

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Capers end Reds' win streak

Team still heads into holiday break with winning 3-2 record

by Matthew J. Collins
Sports Staff

While Cape Breton may be known throughout the Maritimes for its down-home hospitality, the welcome the Reds received last weekend from the Capers was anything but warm. The Reds came onto the island with a perfect record of 3 - 0, but left with their first two losses of the season.

In Saturday's opener, the Varsity Reds took to the floor with the look of a winner. They battled tooth and nail with the Capers throughout the game, and went into the half with a one point lead.

But the second half would eventually give way to the wave of the Capers as everything seemed to crash down upon the Reds. Not only were they fighting the hard-nosed offensive attack of UCCB's big men, but they also had to contend with the questionable calls of the referees.

While the Capers were allowed to muscle their way around inside, the Reds were punished any time they crashed the boards. With Keith Gibson picking up his fourth fouls with 13:00 remaining, and Al Whitley getting nailed for his fourth with 11:00 left in the game, the Varsity Reds were forced to sit their starting frontline.

Brian Elliott picked up a lot of this slack as he connected for 14 points while ripping down 12 boards. But even with his size down low, the Reds were unable to

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keep the Capers out of the paint.

As the defensive intensity of Cape Breton picked up in the second half, the Reds were unable to execute their offense successfully. As Coach Hamilton observed, "We didn't play well as a team, we didn't move the ball, we really didn't rebound well, and in the end it cost us a game." The Varsity Reds fell to the Capers by a score of 89-76, but in a game which they had their opportunities to win.

As Co-Captain Marc Aube points out, "We didn't execute our game plan in the second half, we let them get up on us, and it was tough to crawl back...It's a game we should have won, but I guess we're going to have to learn from it."

Class was once again in session for the Reds on Sunday, but nobody showed up. Or so it seemed, as the UNB squad was handed its second loss in as many days. The Capers showed no mercy as they defeated the Reds 76-53.

In talking with UCCB Head Coach Tim MacGilliarie after the game, I asked him how he approached Sunday's game. "It seems that their [UNB] entire offense revolves around Stanleigh Mitchell. We tried to keep the ball

out of his hands and take him out of his game, and sometimes if you cut off the head the body dies."

And that is exactly what happened to the Reds on this day. While Mitchell was the only player for UNB in double figures, the team shot a dismal 31.6% from the field. The Reds inability to get past the Capers defense was best described by Coach Hamilton when he said, "We couldn't throw the ball in the ocean if we were standing on the wharf." It was one of those days where nothing could go right, but everything could go wrong.

While the Reds now stand with a 3-2 record in the conference, and are off to their best start in over five years, Hamilton is not completely satisfied. On looking back on the first part of the season he states, "We've had moments of brilliance, but we're not a consistent ball team. Until we get consistent performances out of everybody, it's going to be hard to be pleased."

But as a reporter and a fan, I'm impressed with what I've seen so far. And in my opinion, things can only get better with time for this young and competitive program.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ron MacLean talks, Fredericton listens

"I don't know of a community, except for Fredericton, that has such a successful hockey program in place."

By Luke Peterson
Assistant Sports Editor

Once again the Fredericton Sports Investment Dinner/Auction proved to be a resounding success. The annual evening of food, drink and entertainment at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre has collected

more than \$313,000 for local hockey programs over the last dozen years.

The event has traditionally boasted such keynote speakers as Jacques Demers and Harry Neale, and last Friday evening saw Hockey Night in Canada Commentator Ron Maclean supplying the after-dinner entertainment.

Maclean, who generously agreed to speak for free, kept the 350 or so patrons on hand entertained by recounting various stories from his last seven years of Coach's Corner with Don Cherry.

Maclean also used the opportu-

nity to get in a few digs at his HNIC partner, "As a kid, Don's parents didn't give him paper sailboats to play with in the bathtub. They gave him a toaster."

One of Maclean's best stories of the evening recounted Cherry's comments during Wayne Gretzky's first game in a Kings uniform against his former Edmonton Oilers.

