

## Ironmen overcome halftime deficit

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It was the second weekend in a row that the Ironmen would have to overcome a halftime deficit. This past Saturday, the UNB Ironmen I travelled to Saint John to play the Saint John Trojans. Both teams scored early indicating a potentially high-scoring match. UNB drew even with Saint John at four a when Jeff Patterson dashed into the end zone after a long ball from the line out was passed out the back line. The rest of the first half belonged almost solely to the Trojans as they out-hustled the visiting Ironmen to open up an eleven point lead. Saint John points were the result of sloppy play on the part of UNB defenders which resulted in two unconverted tries and a penalty goal. Ironmen kicker Doug Stewart converted a penalty goal to narrow the Trojan lead to 15-7 and complete the first half's scoring.

An enlightening half-time verbiage from UNB's coach seemed to awaken the slow starting Ironmen. With their new found determination, the Ironmen began the task of overcoming the Trojan lead. Pat O'Reilly started the UNB comeback as he touched down his own kick in the Saint John end zone to draw the Ironmen within four points. Doug Stewart

capitalized on another Trojan error with his second penalty goal of the game which narrowed the Saint John lead to 15-14. Ironmen pressure increased with every score, so it was no surprise when this pressure resulted in the go ahead try.

This time the play went to the short side when Andy DuPlessis took the ball from a UNB ruck and crashed through the Saint John defenders. UNB rounded off the scoring with their fourth try of the game when Doug Stewart dove in the corner of the end zone. Again the convert attempt failed making the score 22-15 in favor of the Ironmen.

As has been the case in all of UNB's fixtures to date, Pat O'Reilly once again distinguished himself on the field. His strong efforts both defensively and offensively have demonstrated his abilities as a "complete" rugby player. Despite strong second half performances in the two most recent Ironmen games -where they outscored their opposition 25-0 in the second half- a full eighty minutes of rugby will be needed when UNB plays the Loyalists this weekend.

On Sunday, the UNB Ironmen II played host to the Moncton Marshawks at College Field. Although the weather was ideal for

rugby, the Ironmen's performance was not. The first half was a hard hitting defensive battle with neither team willing to take control. It wasn't until late in the first half that either team showed any offence, and unfortunately it was the Marshawks. Moncton opened up the scoring with an unconverted try which gave them a 4-0 lead at the half.

The second half was much the same with UNB displaying little if any offence. The larger Moncton XV's began

to wear down the Ironmen. The tough hard-hitting defensive play was taking its toll. Injuries became a factor late in the game as UNB played the last ten minutes short handed; when substitutions had run out because of numerous injuries. Moncton sealed the fate of the Ironmen when they scored on a long run. This converted try would be the last score of the game and gave the the Marshawks a 10-0 win.

This weekend's rugby action has the UNB Ironmen I playing the Fredericton

Loyalist I at the raceway at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15. While on Sunday, Oct. 16, the UNB Ironmen II play Charlotte County at 2:00 at College Field. The Ironmen's matches this weekend will be broken up by the first Rugby Pub of the year; "The Ringarango Rant" Saturday, Oct. 15th at 9:00 p.m. in the SUB. Be There!!

## Canadian Olympic Team Play Cuba

The National Men's Volleyball Team is headed to the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. They are going to the Olympics as a result of qualifying this past summer in Indianapolis at the North American Championships. The team was able to qualify by finishing second behind the United States team and ahead of the third place Cubans.

The qualification is a monumental step in the development of Canadian volleyball. This will mark the first time that a Canadian men's volleyball team has ever qualified for such a

prestigious event.

The Canadian team is currently ranked with the top 8 volleyball powers in the world. This is quite an accomplishment after only two years ago being ranked 24th.

In other recent competitions, the Canadians finished second behind the Cuban team as the World University Games and ahead of the Cubans at the Pan Am Games in Caracas, Venezuela.

The Atlantic Tour is a prelude to the Canada Cup which is being played in Quebec at the end of Oc-

tober. There will be teams from Poland, the United States, and Cuba at the Canada Cup, as well as our own Canadian team. The Atlantic tour will see the Cubans and Canadians visiting four cities; Fredericton, Moncton, Halifax, and St. John's, in preparation for this important international competition.

New Brunswick is fortunate to have one member on the National Team, Dean Hitchcock of Saint John. Dean joined the team in 1977 and has been a dominant world attacker ever

since. Prior to joining the National Team, Dean played with the Sunbury Blues under the direction of Provincial Coach Ed Welch. This tour allows Dean the opportunity to play in front of his fellow Maritimers. For Dean, this is the second chance as he travelled to Fredericton with the team in 1981 on tour with the U.S. Men's National Team.

On Sunday, October 16, Volleyball New Brunswick hosts Cuba and Canada in an International competition at the Aitken Center. Student tickets are available for \$5.00 at the Box Office, Radioland, Mazzucca's and United Sports.

Opening ceremonies for the event will commence at 2:15 p.m.

## Red Harriers destroy Yanks

The Red Harriers travelled down to Maine again last weekend for their final warm up meet before the AUA Championships on Oct. 22nd. The Bowdoin College Invitational at Brunswick provided a perfect no-pressure race in which to practice some team running against four US teams.

The race strategy called for all 6 UNB team members to head out in a group with Chris Pinsky doing the pace setting and the rest of the team hanging in as well as possible. On a typical American course, 5.7 miles over a mainly flat golf course, these tactics proved

very successful as after one mile all 6 red and black runners were in a bunch, leading the race. Coming to the end of the first of 3 loops however, the situation began to change as a large group started to put pressure on the UNB team. Greg Grondin and Tim Boyle picked up the pace in an effort to break away, whilst Kevin Hooper, suffering from a cold, followed instructions by holding back to help out Chris. Scott Hare was hanging in well, in touch with the leading group, but Bill MacMackin dropped off the pace slightly in the face of cold wind.

After the short second

loop the increased pace set by the 2 from UNB had disposed all other runners except one from Southern Main, and heading into the final 2 miles these three were left to battle it out. Tim boosted the pace again and although the USM runner hung on grimly until the last 1/2 mile, he almost paid for it as Greg closed in fast and nearly caught up. Tim crossed the finish line 1st. in 29:20, with Greg a close 3rd. in 29:40. Kevin and Chris had meanwhile easily disposed of the competition to cruise in 4th. (30:24) and 5th. (30:39) respectively. On the last 2 loops Scott had suffered a little for the fast

early pace but still ran an excellent race for the 16th. (31:32). Not having his best race of the year, Billy finished 29th. in 34:01, but in team scoring UNB were convincing winners with 29 points to 46 for USM; 56 for Bowdoin, 93 for Tuft's and 141 for UM Presque Isle. (Contrary to popular belief, low score wins in Cross Country).

This week a team of seven will be selected for the AUAs, based on the seasons results and a time trial. Next weekend a below full strength team will represent UNB at a semi-official meet in Moncton.