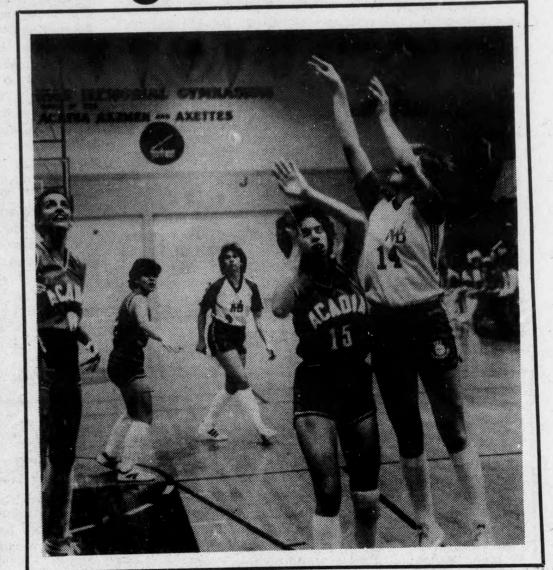
Jennifer George leads



Debbie Knowles (4) adds two points to the Bloomer cause as Sue McMaster (11) and Pam Hartling (14) trail the play for a rebound.



UNB's Pam Hartling(14) shows her forms as she puts up a shot over Acadia's Jackie Doggett(15). Debbie Knowles (4) of the the Red Bloomers looks on in the background.

Bloomers to victory

The Red Bloomers went south last weekend, for their health naturally, and came back with two wins. One over Acadia 79-45 and 98-75 over SMU.

The Bloomers totally owned the Acadian time. They were able to run their offense quite handily, though their fast break is closer to a football game with those 3/4 court passes, while Acadia had to fight tooth and nail for every inch up the court. Acadia's defense was just as good where they consistently allowed UNB to capitalize on the Rebounds.

Indeed, after the first 10 minutes the outcome of the game was no longer in doubt, so coach Coleen Dufresne decided to show off her team's bench strength, and indeed, they performed admirably as UNB cruised to an easy victory.

High scores for the Bloomers were Jennifer George with 16 points and Sue McMaster with 17.

Anne Lindsay, head coach of Acadia commented that "UNB had a good fast break and we had to try to slow them down. On the bright side for Acadia No. 7, the 5'3" guard," played really well for us" said Lindsay. Even though she scored 6 points, she was the playmaker for Acadia.

A funny thing happened while the Bloomers played the Saint Mary's Huskies last Saturday afternoon. For the first 10 minutes of the game, the Bloomers were losing.

The Bloomers offense was almost non-existent. They were taking too many low percentage shots and were not capitalizing on the rebounds.

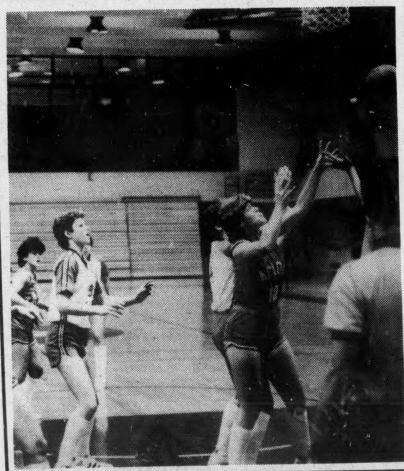
Perhaps it could be said that the Bloomers were tired, having spend most of the previous day on the road, but whatever the reason, they were not playing well. Towards the end of the half, the Bloomers seemed to catch a bit of fire

and were able to put some points on the board and pull into the lead at half-time with a score of 43-41.

The second half was the same as the first, SMU came out and began to build a comfortable 10 point lead while continuing their mastery over rebounds. SMU had it within their grasp to knock off the class of the AUAA.

"Intensity of the Defense came within the last 8 minutes", said Coleen, "We weren't playing with intensity at the start." At this time the Bloomers were down by 7 and they knew they had to do something, being gaining control of the backboard and driving the ball at their oppontents net.

The Bloomers were able to shut down SMU's offense totally and cruised to a 98-75 win, a margin of 23 points, with Jennifer George scoring a career high 38 points.



Jackie Mooney of the Red Bloomers (partially hidden) and Acadia's Sandra Everett (10) go for the rebound as UNB's Natalie positions herself behind them looking for a loose

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