

Winning — a Nova Scotia tradition

by Mickey Sutherland

If you checked the records you'd notice that it's been a long time since a New Brunswick university has won a championship in a big three sport. Over the past two decades, all four Nova Scotia universities have enjoyed championships in hockey, football and basketball.

Looking back to last October, maritime college sports followers watched the St. Francois Xavier X-Men of Antigonish knock off the defending champion Acadia Axemen to win the Atlantic Universities Football Conference title. Acadia, for those unfamiliar, is also a Nova Scotia based school.

Then all in one weekend, the Dalhousie Tigers shaded cross-town Halifax rival St. Marys to win the AUAA Hockey championships. The next day the Huskies tasted victory with a decisive win over the Acadia Axemen to take top basketball honours.

All this bit of information leaves varsity participants in New Brunswick and P.E.I. with the task of breaking a tradition.

CIHI Radio sports director, Peter Spurway, figures that Nova Scotia Universities use athletic recruiting rules to their fullest advantage and as a result have

represented the east in national playdowns over the last number of years.

"Not only do they recruit talented athletes, but they also bring in very valuable coaches and directors", says Spurway, a UNB Physical Education graduate and four year member of the Red Rebels volleyball squad. It should also be noted that during his career with the Rebels, the six foot plus sportscaster made it to the national championships twice.

"Take Steve Konchalski down at St. F.X. for instance. He's a very good basketball minded person with lots of connections around the New York area. As a result the X-Men have come up with a contender the last couple of years," he said.

This season the University of New Brunswick big three varsity clubs also went talent hunting and fans around the campus and the Fredericton area could be in for some "good old fashioned" winners satisfaction.

Spurway figures that UNB has three very capable coaches and their out of season recruiting may pay off in the long run. "Most coaches are optimistic before the season starts, so what else can they say but, good. However, I

think you'll see an improvement in hockey and basketball.

And with football coach, Jim Born, back after a year's absence look for a different performance in that sport.", replied Spurway

Hockey players and followers are reminded that the home season opener is scheduled for Saturday, November 3 at the Aitken Center. A campus highlight to this years' hockey campaign will be the re-entry of the St. Thomas Tommies into the Atlantic Conference. Certainly the presence of another club on the hill will make for some exciting exhibitions. Both clubs will meet each other four times.

With the addition of three American players, the basketball club could be playoff bound. Coach Don Nelson's club hits the floor November 2 against Presque Isle, Maine. Their first AUAA game is set for November 30 against St. Marys.

But the season for all New Brunswick based clubs does depend on breaking that Nova Scotia stronghold. That's one department the fans, coaches and Mr. Spurway will be watching with interest.

Athletes of the week...

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

DONNA PHILLIPS-FIELD HOCKEY

A second year Education student from Charlottetown, Donna scored 2 goals in the Red Sticks 7-0 win over UPEI. Coach Joyce Slipp credits Phillips for setting up the remainder of the goals with her tremendous second efforts. In the teams 4-0 victory over U de Moncton she had 1 goal and 1 assist. Donna was the MVP on the Red Sticks last year and it appears she is starting this season in the same fashion as last.

MALE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

CHUCK PROUDFOOT-FOOTBALL

With 3 field goals and 3 extra points for a total of 12 points Chuck was instrumental in the 30-0 Red Bombers win over Mt. Allison last Saturday. One field goal was for 42 yards and his punting average was 40.5 yards. Chuck is a Business student from Pointe Claire, Quebec, he is in his 4th year.

UNB ANNOUNCES PUBLIC POOL SCHEDULE

The main pool at the UNB Fredericton campus is open for public swimming several hours per week.

Adults from the community may use the Sir Max Aitken Pool in the lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium 9-10:30 p.m. on Monday and Friday, and 9:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Family public swim is 3:30-5 p.m. and 7:30-9 p.m. Saturday, and 1-3 p.m. Sunday. For family swim, children

under 14 must be accompanied by one of their parents.

The admission charge for public swim is \$1 for adults and 75 cents for children. Bathing caps are required for everyone.

Public swim will occasionally be shortened or cancelled for special events. Currently scheduled for aquatic events include Nov. 9-11 and Dec. 1. For pool information call the UNB athletic information number, 453-4578.

UNB Women's Basketball Varsity Red Bloomers

There will be a few new faces on the Red Bloomers Team this year. With 5 losses due to graduation last year, the basketball team should have a new look.

Assistant coach, Dick Slipp, former Red Raider and assistant coach there, will be putting prospective players through their paces in regular pre-season workouts.

These workouts consist of fundamentals, scrimmage and conditioning. They are designed to give new and old players more time to adjust a time to get in top shape. A weight program will be incorporated to spruce up the training of the future Bloomers.

These workouts run from the

present until Oct 1 and are slated for the Main Gym from Monday to Friday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. On Saturdays the workouts go from 12-1:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in Varsity Basketball should attend these workouts. Official tryouts for the team are October 15-19. Come and plan to be part of the winning tradition.

ADULT SWIMMING CLASSES

Registration for Adult Swimming Classes was Held Thursday, September 20. There are still openings at some levels. Interested individuals should register at the Intramural Office, Room A120, L.B. Gym.

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RACQUETS

In keeping with the growing popularity of racquetball and in an effort to protect the court walls, effective Monday, September 17/79 the use of wooden paddleball paddles will no longer be permitted. Instead, individuals may use a strung racquet which may be rented from the equipment room. The rental fee is \$0.50/session for students and \$1.00/session for non-students. This rental fee will be used to offset the costs of purchasing and maintaining the new racquets both of which are higher than that of wooden paddles.