

RUGBY

JOCK TALK

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Who's got the ball? St. Thomas shut out the Ironmen when this picture was taken. A big game is on tap Sunday when the Ironmen host St. F X at College Field.

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Saint Thom shuts out UNB 3-0

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Exhibition Raceway was the scene of a rugby contest in the best tradition Wednesday afternoon between the UNB Ironmen and the Saint Thomas Saints.

Powerful Kevin Breen of the Saint Thomas squad made the only scoring play of the game at the ten-minute mark of the first stanza on a breakthrough run past several UNB would-be tacklers. The convert was not successful and from that point onwards, the game was very evenly matched, both teams fighting with grim determination, and for a change, clean tactics to notch a decisive win.

The game was generally outstanding; Saint Thomas getting the ball in most of the lineouts

with UNB countering for a majority of the scrums. Near the end of the contest, the Ironmen were threatening to score at the Saint Thomas goal-line, but couldn't quite get the ball across for a try.

The Ironmen looked far more like a team than they did last Sunday and the boys are optimistic about their upcoming clash with first place Fredericton Loyalists on Saturday. UNB is currently holding down a very shaky second place in league action, followed closely by Saint Thomas.

Hats off to Saints fullback, Edgar Gougan, who played a superb defensive ball game, as well as Kevin Breen, who made some magnificent runs for the

yellow and green. Jim Williamson and Jeff Sedgewick both of UNB deserve pointed congratulations in the determination department; Jim for playing with a broken nose, and Jeff for returning to the game after being knocked out in the first half. Also sparking for UNB were Jim McKay, Tim Bird, Tony McCurdy, and Evan Young.

As a point of interest, Ross St. Germain late of the Red Bombers has "seen the light" and will become a permanent addition to the UNB squad. Congratulations to both teams on a determined, cleanly fought game but in the future, let's see a little more UNB fan support. It's pitiful.

UNB drops third straight game

Playing their best game so far this season UNB lost to the Fredericton Loyalists on Saturday afternoon by a score of 14-11. They had come from behind in the second half on a dazzling 60-yard broken field run by Bob Kay; then, with the last minutes running out, and the ball down on the UNB 5-yard line the Loyalists scrum surged across to score

It looked in the first half, as if Fredericton would triumph easily; they made a touch-down on a passing movement to Bob Deap; Bob Cooper later made a penalty kick; and Jerry Bance, their best all-around player, ran and kicked his way to as beautiful a try as one could hope to see. It was 9-3 at half time with UNB's only points having come on a penalty kick by Kay.

Then, with the smoky afternoon drawing in, a resurgent UNB team battered the Loyalists into seeming defeat. The remarkable Kay—a freshman-picked up a loose ball and burst into the Fredericton end-zone from the five yard line

for a try; he also converted. UNB were now one point behind. It was shortly afterwards that Kay, making use of his patented fakes and speed, tore sixty yards to score, leaving hapless Loyalists strewn in his wake.

The Fredericton Loyalists have played together now—the same men—for about four years. They are the N.B. Champions, they were the main strength of the N.B. touring side which wipped three American teams in three consecutive days in the States last Easter. UNB, although established last fall are only now beginning to work as a team.

Bob Kay was not the only man to stand out for them; moved from tailup to standoff, hard-nosed self; big Charlie Ferris did well in this, his first match; Tim Bird relived his glory days at hooker position; Evan Young, Rick Adams and Ian Outram also played intelligent, aggressive ball throughout; Clark Fitzgerald and Greg Shanks showed again why they

must be rated the two best tacklers on the club, and James, the new right wing, also tackled with abandon; then there was Ross St. Germain, who although he didn't score Ken Handley's tackles saw to that—bulled and smashed his way into the open twice for large gain; he promises to be a useful addition to the backfield with his wildmen style of running.

The UNB Red Shirts defeated the Mt. Allison University Steamers 3 to 0 in inter-collegiate soccer action Saturday. By virtue of their victory the Shirts retained possession of the Canon Clarke Trophy, emblematic of N.B.-P.E.I. soccer supremacy.

