

# SPORTS

## SMU Huskies top Raiders

By DAVID MOMBOURQUETTE

When the Saint Mary's Huskies defeated the University of New Brunswick Red Raiders to the tune of 87-69 at the Aitken Centre last Sunday, you couldn't help but be reminded of an old basketball adage, "he who lives by the jumpshot, dies by the jumpshot." The usually sharp-shooting Raiders experienced their worst shooting game of the year, hitting only 38.4% of their field goals, as they bowed to the nation's number one ranked team.

The game had started out quite slowly, as neither team could hit consistently from outside, and with ten minutes gone in the half the score was deadlocked at 18. UNB then took temporary control, running the score to 32-25 as Scott Devine, Don McCormack and Ken Amos all began to hit from the perimeter. Some excellent work on the offensive boards by Rob Latter, allowed the Huskies to close the gap to only 41-39 at the half. Only the strong inside work of Ted DeWinter allowed the Raiders to maintain their advantage.

Scott Devine led all scorers at the intermission with 12 points, while De Winter contributed 9 more for the Raiders. Lee Davis with 10, and

Rob Latter with 9, paced the Husky attack.

As the second half started, it quickly became evident that all was not right with the Raiders. The home team went over six minutes without a basket, as the Huskies ran off 14 straight points to take a 55-45 lead. With the Raiders missing from outside, the powerful frontcourt of Latter, Ron Blommers, and Tom Kappos, were able to sweep the defensive boards, and feed the ball to guard Lee Davis, who ran the torrid SMU first break.

Seven minutes later the Huskies had stretched the lead to 17 points, as the Raiders could do little to stop the SMU dominance on the boards. When the assault had ended, the Huskies' thirty-two game streak was intact and the Raiders had suffered their worst defeat since the holiday break.

Coach Don Nelson was clearly disappointed with the result, saying, "We could have played a better ballgame, it definitely wasn't a demonstration of the capabilities of our team." Although stressing the loss was mainly due to a superior Husky squad, Nelson did admit the physical condition of Chris McCabe played a big role in the outcome.

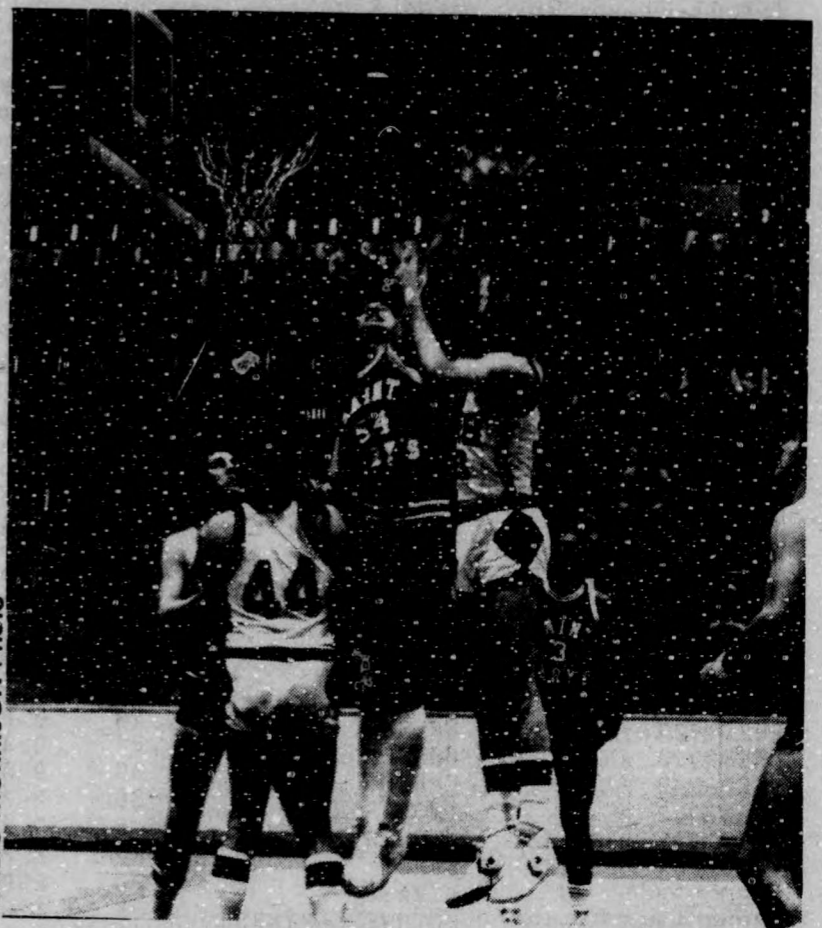
"Chris did his best, but he

just didn't have a good game. He hadn't been to practice all week, and was very weak, because an infected wisdom tooth kept him from eating."

