

The 1982-83 UNB Red Raiders

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Smooth forward Chris McCabe of Cardinal Spellman High School in the Bronx and Paul Holder of Newcastle going to the glass.



Raider rookie Phil Guthrie powering to the hoop against the Mount Allison Mounties.



Devine shooting the "J".



Team captain Scott Devine looking for the open man.



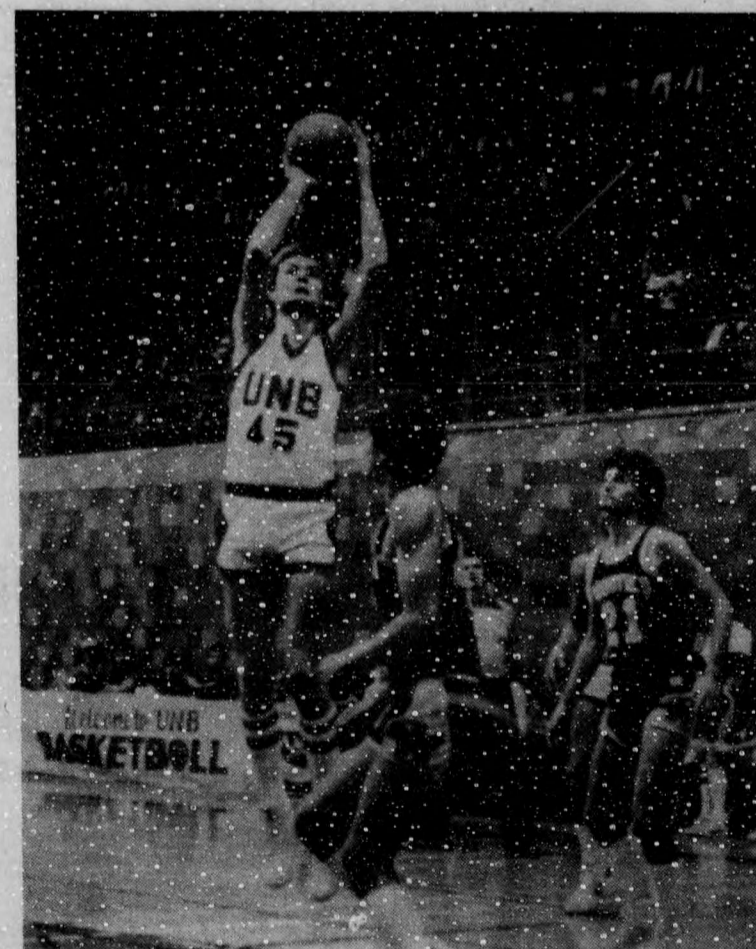
Don McCormack on the drive with Devine and Holder fighting for offensive rebounding position.

The rebuilding has finally finished. Head Coach Don Nelson and Associate Coach Phil Wright now believe that after five years of aggressive recruiting it's time for success.

The main reason for the coaches' optimism is the presence of five year starter and team captain Scott Devine who hails from Hyde Park, New York. Devine already holds numerous UNB team records, the most prestigious being most points scored in a career. Scott was on the All-Canadian Freshmen Team, as well as being the top foul shooter in Canada during his rookie year. He is also a four time AUAA all star, being on the first team the last two years. With all of these personal triumphs Devine wants nothing more than to finish his career on top, and he has a few friends who will help him on this quest.

For the Raiders and Coach Nelson, on top means winning in their own back yard which is the competitive AUAA. Although it will not be easy, it is a goal that the team must strive for.

The Raiders have the toughest schedule in their history including five games in Toronto over the Christmas break. The best field ever comes to the Aitken Centre for the UNB Holiday Classic with Ottawa University and York University of Toronto, joining defending tournament champions, the University of Maine, Farmington and UNB. After the AUAA league schedule finishes there is the conference playoffs in Halifax. Then the first ever Eastern Regional Championships will be held at the Aitken Centre with the Raiders as the hosting team. This is quite an honor for



Center Paul Holder shooting the pull up jumper.



Point guard Scott running the Offense.



Phil Guthrie telling a Mount Allison player to keep out of his "Office."

UNB. Coach Nelson and Aitken Centre Director Gord Lebel are expecting 8,000 people for the two day event.

Joining Devine on the starting line-up are 6'8" Paul Holder, 6'5" four year starter Chris McCabe, 6'4" Don McCormack, and either 6'3" rookie Phil Guthrie of Toronto or 6'2" first year man Scott Nicholson of St. Stephen.

Returning veterans are 6'5" Ted DeWinter, 6'6" Dale MacIssac and 6'0" Mike Mooney. Other rookies on the team are 6'4" Eddie Crowe, 5'11" Steve French, 6'2" Allan Trambley, 6'4" Tony Walker of Fredericton and 6'0" Mark "Nuts" Newell also of Fredericton. All of these players will contribute over the season with much expected of rookies Guthrie, Crowe and Nicholson.

The UNB Red Raiders play exciting basketball and have been one of the top shooting teams in the conference over the past five years. As well, they finished third nationally in team scoring during the 1980-81 season by averaging 91 points per game.

There is much work done over a season that is not recognized. For the Raiders the behind the scenes people are: managers Jeff Baird, Ross Antworth and Mike Rouse. Dave MacDonald and Barrie Johnson are our trainers and Althea Arsenaault is head statistician.

Of course special thanks go out to John Geary of CHSR-FM and Dave Mombourquette/Ann Kennerly of the Brunswickian.

The Red Raiders wish Dave a speedy recovery and hope to see him Friday night against Saint Mary's.