

# Express gearing for season

by MARK SAVOIE  
Brunswickan  
Staff

Last weekend, the Fredericton Express played two exhibition games here at the Aitken Center. They won one and lost one, but the results of these games meant little; because coach André Savard is looking for a squad for the regular season and to give himself some experience behind the bench.

Not only is André Savard new to the AHL, but he is new to coaching as well. He says that it is quite an adjustment, requiring total concentration all of the time. Because of his relative newness to the coaching position, he was unable to turn the reins over to an assistant and watch his players from the better vantage point of the stands as Mariners coach Tom McVie did. He needed the practice almost as much as his players.

According to Savard, the Express will be going with the 'wave of the future', which is speed. Savard, in his playing days, was quite a speedy player himself, and it must be wondered if he might end up

with too many André Savards and not enough Dave Semenkos to protect them.

Two potential 'enforcers' might well have been Serge and Mario Roberge, had not Savard already stated that they probably will not make the team. These two brothers remind one very much of the Hanson brothers from the movie 'Slapshot'. The fact is that between them they intimidated the AHL's worst bad

boy, Mitch Wilson, last Saturday night, and that kind of muscle would be nice to have. One problem with keeping them though, is that to keep one you have to keep the other.

Separating the two would be like breaking up Bambi and Thumper, and it might be too costly to keep two fighters on the squad.

At the moment the goaltending and the goal scoring is a bit weak. The Nordiques have

four goalies in camp and it is hoped that at least one of them will be sent down to bolster the squad between the pipes. As for goal scoring, the Express have a desperate need for someone who can put the puck in the net. Against Nova Scotia they fired 19 shots in the second period against an IHL caliber goalie and came up empty-handed. They outshot Maine 22-5 in the first period and came out with a 1-1

tie. Tony Currie was missing for both of these games for personal reasons and will be back.

It is hoped that some other goal scorers will be sent down by either Quebec or Vancouver to take some of the load off of his shoulders.

The Express play against the Canadian Olympic Hockey team tonight at 7:30 at the Aitken Center.

## Female rugby begins season

by Linda King

The sight at the Oromocto High School field was quite a new experience for many on the UNBSTU Rebels last Sunday. It was the first game for the young team, but only one of a lineup of many for the 1985-86 season.

The UNBSTU Rebels are members of the Women's Rugby Football Club as are their competitors. The girls play together as a "team", yet they are actually a "club", like many others on campus. Because of this aspect, par-

ticipants are there because they want to be. A \$15 fee per person is applied to cover the costs of transportation, advertising, and equipment. Such a small fee for such a great time.

Female rugby is a new and growing sport for the 1980's. The UNBSTU team is a young team and because of this, there are still some organizational problems to be ironed out.

Yet, due to a determined few, an executive has been set up as well as a promotions director. The coach, Kim Bursey, attends with great patience to teach the many rookies and few veterans the necessary skills.

Every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:00, Kim can be seen doing his part, which is greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work, Kim. The season is short and probably one of the best learning experiences offered at good ol' UNB.

The squad follows up their 4-0 loss against the local Loyalists to go to Mt. Allison this Sunday. A tentative tournament is also planned for November 2 and 3, here in Fredericton, with teams attending from Sackville, St. F.X., Acadia, Fredericton, and Halifax. This would be a

prime opportunity to show support for the young club.

Any means of support would be greatly appreciated by the girls. This support can range from playing to coaching to assisting in fundraising events.

Any steps forward the team can make this year would be a foundation for the next. There is no doubt they will be back.

Rookie Candice Watson has a few words for all of you unsure girls: "It's a great game — I guess I never realized just how much fun it is. Don't knock female rugby until you've tried it." Contact Libby Rankine at 455-0581.

### Smoke Shoppe

Come in check out the savings

Colgate toothpaste 100 ml Reg \$2.69  
Now \$1.70

All ALCO stationary products  
HALF PRICE

Hostess 300 g chips \$1.79

Bic pens - 3 pack special - was only .79  
NOW .66

Schooner T-shirts Reg \$9.95  
NOW \$5.00

Enter our Best Ideas Contest  
WIN \$20.00

Enquire at

Smoke Shoppe

HAVE YOUR  
GRADUATE PHOTO  
TAKEN NOW AT  
STONE'S STUDIO

SITTING CHARGE: 4.95

- 6 proofs shown from which to choose
- yearbook photo supplied
- 6 package specials and individual price list from which you may order your finished portraits
- gowns, dress shirt, tie and most hoods supplied

ASK ABOUT OUR QUANTITY  
STUDENT RATES

480 Queen ST 455-7578

P.S. Grad photos make great  
Christmas gifts