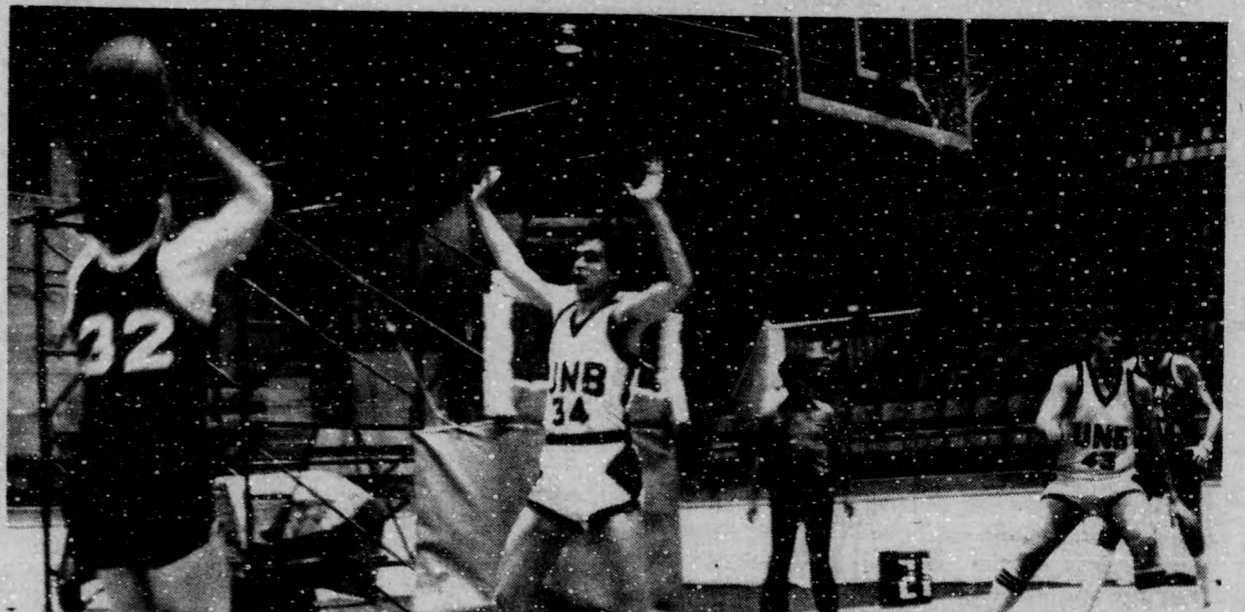
The coach noted the lack of emotion by the other players had a lot to do with Chris' absence from the weekly practice sessions saying, "the infection seemed to affect the whole team, and I know Scotty seemed lost without him."

At the other bench, SMU coach Gary Heald was pleased with the play of his charges in the second half, although he had been concerned about the first half score. "We've been playing a lot of games in a short period of time, and we tend to come out flat," said Heald. The third year coach stressed the motivation theme, even going so far as to say, "If we can stay motivated, we can be undefeated this year."

With an experienced and deeply talented team to work with, it will take a supreme effort for any team to upset Heald's plans.



Rejection! SMU centre Rob Latter (54) blocks an attempted shot by UNB forward Chris McCabe (33), in action at last Sunday's AUAA game.



Saint Mary's forward Rod Buckland prepares to shoot over Bill Young (34), as Don McCormack (43), waits for any rebound. The Huskies were forced into such long range shooting during the first half, when a stubborn UNB defence denied the inside.

## Saltos off to AUAA's

The UNB Saltos will be competing in the AUAA gymnastics championships this weekend. The meet will be held at the University of Moncton on Saturday, February 13, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Teams from Dalhousie University, University of Moncton as well as from UNB will be competing.

Dalhousie University are the defending team champions. However, the Saltos, encouraged by their win over Dal on January 30, are confident of recapturing the AUAA team

championship. UNB have won this event 12 times in the last 15 years. For Jeff Potts from UNB this would be an especially good result. Jeff graduates this spring so this AUAA Championship will be his final university meet.

Gymnasts in the championship are hoping to break a few records Saturday. A solid team effort by UNB should break the UNB team record of 205 points and perhaps even the AUAA record of 218 set by Dal last year. Scott Hill also has a

chance of breaking the all around record if he can break the 52 point barrier again this weekend.

The AUAA championship is the last opportunity for gymnasts to post qualifying scores for the CIAU championship. Last year Dalhousie qualified 5 gymnasts and UNB qualified 3. Good performances on Saturday should qualify Scott Hill, Jamie MacKinnon, Terry Laurence and Rick Weiler from UNB and Steve Banks, Doug Polak and Ted Brereton from Dal.

DEVIL  
TALK

By Jeff Irwin

Away to Nova Scotia went UNB.

A game played and lost and in the other they claimed victory!

So much for poetry. Coach MacAdam said on Monday that UNB played well on Friday night and as a result defeated a weak St. F.X. team. On Saturday UNB moved on to Saint Mary's University in Halifax. Intimidation was the game plan for St. Mary's and apparently it worked. Coach MacAdam said that it looked as if the boys were running scared. An unconfirmed report says that SMU dressed at least one football player for his size and nasty demeanor.

A feeling of poor play was the general consensus in the dressing room on Monday as the cause for the loss on Saturday.

In Friday night's game against St. F.X., Gary Agnew scored two goals and the other goal getters were Todd MacQueen, Mark Jeffrey, George Kelly, Dave Bluteau and Don Cameron. On Saturday Mike Kelly, who will not be mentioned, John Kinch, George Kelly and Gary Agnew were the point getters. Gary scored in an open net when the goalie chased the puck into the corner, not a real smart move. That's all for now, sure would like to see a big crowd out on Sunday the 21st, for the UPEI game.

LINE FOR THE WEEK

Mike Kelly  
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