

UNB Red Rebels lack spark in holiday meet

By BOB SKILLEN
Last weekend, while most of UNB was focusing on the Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament, the Red Rebels Volleyball team

travelled to Sackville for the Mount Allison Invitational Volleyball Tournament. This year the tournament consisted of six teams: Acadia, Mt. A., Moncton, Sunbury County

Celidhi (a senior men's team from Halifax) and UNB. The Rebels went into the tournament with aspirations of attaining one of the top two finishing places but as it turned

out their aspirations were not met and the club finished fourth behind the third place University of Moncton.

Nothing seemed to click for them and in turn they were defeated by Moncton, Sunbury and finally Celidhi.

The Rebels were first pitted against probably the weakest team in the tournament, Mount Allison. Coach Early started his second line, but unlike when Mt. A was here last, the Rebels could not handle the Mt. A team. Losing the first game, Coach Early then put in his starters who went on to defeat the Allisonians two games straight to take the match.

The Rebels seemed to lack that spark which could have turned their three losses around and possibly had them finish higher. Although the team was disheartened, Coach Early didn't seem to worry too much over it and is confident that this year's team has the capabilities of turning things around. "It was just one of those days," he commented a few days later.

The next UNB match was against the Acadia Axemen. Taking no chances Coach Early used his strong team to defeat the Axemen in two hotly contested games. At the end of the evening, the Rebels appeared to be in good shape for the next days' play.

This weekend the Rebels have a chance to avenge their poor showing at Mt. A. The annual UNB Volleyball Invitational is being played this Friday and Saturday in the main gymnasium. Play starts at 7:00 Friday night, winding up with the women's finals at 2:00 and the mens at 3:30 on Saturday.

On Saturday, however, the roof fell in on them, so to speak.

Harriers train through winter

Due to indoor track facilities and upcoming events in the summer, most of UNB's Red Harriers keep training during the winter months. Along with outdoor mileage, the Harriers and their coach, Wayne Stewart, train twice a week in the hallways at Fredericton High School with coach Mel Keeling and his team. These workouts are basically made up of fast work to keep in tone for track meets.

Although UNB does not, as yet, have an official indoor track schedule, some of the Harriers have already started to compete. On December 27 (1976) Coach Stewart, Jacques Jean, Martin Brannon and Ralph Freeze headed for Beverly, Mass. for a New England indoor track meet.

Martin Brannon ran in the 1 mile race and finished with a 4:36 clocking; a good effort considering the sharp corners on the track. Stewart ran the 2 mile against some top competitors and finished third in 9:20. Both Freeze and Jean competed in the longest race of 3 miles, and placed second and third respectively.

On Wednesday of this week the UNB team travels to Saint John to compete on UNBSJ's indoor track. Also, on Friday, Stewart, Freeze and Paul Guimond leave for Dartmouth College in the states, to compete in a tough meet with high calibre competition. Stewart and Freeze will run the 2 mile event while Guimond will tackle the walking races.

Local Harriers Brian McKinley, Jacques Jean and Martin Brannon of UNB are training hard as they hope to compete in the Canada Games next summer in Newfoundland, representing the province of New Brunswick.

UNB's Nancy Wheatley also has the Games in mind as she prepares for the middle and long distance events. She will be representing PEI at this meet.



Free ski course offered

Ski instruction for all students faculty and staff of UNB and STU will be offered again this year by

the intramural office. According to Gary Brown of the Phys. Ed. and recreation faculty, the courses head

instructor, the offer is one-of-a-lifetime since it gives non-skiers an opportunity to develop basic skills in the increasingly popular sport at a reasonable price.

Four Mermaids make nats

By KIM MYLES
Some of the slightly tanned faces around campus belong to the hard working Mermaids who ventured to Florida to train over the holidays.

Progress has been made by all of the other Mermaids as their times are constantly improving. The training over the holidays has greatly helped and Coach Gail Reynolds says the team is ahead of their position this time last year and is looking forward to a successful season.

So far, four Mermaids, Kathy Gaul, Debbie Prince, Ginny Bradley, and Randi Stangroom, have qualified for the Intercollegiate Swimming Nationals. Kathy Miller and Darlene MacDonald came within a few tenths of a second of qualifying for Nationals, at the last meet against the University of Moncton which the Mermaids won 78-27.

The Mermaids invite any further support and encouragement at the upcoming meets. They begin the new year with a meet tonight at 7:00 in the Sir Max Aitken pool against University of Moncton. Saturday, Jan. 15 Mount Allison travels to UNB for a meet at 1:00 p.m.

The most improved swimmer of that meet was Kathy Shane who



The Raiders tried, but to no avail. See story page 21.

Photo by Jack Trifis

Life, love, AND long distance

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