

# SPORTS

## Don Nelson Retires

DR. PHIL WRIGHT NAMED HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

The Dean of Physical Education and Recreation, Dr. Bill MacGillivray, and the Athletic Director, Prof. Jim Born, are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Phil Wright as Head Coach of the Red Raider basketball programme. Dr. Wright served in an interim capacity during the 1988-89 season while Prof. Don Nelson was on sabbatical leave.

Prof. Nelson is retiring from coaching after 32 valuable years as head basketball coach at UNB. His presence will be missed by the basketball community in New Brunswick and nationally. During his tenure Coach Nelson amassed some outstanding accomplishments:

32 years as head basketball coach (the longest tenure in Canada)

370 career victories

1 AUSA Championship (1968)

3 NB/PEI Championships

6 appearances in the AUSA Tournament

2 Northeast College Conference Championships (1980, 81)

2 years as President of Basketball New Brunswick

2 years as President of the Northeast College Conference

2 years as President of the National Association of Basketball Coaches of Canada.

Coach Nelson is succeeded by one of the most experienced assistant coaches in Canada. After one year with the women's programme at UNB, Dr. Wright joined the Red Raider staff in the Fall of 1976. The Red Bloomers finished 2nd in Canada in 1976 under his tutelage. The Raiders,

under the leadership of Coaches Nelson and Wright, developed into a solid playoff contender in the early 80's.

Coach Wright is now enthusiastically ready to lead the basketball programme into the 90's. The eight rookies from 1988-89 received very valuable playing experience this past season, and will be looked on to provide the foundation for the continued growth and development of the Red Raider programme. Coach Wright and his staff have been pounding the recruiting trail since February. The recruiting class of 1989 will provide quality additions to the good base of young players returning.

All of these players will be needed as the Red Raiders embark on the most demanding schedule in recent history. The season will open with the inaugural Red Raider Fall Basketball Classic on October 27 and 28, 1989. The four teams featured will be: the 1989 CIAU 3rd place team and AUSA Champion UPEI Panthers; 1989 NAIA 4th ranked team, Hudson College Braves; Bishops University Gaiters from

Quebec; and the host UNB Red Raiders. The regular season will be the toughest in recent memory, playing all the AUSA schools, and adding Memorial University of Newfoundland. The highlight of the exhibition

schedule will be a trip to the National Invitational Tournament at the University of Toronto, November 23, 24 and 25, 1989. This is an eight team event featuring: Waterloo, York, Winnipeg, McMaster, Regina, Western Ontario, the University

of Toronto and the Red Raiders.

With hard work by the players and coaches during the off-season, next year should launch the Raiders into the 90's and provide basketball fans in Fredericton with some terrific action.

## Red Harriers prepare for season

It is too early to predict how the 1989 editions of the Lady and Red Harriers cross-country team will measure against AUSA competition. Most teams have lost some key personnel to graduation, so there will be a relatively young look to the conference this year.

As they have been for the past three seasons, the Lady Harriers will be led by Michelle Cormier. Returnees Willa Jones, Felicia Greer and Gisele Gallibois can also make the team the toughest it has been in four years. Incoming Margaret Pugh will enhance the depth of the team.

The Red Harriers have lost three starters from last year, however, the team of this year promises to be more competitive. It will be led by Mike Fellows, Rod Clarke, and Garn Pomeroy.

Other returnees who will contribute are Brad Daniels and Peter Stapleton. These rookies, Jeff Staples, Dan Michielsen, and

Trueman Tremblay, have the potential to run with the veterans.

The next test for the Lady and Red Harriers is a league meet, to be hosted by St. FX on

September 23rd. This will be their first look at AUSA competition for the 1989 season.

Last weekend the Harriers travelled to Bates College for an exhibition meet. For the girls,

only Michelle Cormier was able to make the trip and she finished second in her race. The top five men's finishers for the team finished within 2:41 of each other, an improvement over their 6:50 separation time of last year. As a result Coach Rick Hull is very optimistic despite the team's third place showing in a three team field.

## VARSIITY-MANIA THANKS

On behalf of the UNB Red Shirts, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carl Burgess, the Varsity Mania Crew, and the Orientation Committee for the organization involved in Sunday's game held at Chapman Field. Of course, we cannot forget the members of the various residences and the band that made the event a booming success. It was also the culmination of a successful week

for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation which raised \$23,000 - another success for UNB. Once again "Thank You" to the students of UNB for the first successful "Varsity-Mania" event of the year. And for those who didn't attend, "You don't know what you're missing!"

Stewart Galloway  
Captain, UNB Red Shirts

There will be an organizational meeting for the UNB Red Bloomers (Women's Basketball) on Monday, September 18th at 8 pm in Room A116 of the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

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