, with 15 also hit the double figures for the visitors.

Unlike the Acadia game, this was a game the Raiders could have won. If they continue to play as well as they did on this occasion, they should certainly be able to hit the win column in the near future.

turned up with an equally aggressive team led by Beth Johnston who dropped in 19 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Jean Sahie netted 21 points to be the high point getter in the game. The Tigerettes took advantage of the fouls called against UNB and hurt us by sinking 12 of 20 attempts, while we only hit 8 of 19 shots.

A sincere thanks goes out from all the Red Bloomers to the spectators for cheering us on during both games.



As the Bloomers kept on demolishing all opposition, their domination of the boards is shown as Leslie Olmstead swishes another two points.

## BLOOMERS ON RAMPAGE

The winning weekend for the Red Bloomers began with a 75-24 victory over the Acadia Axettes, Friday evening. Olmstead led the Bloomers' score with 16 points. Watts and Fenety each adding 13 points.

Acadia's Debby Dunham led her team with 11 points, but this was not enough to reach the heights of the Red Bloomers.

The tension between the 2 teams never diminished from the beginning to the end, even though the Red Bloomers seemed to have the upper hand throughout the game; minute as it might have appeared to the spectator who knows only to judge a team by the number of points scored. Seeing as how the Big B's were only 1 to 9 points ahead at any one time, the observer might conclude that the difference was only

minute. From a player's point of view, we felt confident from the very start and this prevailing attitude helped us play that much better. Thus we were able to keep control of the game. With a driver like Lee who led the UNB score sheet with 17 points and a flash interceptor like Douthwright who followed closely with 16 points, one can not deny their in-exhaustive talent. The recipe calls for a couple of tall rebounders and the Bloomers stride through with Olmstead and Russel pulling down 9 and 6 rebounds, respectively against the Tigerettes. To add the final touch Fenety ensures us of the jump balls with her 2 foot standing jump.

Saturday's line-up against the Tigerettes may sound rough by this short excerpt, but Dal has



Bob English goes up against Acadia's big number 41 as he scores two of the 24 points he netted in a great effort last Friday.

## BEAVERS, MERMAIDS POST WINS

The University of New Brunswick Swim Team has once again illustrated its superior ability in the swimming circles of the Maritimes. Last weekend both the mens and ladies teams travelled to Mount Allison to take on the Sackville swimmers for the second time this year. Last December the Mermaids and Beavers hosted the Mount "A" team here in Fredericton and came through with two victories. The Mermaids dealt their Mount "A" counterpart an embarrassing 73-22 defeat while the Beavers trounced their opponents 57-38.

The meet began with the Mermaids coasting to an easy victory in the 400 metre medley event and continued their winning streak by taking first place finishes in the next five events. By this time the 35-17 score indicated a repeat performance of the earlier 73-22 victory but Mount Allison mustered up some powerful swimmers for the 200 back stroke, 200 breast stroke and 400 free style relay events and got top spot in each. Gail Journeaux, a veteran Mermaid, in her final year, proved herself a valuable asset by placing first in the 50 and 100 free style events. Suzanne Fitzgerald also got a pair of firsts, namely in the 200 Individual Medley and the 500 freestyle. Other individual first place finishes for the Mermaid were Lynn Gray in the 200 freestyle and Jane Fraser in the 200 butterfly. The final score ended in a 49-37 victory for the Mermaids.

The Beavers, with the impressive record of 9 wins and no losses and a sure victory in the Atlantic Intercollegiate Athletic Association Dual Meet Championship started the day of competition with a more than easy victory in the 400 metre medley relay. Then Mount Allison, with its record holding freestyle swimmers, Don Hewson and Don Paul, took firsts in the next two events, and after only three events Mount "A" was leading 13-12. The remaining events were split between UNB and Mount "A"; 5 going to the Beavers and 3 to their opponents.

Steve Coldwell and Rick Nickerson got the leading positions, respectively in the 200 Butterfly and Gordie Cameron came first in the 200 breast with teammate John Curtis coming second. In the 3 metre spring board diving, Doug Johansen and Jeff Deane, both Beavers, got first and second in that order. Once the tally had been added the victory was the Beavers tenth straight with the score being 52-43.

Next week, the Beavers and Mermaids are hosting their last two intercollegiate meets before the AIAA championships, which are also to be held in the Sir Max Aitken Pool on the UNB campus. On the evening of Friday, January 29 at 7:00 pm the UNB swimmers are taking on Dalhousie University and the following day at 1:00 pm they go against the Acadia swimmers.