

Laval wins Grant Classic opener

■ University women's basketball tournament continues all weekend at Coliseum

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Laval Rouge et Or beat the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds 64-58 in opening day action yesterday at the seventh annual Don Grant Classic university women's basketball tournament at the Moncton Coliseum.

Chantal St-Amour led the Rouge et Or with 19 points, which included a pair of three-pointers late in the game to secure the victory.

Jannie Jacques had 15 points for the Rouge et Or while Marie-Pascale Nadeau chipped in with 12.

Claire Colbourne, last year's CIS rookie of the year, threw in 24 points for the Varsity Reds while Emma Russell added nine.

UNB led 30-27 at the half.

Kirsten Jones, a veteran post, scored 20 points and paced the St. Francis Xavier X-Women to a 76-56 win over the University of Prince Edward Island Panthers.

Anne Kiberd added 13 points for the X-Women while Rebecca Sheehan had 12. Donisha Young pulled down 12 rebounds, including seventh under the offensive glass.

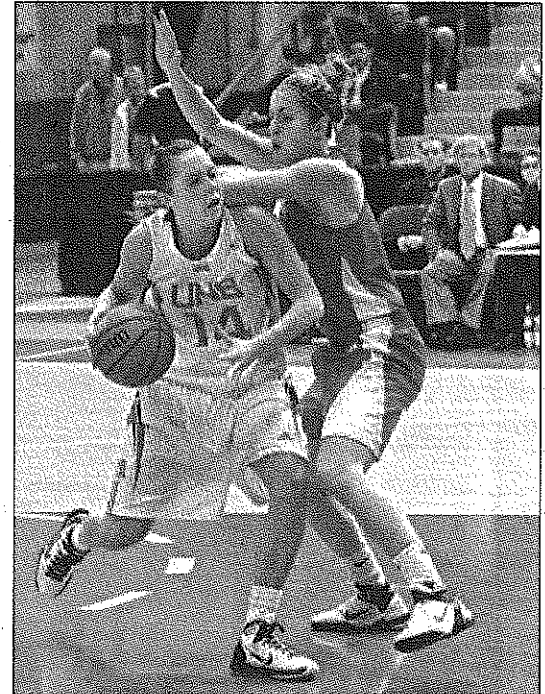
Amy Gough led the Panthers with 12 points and Riverview native Jenna Jones added 11.

The X-Women led 40-30 at halftime.

In the tournament's opening game yesterday afternoon, the Saskatchewan Huskies, last year's CIS runners-up, edged the Acadia Axewomen 67-61.

The Axewomen led 30-25 at halftime and the score was tied with three minutes remaining, but the Huskies put the game away some hot foul-shooting as the clock ticked down.

Mary Hipperson led the Huskies with 13 points, which included going seven-for-seven from the free-throw line. Katie Miyaki also had 13 points while Kabree Howard and Amy



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Melissa Foster of University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds (14) drives the ball around Elyse Jobin of Laval Rouge et Or during action at Don Grant Classic university women's basketball tournament Friday at the Moncton Coliseum. Foster and Jobin are both Moncton natives.

Lackie each added 10.

Abbey Duinker, a second-year forward from Cambridge, N.S. led the Axewomen with 25 points while Stephanie Chapman added 12.

Tournament play resumes today at 4 p.m., when Saskatchewan tips off against UNB.

Laval faces St. FX at 6 p.m. then UPEI squares off against Acadia at 8 p.m.

UNB's men's team will meet UPEI at 2 p.m. in an exhibition game.

Tomorrow, St. FX clashes with Saskatchewan at 11 a.m., followed by Acadia meeting Laval at 1 p.m. and UNB facing UPEI at 3 p.m.