A very agitated Cherry was well into his first intermission Coaches Corner Spiel, when he suddenly turned to Maclean and asked "what time is it?" Maclean responds that it's 9:30 p.m. and Cherry, who thus far unimpressed with the game's flow, suddenly blurts out, "It's 9:30 here in Edmonton. It's 11:30 in Mississauga. It's 11:30 in Toronto. Blue's home in bed. Everybody's in bed. What are we doing here?" Of course Maclean's job is to try to soften the impact of Cherry's often unpredictable comments. Thus the witty quips at the end of each episode of Coach's Corner.

Maclean admitted to being impressed with the efforts of Fredericton Sports Investment Inc. to raise funds for local amateur hockey commenting that, "I don't know of a community, except for Fredericton, that has such a successful program in place".

The auction segment of the evening was composed of two parts, A "Silent Auction" which featured smaller items ranging from ski passes to steak breakfasts at the Red Lantern and the main auction which showcased the more valuable items. Over all \$53,000 was raised on the evening with the proceeds to be distributed amongst five local elite hockey teams and the FSI.

The Front Row Christmas Wish List

By the Sports Staff

Every year, about this time, the Brunswickan sports staff gets together to make the annual Christmas Wish List. This year has been particularly difficult because Mr. Savoie, who has created his own warped Wish List on page 26, has taken all the good ones. To all those who made the list, just remember to have a sense of humour when you read it. The Brunswickan sports staff would like to wish everyone happy holidays and have a merry new year!

Bruns Sports Staff:

- Luke Peterson: A date with Camille Paglia.
- Maria Paisley: a little recognition for all her work.
- Andrew Wilbur: A good night's sleep.
- Matt Collins: A job switch with Clint Hamilton.
- Paul 'Bones' Mysak: His own computer in a nice white room with padded walls.
- Mark Savoie: A very, very good lawyer.
- Tom Liston: A complimentary copy of Camille Paglia's Sexual Personae book.

Athletic Department:

- Jim Born: A new campaign for another varsity name change.
- Maureen Sparks: An assistant.
- Susan MacCarthy: A personal fax machine.
- Ellen Fortini: Full time job making headlines for Bruns Sports.
- Mike Washburn and Louise Boldon (Chairs of the Campaign for Excellence): About \$750 000.

Varsity Coaches:

- Mike Johnston, Hockey: A team with focus, 'We need a team with focus!'
- Clint Hamilton, M. Basketball: A stack of Ponderosa coupons, care of the Brunswickan and a book featuring all his quotes that end in "...but don't print that."
- Pauline Lordon, W. Basketball: 15 more wins, and she may even be satisfied.
- Donna Hornibrooke, Field Hockey: The CIAU to extend Varsity eligibility to 6 years for Josette, Tanya, Stacey, Wendi and Kelly.
- Gary Brown, Soccer: The revival of the 1980 CIAU champion team plus Gray Zurheide.
- Tim Randall, Cross Country: More exchange students from Germany.
- Paul Belanger, M. Volleyball: A suit and tie.
- Al MacGarvie, W. Volleyball: A stronger CIAU ranking for his perfect 6-0 team.
- Don Ryan, Wrestling: Tim Pomeroy to graduate from high school early.
- Andrew Cole, Swimming: An addition to his house to hold all the awards he's won in the last two months.

Varsity Athletes:

- Field Hockey team: Tremclad glossy gold paint for their silver medals
- Cross Country team: A warmer climate for their traditional November nude run.
- Hockey team: A monopoly on the Aitken Centre and a win against STU.
- Josette Babineau: Rename the LB Gym the JB Gym.
- Stacey Bean: Another picture in the Bruns: see photo. Merry Christmas.
- Stanleigh Mitchell: His own 'Come Fly With Me' video.
- Keith Fahey: A chance to run out of Bryan Pollman's shadow.
- Bryan Pollman: Canadian citizenship.
- Todd Sparks: Some goals to go along with those assists.
- Derek Cormier: another foot in height.
- Ken Murchison: Ernest 'The Heeler' Ainsley to perform his feats at the Aitken Centre.
- Marc Aube: A second, just a second, to himself.
- Gray Zurheide: A season of health.
- Red Roulettes: Weapons storage facilities at the LB Gym.



Four consecutive weeks is a new record, but no more!

Congratulations to

Bruns sports writer
Andrew Wilbur
and his wife

For the recent birth of their first child.
Everyone at The Brunswickan wishes them
happiness and joy for the holiday season