

Bloomers blast Halifax, Gee Gees romp over Raiders

The old saying goes that you win some and you lose some. It couldn't be more true of the UNB basketball teams as one took top honors and the other ended up in the cellar in last weekend's New Brunswick Holiday Classic Basketball tournament held here in the Main Gym. The Bloomers won their final against the Halifax Midtown club, 68-54 while the Raiders lost the consolation final

to a tough Ottawa University slate 92-76.

St. Josephs College of North Windham, Maine beat Bishop's University 92-78 to take the men's crown, while the Bishop's women's team handily took on the UPEI Panterettes to win the consolation.

Claire Mitton and Patty Shepard were both named to the tournament All Star team for the

Bloomers. UNB won a berth into the women's final by beating the Pantherettes 78-19 in what might be termed a less than exciting contest. The Bloomers outclassed UPEI in every category. They were led by Mitton with 18 points and Liedy Scholten with 14. On rebounds at times there were three UNB players grasping the ball with nar a Pantherette in

sight.

The other women's preliminary was somewhat of an upset as Midtown sluggishly loped it's way past Bishop's 60-54. Neither team appeared to be in good shape and there were few fast breaking plays up the court. Midtown led for most of the game and while Bishop's narrowed the lead to within one point the outcome was never in question once the game was underway.

Bishop's Gaiters met UNB in the first round of the men's competition while Ottawa met St. Josephs. Bishop's, who are leading in the Quebec conference, easily handled UNB while Ottawa gave St. Joseph's some tense moments in the last minutes of their game when they whittled down an 18 point lead to four points. The Monks held on for a 76-72 win.

The men's consolation provide UNB fans with some hope as the Raiders played a fairly good game and while they allowed themselves to fall behind by 14 points early in the first half, they picked up the pieces and played a reasonably respectable game. Homegrowns Luigi Florean and Tim Howatt led the attack and showed those present the type of talent that is available in this area.

overall team effort to run down the Halifax squad. As usual, the Bloomers did not come alive until the fourth quarter when they tightened up their defense and caused numerous turnovers and drew fouls which they were able to capitalize on.

The Men's final was one of the better games to be seen at UNB over the past few years as both Bishop's and St. Joseph's played well and treated fans to some spectacular shooting. The highlight of the game was the play of St. Joseph's guard Kevin Doyon who hit well from the outside and made several fast breaks that left defenders dead in their tracks. Doyon was chosen as tournament MVP by the coaches of the four men's teams.

Joyce Slipp, coach of the Bloomers, said that her team looked stronger than before the break but that they did not play as well as they could have. She was also surprised that Halifax beat Midtown Bishop's as they had proved a formidable opponent when the Bloomers met them earlier this year. The Bloomers won that contest by seven points.

She said she expects Dalhousie and Acadia to be the biggest obstacles in the Bloomers quest for the conference title. She said that Dalhousie had some good talent while Acadia played a frustrating type of game in which they attempted to slow the play down and run the clock down. The Bloomers use a running game.

Slipp also said that the fans this year have been very good and appear to be better educated than last year. She indicated that she wished the Bloomers had closer games to provide the fans with more excitement.

This weekend, the Bloomers meet the Belles of St. Mary's at the Main Gym on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00. Next week, they meet Mount Alison here at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday.



Water works

Next weekend the UNB Varsity Swimming and Diving Team begins its rigorous winter season with two home dual meets against U. de Moncton on Friday and Mt. Allison on Saturday. The UNB women's team will be hot for revenge against Mt. Allison since their defeat at the hands of the Mountie women's team before Christmas. The following weekend UNB will be at home to Acadia and Laval on Friday while Dal and Laval will be here on Saturday.

UNB's first away meet of the new year will be on Friday, January 27 at Acadia where Memorial University of Newfoundland will also be competing. The following day UNB will compete with MUN and Dal at Centennial Pool in Halifax. February 4 the swimming and diving teams will be travelling to University of Laval in Quebec City for a dual meet.

Four weekends of competition in a row makes for a very strenuous program. Organization of training programs and workouts per week is essential so that each swimmer and diver does not burn him or herself out before the more important AUAA Championships (Feb. 16-18 at Dal) and the CW-CIAU Championships (March 3-5 at Western University).

The swim camp held over the Christmas holidays was a success for the participants. The aim of the camp was to get in some long, hard endurance training so that the swimmers could be ready for the upcoming '78 season. The first practice of the camp was the most difficult but all the swimmers managed to survive and are much stronger for it!

Coach Barry Roberts says that in the immediate future he is gearing the team towards the home meet against Acadia and Laval. The competition will be stiff especially for UNB's women since Acadia's women's team was the winner of both AUAA and CW-CIAU Championships in '77. "We're looking for our swimmers to qualify now for CIAU's so that there will be less pressure on them for the AUAA's," says Roberts. "They'll be able then to concentrate on their major races."

It was mentioned before that team numbers had greatly decreased in pre-season training from Oct. to Dec. Assistant coach Gail Reynolds has now set up a B team for those swimmers who need a lighter training program due to injuries or heavy course loads. This team is designed to accommodate those who have shoulder problems, etc., or who find it difficult to make it to practice every day because of course work. The schedule consists of three approximately three hour training sessions (including land training) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (when there is no meet). Through this program the coaches hope to add some desperately needed depth to the UNB team. Anyone who feels they may now be able to fit swim training into their schedule is asked to contact coaches Barry Roberts or Gail Reynolds in the Phys. Ed. Dept.

Coach Roberts feels optimistic about the upcoming season. Team morale has picked up over the holidays. Increased training and time together has given the

swimmers confidence going into the heavy schedule of meets and the new team member: have also added to the team's spirit.

UNB's diving team has been training steadily through the year. Competition is not really tough here in the Maritimes which places the responsibility of getting psyched on each individual. Emphasis for the divers is placed more on CIAU's than the AUAA Championships and they are training hard for this national competition.

The actual outcome of the past four months' training will be met in the next month so be watching for the Beavers and Mermaids of UNB.

Change team names?

By DIANE POTVIN

Even if you are not involved with intercollegiate sport on the UNB campus, you are most surely aware that there is some pressure from various groups to change the team names to one that would be uniform while being unique and representative of both our male and female teams. However, making this change involves breaking away from a tradition that gives UNB its own identity, that is to say, that we are one of the few Canadian universities with a different name for each team. On the one hand, this fact may

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UNB Fifth in CAN-AM

A contingent of seven UNB skiers attended a CAN-AM intercollegiate ski race in Amqui Quebec last week. Competing for UNB were John Wilson, Greg Dixon, Wayne Flann, and Peter Chrzanowski for the men. For the women Ann Bagnall, Barb Armstrong and Judith Durance competed.

There were eight universities from Canada and the U.S. competing in the five day event. The competition was dominated by former national team members from both countries. Top finishers for the UNB team were John Wilson, Greg Dixon and Ann Baghall. In overall team standings the UNB team finished fifth.

The meet consisted of two downhill, two giant slaloms, and two slaloms. A lack of snow in the Gaspe and extremely cold weather hampered race conditions. The meet, sponsored by Labatt's Breweries and hosted by

Dalhousie university was a good experience for the newly formed UNB team.

The squad started dry land training in October. Gary Brown has now taken over as team coordinator and training will continue at Crabbe Mountain every weekend.

The team will be racing on the New Brunswick cup circuit with their first race January 21-22 at Crabbe Mountain. UNB will host an AUAA invitational meet during Winter Carnival in February and will wind up the season with a Can Am meet at Lake Placid, New York in March.

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