



Above, the UNB Red Sticks pressure the Acadia Axettes' goal. The Red Sticks lost their only game of the season to the Mt. A co-eds. The two teams meet this weekend to decide the league champion.

Redsticks - Mt A Championship Playoff

UNB's women's field hockey team, the Red Sticks, wrapped up their 10 game schedule last weekend with wins over Dalhousie and Acadia. The Red Sticks have a 9-1 record over their 10 games, good for a first place tie with the Mt. A co-eds. The two team play off this week on a neutral field to decide the championship.

Friday, the Red Sticks defeated Dalhousie 4-1. Joanne Taylor, Ann MacNeil and Claire Grey with 2 scored for the Red Sticks. Claire Grey scored UNB's lone goal in their 1-0 win over Acadia on Saturday.

Curling Starts This Weekend

The UNB Curling Club held an organizational meeting on November 7, 1966. The president, Ken Hirtle, reported on the progress that had been made in obtaining ice time at the Capital Winter Club. The CWC ice scheduling committee offered 8:00-10:00 a.m. and 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. ice times on Saturdays, with an attempt to change the early draw to a different time or day after the Christmas recess. It was also decided to set up a booth in the Students Centre, to receive membership fees. This booth will be open the week of November 14, Monday through Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The eighty club members will start curling this Saturday, November 19. As in the past, an instructional period for new curlers precedes the first game. The basic essentials of the game will be covered for beginners, while those who have curled before will have a chance to regain their form. Those persons playing this weekend will be notified by their skips. The balance of the membership will begin their curling the following weekend.

Students having questions about curling are asked to bring them to the booth or contact Ken Hirtle at 472-8609.

Football Tottering Slow Death? Revival?

by TERRY THOMAS

Varsity Football, the number one sick man on the UNB athletic scene, is doomed to a slow lingering death. Does the analogy with a dying man seem macabre, maybe, but the demise of intercollegiate football at UNB is inevitable. If the conditions of the last 4 or 5 years are allowed to continue, football will die because of the neglect of all concerned with the sport at UNB.

3 Weeks — Forgotten
The Intercollegiate football season at UNB has been over less than three weeks and already the sport has been forgotten by everyone from the bewildered freshman to the Varsity coaching staff.

This year football has been shoved into the background even sooner than usual. The final games of the Bluenose Conference were Saturday,

two weeks after UNB footballers hung up their gear for the season.

For the student body, the fun filled Saturday afternoons at College Field are gone for another year. Very little football was watched at College Field this Season anyway. The outcomes of all the Red Bomber games were pretty well known before kickoff time. The goings on in the stands proved much more interesting for most of the spectators. The next thing heard from the students on football will be next fall. It will sound something like this: "Who's playing football for us this year", or "I suppose St. FX will clobber us again".

With football out of the way, the coaches' interests have turned immediately to basketball and their duties as instructors in the Physical Education Department. But coaching a football team, successfully, is a full time, year round job.

Best of Worst — Worst of Best
Granted, football at UNB has struggled along for the last few seasons. UNB has earned the reputation as, "the best of the worst and the worst of the best" on the strength of its break even records over the last four seasons. But the 3 win — 3 loss equilibrium can't last much longer. In fact it was almost shattered this season in games with St. Dunstan's and Dalhousie.

The calibre of the football team has declined steadily over the last 3 or 4 years. This season witnessed one of the poorest freshman football crops in recent years. With one or two exceptions the team has no promising first year men.

St. Dunstan's and Acadia think we'll get beat by — showed great improvement day?" again next fall.

this year, and have given notice that they intend to go on improving. This year, UNB didn't belong in the same league with St. FX and St. Mary's. In a couple of years, UNB won't belong in the Bluenose Conference, period.

A Cure?

Of course, you can count on chance to bring about a short-lived revival to UNB football. Perhaps a group of freshman football players will come along of the calibre of the freshman crop 4 years ago. This seems unlikely with the higher entrance requirements now applying to new students from Ontario and Quebec. But, the first move towards putting football on its feet must come from the athletic department and the coaching staff.

The first step is the appointment of a full time football coach.

Secondly, this coach must have the funds at his disposal necessary for making several recruiting trips a year to Ontario and Quebec high schools.

Finally, the football coaches have had trouble in the past getting the players back to training camp on time. A system of tuition cuts for football players could be an inconspicuous means of inducing players to give up lucrative summer jobs and report to camp on time. A schedule comprising, say 8 games instead of 6 can be an effective incentive to players who constantly arrive late. To this end, a couple of preseason exhibition games can be scheduled.

But despite it all, this writer fully expects to hear the familiar Saturday afternoon greeting, "How much do you

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