

Out in Left Field

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Will there ever be another NHL season that is completed by Wendel Clark? After a very quick start, the Leafs' leader is on the injured list once again after receiving ligament damage to his knee. It is probably just as well that he is hurt because as soon as his quick start slowed down, the Toronto Press would have been all over him. New Maple Leaf goalie, Grant Fuhr's presence has guaranteed the Leafs at least a birth in the 1992 playoffs, and according to Maple Leaf hockey expert and former Red Devil hockey great, Rob Beatty, this is the Leafs' year. Whatever.

It is surprising to note that Red Bomber wear is probably the most popular on campus. . .Is Rocket Ishmail still playing football? If so, the Rocket's red glare has certainly worn off. . .Will someone please tell us the reason Ottawa Senators had to change their emblem from the Peace Tower to a Trojan? . . .The Minnesota Stars (goodbye North) and the San Jose Sharks have the worst uniforms in the history of sport. . .Atlanta is going for the World Series.

The CIAU football season has been off and running once again, this being the inaugural season of the Atlantic Conference's PCF season (post Chris Flynn). The conference looks tighter than ever with Mount Allison Mounties ready to challenge St. Marys for top spot in the east. College football season always brings around the age old debate about the Red Bombers, and whether or not the big black and red machine should be revived. In fact, the debate is starting to get so old it is reminiscing of how oldtimers talk about how things were better in "the good old days". The reality is that Red Bomber football is a long way from being played on College Field, if ever.

If you have a chance, check out the World Cup of Rugby being televised on TSN. Not only will you be seeing a sport which is probably the toughest in the world but you will also see some of the ugliest people ever to play a game.

On the local scene, Varsity Athletics at UNB has never been better. Presently the UNB Red Sticks are third in the country, the X-country teams are in contention for an AUSA title and the Red Shirts are a much respected team among the AUSA. For a University that produces a profit after the past two fiscal years, why is funding continuously being cut from the Athletic program. There are some who see athletics at this calibre marketable, Pepsi. The AUSA has taken a new look this year pumping much needed support in Varsity Athletics, the AUSA. If funding was made available for a University Athletic promotions personnel. Give a Business or Phys-Ed graduating student the funding available to promote the Athletic Program at our University. The University as a whole could benefit from an increase in this athletic program, which brings up to the Red Bombers again! Let's get together here, it's ridiculous to have a number of corporate sponsors going half -- with their sponsorship. Let's go all the way. The CHL has, they struck a deal with Cooper to supply the entire league. The AUSA has Canadian Airlines as their sponsor, the CIAU has sponsorship from Air Canada. The only way to get something done in this league is to unite and work together, TRY IT YOU MIGHT LIKE IT!

5 teams that will not win a Championship this season

1. Hamilton Tiger-Cats
2. Toronto Maple Leafs
3. Detroit Lions
4. Detroit Pistons
5. Barker's Point Oldtimers

Major League baseball fans in Baltimore said good-bye to Memorial Stadium. The Birds played their last game in the stadium that saw so many memories. Earl Weaver, one of the most successful Orioles' managers, left behind some great World Series memories of the last 70's. It's a real treat to see some of the former Orioles made a part of the ceremony at the final game. After their horrible year in '88, the Birds have slowly but steadily improved, including their '89 battle for top spot in AL East with Toronto. The new stadium will aid in the Orioles' new look, last year changed their uniform, it helped the Chicago White Sox and look what it did for the Toronto Blue Jays. The future for the Baltimore Orioles looks promising, the new "Bird Nest" I hear is amazing. If the Expos hadn't spent so much on the Big O and gone so far in debt maybe they could afford a new home, they need a new look, or 25 ball players.

UNB Ironmen remain unblemished

by the Wendelluvian Nightmare

The UNB Ironmen had yet another unblemished weekend at home on College Field. Three teams in UNB colours met opposition on Saturday. The UNB 3rds met a Neill House fifteen to begin this day of rugby. The Ironmen had no troubles in putting away this competition; final score for the game was 32 - 0. Eight tries were scored with unfortunately no conversions made. Rookie Jeff Mosher often took the ball at speed which resulted in a try on one occasion. Another newcomer in the shape of a former mirror athlete named Bruce also played as impressive game garnering a try through his strong running style. Ron Robichaud, Chris Clinton, Gord MacKinnon each scored a single major while Scott Cesster leading the team in play and scoring cashed in with two tries.

The Ironmen's second team hit the field next to take on a travelling UPEI Panthers. The game itself started out slowly with the Panthers taking the early lead. The Ironmen slowly increased the pace and tackling until they took the game into their own hands and won the game 20 - 6. Jeff Vautour once again played a tough running and tackling game scoring a try in the process. Dan McGinn back at the number eight position after a vacation in the backfield also scored a try while playing a strong game. The only drawbacks to this game for UNB was the loss of two players with great natural abilities. Chris Irwin, former star for Bishop's University took a nasty gash to the head while veteran Ironman and Captain Jay Earle went down early with an ankle injury. The second team have played well this

year and are atop the standings of the Maritime University League with a perfect 3 wins and no losses record.

The Ironmen's first team played the third match of the day and once again had an easy time gaining a victory. The Ironmen are however not playing great rugby and will have to improve and do the little things right if they wish to win the New Brunswick Championship and then the Maritime Championship.

While the game as a whole might not have been pretty there were moments of glory for UNB players in this match against the Kings County Lions. Ian Johnston, "the most prolific scorer in UNB history", started the game with a flash. The Montague Express scored through the paltry Lions defense for a scintillating try. Trevor Moulard also carried the bull well; the speed merchant scored two tries largely on individual effort. The forwards earned the rest of the tries one each by Brian Jones, Derrick Snow and Jerry

Guest. Guest's effort was particularly exciting, the former basketball player speared an attempted Lion's clearing kick out of the air and powered his way over the thin white line. Rob Wright converted three of these tries to make the score Ironmen 30 Lions 0. As stated earlier, although there were some great individual efforts, these came against weak opposition. The Ironmen must play as one not fifteen individuals if this is to be a truly successful season.

The Ironmen's next opposition is against Bishop's University for the Eastern Canadian Universities Championship. Both the second and first team see action against Bishops this coming Saturday at College Field. Game times are one and three o'clock respectively. Come out and support your University in its bid to become Eastern Canadian University Rugby Champions. It is the only proper way to spend a Thanksgiving weekend.



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Fencing

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which involves endurance, speed, balance and agility. It also involves a level of mental challenge that is lacking in some other sports. It is a game where you must not only be physically able, but you should be able to analyze your opponent's intentions while trying to disguise your own.

Actually, fencing is not one sport, but three similar but distinct variations. Fencing is done with three different weapons, each with their own rules as to target area and scoring and each with its own distinct style. The weapons are the foil (the modern version of a practice weapon, the rapier), the epee (pronounced epp-pay; this is the descendent of the historical dueling sword) and the sabre (a modern version of the calvary sword).

The point of the game is, as you can imagine, to hit your opponent without being hit yourself. This is oversimplifying things a bit since there are rules governing how a hit can be made and proper conduct in a match, but it's not half bad advice to give to someone just starting out.

If you're interested in a sport with a history that can offer a real challenge, the

UNB Fencing Club provides all the instruction and equipment for a very reasonable membership fee.

We're always looking for new members so feel free to drop by anytime Monday or Wednesday night p.m. in the LB Gym dance studio or call Christine at 454-5324 or Sean K. at 459-1769 for more information.