For the first five minutes of the game a hustling Mount A. team bottled up a seemingly disorganized UNB squad. Gradually the Red Shirts began to co-ordinate their efforts and

Thanksgiving arrived early for Coach Dan Underwood and the Red Bombers. Their rout of the Acadia Axemen has encouraged many UNB supporters to speculate about the encounter with the St. Mary's University Huskies this Saturday afternoon. It could be a terrific game if the Bombers get off to a quick start. Game time is 1:30.

A word of advice to anyone planning to attend; do NOT sit on the bottom row near a telephone pole. The pole itself is bad enough but the Campus Police members who seem to need something to lean on, always choose a pole thus effectively providing double the screening area. Next time I will be sitting higher and perhaps I will see more of the game.

Bob Gibson's World Series was spoiled by more than the final game. He received a steady stream of racist hate mail throughout the series and more than one letter started: *Dear Nigger!* He wasn't the only recipient since Curt Flood and Lou Brock received their share. A friend of mine said that he was pleased to see Gibson doing so well, because he was coloured, but I remarked that it was a superficial means of acceptance. Apparently it isn't even that!

There is a possibility that the games of the UNB Red Raiders will be broadcast over Radio Atlantic, which would be a great boost for UNB sports. Incidentally, this year UNB will be spending \$204,000 on sports, and there is a budget set aside for a team that does not exist.

The CIAU Men's Swimming Championships will be held at UNB on the weekend of March 7 and 8 which is the first time for the event in the Maritimes. The officiating will be done by UNB students and faculty, and they will handle the dual meets throughout this season as a means of becoming acquainted with the job. Anyone interested in taking a part should contact Prof Stangroom of the Dept. of Physical Education. He needs about 50 volunteers, so here is your chance to take a responsible part in a national championship.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Red Harriers looking ahead

The University of New Brunswick Red Harriers are again sporting another fine team and are expected to retain their MIAA crown.

The Canadian championship is a very difficult goal to attain. Although the runners themselves are hoping, Coach Early would not predict a victory at Dal; but he feels his boys definitely "have a shot at it".

This year's team is a unit that loves their competition and even in practice sessions there is a constant struggle among the boys to lead the workouts. This internal competition will be the key to their success this season.

Tim Holmes, Captain of the squad, and Brian McEwing, returnees from the previous year are again giving strong performances. John McIsaac, a transfer student now eligible to compete at UNB, is currently providing team leadership on the field. Fred Steeves and

David Walker, sophomores, are in top shape and are working out very well. Freshmen Bob Slipp and Paul de Niverville round out the club as Joel Gaudet is currently sidelined due to illness.

The team has been hampered by academic scheduling this season. Classes have forced several runners to train on their own at irregular hours. This is drastically hurting the team as Coach Early feels the team must train as a unit if they

are to be successful this season.

Grouping is the key to victory in Cross Country and only by training together will the team be able to improve times as a whole. This is the major problem confronting the team. They have the potential of champions, but training difficulties are hindering this bid. If the team can solve these problems they must be considered a threat to cop that Canadian crown.

SOCCER

Red Shirts retain Canon Clarke

aggressive play by the Mount A. defense and numerous off-sides produced a 0-0 deadlock at halftime. During the first forty-five minutes, the UNB defensive backfield spearheaded by fullbacks Dave Frederick and Alphonse Lwagasa provided goaler Emerson Mills with able assistance in staving off the sporadic Mt. A scoring thrusts.

After the kickoff to begin the second half, UNB main-

tained its offensive pressure. Finally, near the ten minute mark, team captain Dan McGuagahey scored on a pass from Femi Slasammi. About midway through the second half, rookie Tom Gamblin took a Dave Couchmann pass and made the count 2-0. From this point on the Red Shirts completely dominated the play. Shortly before the end of the game, McGuagahey notched his second goal to make the final score 3-0.