

VIEW FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

by Mark Savoie

This is the All-Star Game time of year, with hockey, football, and basketball all holding their showcase games in rapid succession. Usually, these games are high scoring orgies. Actually, I don't have any idea if this year's Pro Bowl was a high or low scoring affair, as I simply couldn't be bothered to spend three hours in front of the tube to watch such a boring game.

The NHL's All-Star Game this year was symptomatic of the problems I have with these festivals. Instead of having the best players in the game on the ice, the criteria has become the best goal scores and offensive players in the game. And if there are any two way players in the game who are actually capable of playing defensively, they are constrained by the unwritten law that states that body checks are simply uncouth in such an event.

Mike Milbury of the Boston Bruins was given the honour of selecting and coaching the Wales Conference team this year, and he received a great deal of criticism for some of his selections, notably Chris Nilan of the Bruins and Brian Skrudland of the Montreal Canadiens. Both these players are known for their defensive abilities and their pugnacious styles of play. Nilan was at one point in his career (while with the Habs) the chief goon in the NHL. The complaints were that Denis Savard should have been on the team, despite his poor season to date, because it was being played at Chicago Stadium, scene of much of his past glory. Another was that Guy Lafleur should have been picked, since this was to be the last season (and last All-Star Game of his illustrious career. This despite the fact that Lafleur is on the third line of the worst team in the league (my apologies to Toronto). The call to have Guy in the game was so strong that Boardroom John Ziegler (President of the NHL) felt compelled to insert some sort of Living Legends category so that Lafleur could be put on display.

My feeling is that Milbury looked at the talent distribution in the league, and realized that there was no way that the Wales Conference could win a shootout against the Campbell Conference. The Campbell Conference has Wayne Gretzky, Steve Yzerman, Brett Hull, and Mark Messier, among others. The only big name gunner in the Wales Conference is Mario Lemieux, and he was to miss the game because of his back injury. Looking at this, Milbury could have no choice but to realize that if he was to win the game he would need some defensive, intimidating players on his team, in order to slow the pace down to a pace where his team could compete. You may be of the opinion that his plan was remarkable ineffective, give that they allowed 11 goals in their 11-6 defeat, but when you consider that both Skrudland and Nilan missed the game because of injuries incurred during the regular season and were replaced with high scoring low defence types such as Denis Savard it remains to be seen if his plan would have worked; if indeed that was his reasoning.

In late November of last year, a number of gentlemen (presumably from the hockey team) were looking for me and dropped by the Brunswickan during their search. Kwame Dawes, upon learning that they merely wanted to "critique me", suggested that they try the Social Club, as I have heard nothing further about their search, and I assume that they have discontinued their quest.

I wish that I had been around that day, as I always enjoy being "critiqued". So please, if you have any comments, questions, or complaints, drop by the Brunswickan or send a letter with regard to my rantings. I do so love being "critiqued".

INTRAMURALS

Women's Volleyball

Congratulations to all women's volleyball teams that participated in the intramural league this season, and a special congratulations to those who have made it into the playoffs for this intramural term. Entering semi-final competition for the recreational league will be The Strikers in first place, MacKenzie and Nursing tied for second place and McLeod in third. Semi-final play will be held Thursday February 7, at 6:30 o.m. in the West Gym. The finals will be played following those games at 7:30 p.m.

In the competitive division Tibbits and Dunn II will be competing in the finals on Thursday February 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the West Gym.

Good luck to all teams involved.

Women's Volleyball Final Standings

Recreational Division

Teams	G	W	L	PTS
Strikers	5	5	0	15
MacKenzie	5	3	2	11
Nursing	5	3	2	11
McLeod	5	3	1	10
The CC's	5	1	4	6
Vanier Hall	5	0	5	2

Competitive Division

Teams	G	W	L	PTS
Tibbits	5	4	1	13
Dunn 2	5	4	1	13
Dunn 1	5	1	4	7
Luella	5	1	4	7

Men's Ice Hockey

The excitement in the men's ice hockey league is fast and sometimes furious. With the ending of the regular season quickly approaching, teams are gearing up for the play-offs. Some of you already know if your team will make the play-offs or be laughing up a storm at the Social Club talking about the season. With the introduction of the two types of league play (Competitive and Recreation) this year, this season has been incredibly successful up to this point. Don't spoil it now guys! Those teams leading in the Recreation league might think of entering the Competitive league next year, and I know some of you in the Competitive league are going to go for the Recreation league next year as well. Although the season has had its ups and downs, in comparison to previous years one can't deny that this year is full of entertainment and greater participation. I would like to wish you all good luck with the remainder of the season and for those of you going to the play-offs.

INTRAMURAL BALL HOCKEY

Ball Hockey season came to an end Sunday as the Knights defeated the Kings in a 8-3 victory. In the semi-finals, the Kings defeated the Bridges Blues Brothers in overtime and the Knights beat the Law Team. Although the level of competition was very extensive, it is somewhat unfortunate that the sportsmanship shown throughout the regular season didn't carry through the playoff games. We would like to congratulate all the participating teams in Intramural Ball Hockey for their sportsmanship and involvement in our program this year and hope to see you again for the 1991-92 season.

A special note of appreciation goes to Jason Cameron, Steve Leard, Jeff Vautour and other officials who have helped make the program a success.

SNOW FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

The UNB/STU Intramural Department is organizing a co-ed intramural snow football tournament for Saturday, Feb. 16th. This special tournament is being conducted as a charity event in support of the local food bank.

It should be a fun day for all as the participant compete for football's ultimate prize - pink flamingos! (Just think how good those little babies would look in front of YOUR house this spring!) Free hot chocolate will be provided for the players.

Information regarding registration can be obtained at the Intramural office in the L.B. Gym. A small registration fee will be charged in the form of cash or food items to support the food bank.

So come on out and participate. It's a good cause and it should be a lot of fun.

JOIN SPORTS TODAY

MEETING TODAY 12:30
ROOM 35 SUB

After all, where else do you find the best kind of people

by Paul A
Murray Ny

Not since
been such an
Eric Lindros
other. Both
can do it al
Monday nigh
Niagara Falls
these two. L
even Laval)
hand, who i
already a pr
joined the O
When Lemie
Cup tournam
finished last
the world ch
for Canada a
would you r
that Eric Lin
long before

Grant Fu
game. Fuhr
year by NE
instatement
Fuhr would
months lat
granted. A
sentence of
Ziegler h
regarding t
continue hi
to the hard
in the Natio

The five
keep this fo
- UNB S
- UNB S
- UNB F
- UNB M
- UNB S

Trivia:
Ainge, pla
Celtics?

Last we

- Ottawa
- Housto
- New E
- Vancou
- Calgar
- Minne
- Winnip
- Toront
- Birmin
- Cincin
- Clevel
- San Jo