Raiders close out season

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The 1982-83 basketball the UNB Red Raiders last season with a pair of losses - their inability to play a complete game of basketball for disastrously for the Raiders. 40 minutes.

nothing to be ashamed of as and that, combined with far as their overall perfor- some sloppy execution durmance is concerned, it's safe ing the first five minutes, to assume that they would allowed the Yeomen to surge rather be packing their bags to a 15-point lead. As has for a trip to Waterloo, than been the case all year, that hanging up their sweats for big deficit seemed to spur the another year, Unfortunately, Raiders on to a better effort; the York University Yeomen however, as was the case the also had plans for a trip to the week before in Halifax, it Nationals, and UNB was one was a matter of too little, too team they had to get past to late as the comeback fell realize those plans. And they short. The Raiders' Scott disposed of the Raiders in Devine, who led UNB with 17 one of Friday's semi-finals, points, felt that they just

not the real Raiders' team. five minute stretch which is

looked like they might just be able to pull it off. They played very well, staying with York season came to an end for for most of the first half. The lead switched hands a weekend at the CIAU Eastern number of times as both Regionals held at the Aitken teams put on a very enter-Centre. They ended their taining display of basketball. The Raiders let up just a little which were typified by the in the closing minutes of the same troubles which had half, and York built their plagued them all season long halftime lead to seven points.

The second half started off They came out of the dressing While the Raiders have room shooting very poorly, downing the home side 74-61. didn't play a complete game The Raiders went into that of basketball. "You can't get game hoping for a chance to down 13 or 17 points like we redeem themselves for a do - and I don't really know shellacking they'd suffered at why we put ourselves in that the hands of the Yeomen last position. We've been doing it December. They wanted to all year, and getting burned, prove to York, as well as the but we still do it," he com-UNB fans that the squad that mented. "We seem to hit a was embarrassed then, was flat spot for about a four or

For the first 20 minutes it the main reason we lose ball games. We only play 30-35 minutes of basketball, and it's those five or seven minutes we don't play that kill us."

So all that remained for the Raiders was the consolation game against the Brock University Badgers. Brock has been beaten 87-75 by the St. Mary's Huskies in the other semi-final game played Friday night. Both UNB and Brock would be playing for pride, as both their seasons were, for all intents and purposes, over.

Of larger consequence for UNB was the fact that they would be losing one of the most outstanding athletes to ever wear the "red and black". That person is, of course, Scott Devine, who graduates this spring along with teammates Paul Holder and Ted DeWinter. "That's one of the things that'll help me get up for this game," Devine said, prior to his last outing as a Raider. "Hopefully, seeing it as it is my last game, it'll be a hard-fought but enjoyable game of basketball, both for us and the fans." He also added that he wanted to thank the UNB fans who had supported the team throughout the year. "I hope they keep on coming out and supporting the basketball team, as they showed they can, last night."

The game itself turned out to be a very entertaining one; the Raiders had the lead a number of times, but once again it was another bad

The CIAU all star team.

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Scott Devine (UNB) Doug Fast (Brock)

Enzo Spagnoulo (York)

John Christensen (York)

stretch of five minutes during the second half that did them in, as they lost 91-88. This same trend plagued them all year, and it was almost as if they had to find themselves way behind in the second half before they'd start to play the type of ball they're capable of. UNB's Chris McCabe commented on that after the game. "It certainly seems that way, at times, but I don't really think that goes through our minds. We seem to take some good shots and get

back in the ball game. But by then, of course, it's too late." Despite the loss, Coach

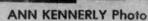
Don Nelson was not entirely displeased with the game. "The boys played a good game, and it was a real team effort. We managed to get almost everybody into the game, and I feel that's important in a game like this. We would've liked the win, but I'm certainly not disappointed with the team's effort."

in the championship game some bad shots, and we don't between the Huskies and the get any breaks, and we end Yeomen, it was a matter of up in a position where we the St. Mary's squad overhave to really work to get powering the York team in-

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No. 20, getting his well deserved award.



SMU, winners in the CIAU tournament this past weekend.