

# Welcome back UNB fans to Red Raider basketball

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The UNB Red Raiders continued to dominate the NB-PEI section of the Atlantic Intercollegiate Basketball League as they downed the University of Prince Edward Island Panthers twice in Charlottetown December 7th and 8th.

As the Raiders entered the first tilt, the boys were quite keyed up. The tenseness was quite visible in the form of hasty passes, and poor positional play in the first half and were leading by only five points. Ken Amos was having problems hitting the hoop, as was Joey Paytas. The fact that the UPEI gym, which is smaller than UNB's may have had some consequence, in that the Raiders were unable to perceive their positions well, because they usually play in larger gyms.

Second half action saw the UNB squad unwind for 50 points, all of which were spread quite evenly between the eleven players who travelled to Charlottetown. Foul shooting played an important part in the final outcome of the game 84-64, as we were good on 18 out of 24 tries from the line. Tom Hendershot was high man for UNB with 18 points.

With one victory behind them, UNB was much more relaxed winning the second game Saturday afternoon 92-58. They played a fine game, looking ahead, foreseeing traps and playing strongly defensively. Offensively they shot well from the floor both on field goals and from the line. The boys worked their plays well, utilizing Tom Hendershot and Van Ruitter at the post positions, who looked for the opportunity to set up passes for the good shots. By half time, we were leading by 13 points.

By far, the outstanding player of the game was Blaine MacDonald for UNB, who was pulling rebounds down offensively and defensively. He also unlocked himself from a four game scoring slump, by netting 28 points. However, despite the strong effort from MacDonald, Dave Seman, Tom Hendershot and Van Ruitter combined for 36 points between the three of them en route to the victory. Again, foul shooting was an important factor as we sank 16 for 26 shots from the line.

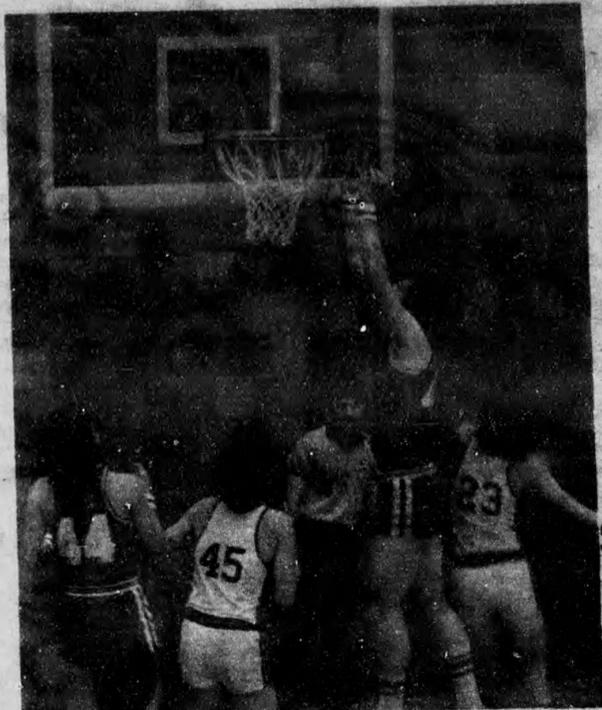
Unfortunately, UPEI does not have a strong offence. Many of their shots came from outside the key at the top or near the baseline. They did not seem able to work the ball in close to the basket.

Understandably, the Red Raiders were very happy ending the first part of the season with a 3-1 win-loss record in AIAA action. However, much tougher action awaits them at the hands of the Nova Scotia teams in 1974.

As was mentioned in the last issue of The Brunswickan, UNB hosted the 5th annual Holiday Classic during the X-mas vacation January 4th and 5th. Three college teams from the States and UNB were entered in the contest: Unity College from Unity, Maine; Lyndon State from Lyndon, Vermont; and Thomas College from Waterville, Maine.

Thomas College met Unity College in the first game Friday night, defeating the Unity team 95-76, led by the splendid ball-handling and shooting performance of guard Charles Ryan. Ryan netted 27 points.

In the second game of the evening, UNB Red Raiders met Lyndon State, and won 82-49, despite a very poor performance from the players. Feelings on both teams ran high at times in what seemed a poorly officiated game. Again UNB had a slow start,



Van Ruitter (45) of UNB displays fine form in reaching for the rebound in action this past weekend against Lyndon State. Tom Hendershot (44) of UNB and Lyndon State players Tom Leavitt (45) and Mike Gardner (23) look on. UNB won the game 82-49, but lost the championship contest to Thomas College.

leading by a score of 29-23 at the half. UNB seemed to have a definite advantage over Lyndon State, because all five starters on the UNB quintet were over six feet, whereas most of the Vermont squad were quite short. However, they made up what they lacked in height by their good speed.

Second half action saw the Raiders explode for 53 points, which were spread quite evenly between all members of the team. Van Ruitter played a fine game picking up only one personal foul and scoring 19 points, his highest total for a one game performance this season. His efforts on the boards, rebounding, also deserve credit. Tom Hendershot, who has been averaging over fourteen points a game this year turned out a good effort as did Ken Amos who netted sixteen points. Dave Seman, who is improving with every game was also rebounding well. Unfortunately, he made only two out of eight shots at the foul line.

The championship game Saturday featured top-seeded Thomas College and second-seeded UNB. The Terriers proved their worth in the first half, pulling ahead by thirteen points, a deficit which the Red Raiders just could not surmount as they lost 90-79.

Thomas College displayed very good ball-handling ability as well as sharp eyes in picking out players who were in the right spots to score. Robert Drouin, Charler Ryan and Eben Hobbs were key players in the Terriers' victory. The Raiders were not hustling and were caught flat-footed as Thomas College men were always under the basket laying the ball in. Assistant Coach Dick Slipp mentioned later, "...the boys just weren't thinking out there; they have to be able to play a game where everything should be automatic with regard to position play, offensively and defensively. Some of the players would rebound and cover their men well for a few minutes, but then they would have lapses. Thomas College always capitalized on these lapses. When the boys are out there, they have to play ball the whole time..." Coach Nelson had the same feelings, especially the fact that defensively we did not perform well. "we were out-hustled and out-played. They played a better game than we did..."

Russell	2
Paytas	12
S. Ruitter	6
Seman	10
Hendershot	18
V. Ruitter	7
Foul Shots	...1 for 4
Personal fouls against	...20

Thomas College Players	
Ryan	17
Samociuk	8
Bryant	4
Glazier	8
Hobbs	22
Scott	8
Drouin	23
Foul Shots	...12 for 20
Personal fouls against	...5

This past Tuesday night, the Raiders made their debut in the second half of the '73-'74 season, downing Ricker College Bulldogs from Houlton, Maine 90-70, at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym.

Again, UNB started out slowly, leading by only three points at the half. Second half action was explosive, to say the least, as the Raiders hooped 54 points. Ken Amos and Joey Paytas paced the victors with 20 points each.

The first half was a poor exhibition of basketball by the UNB squad. They had fourteen turnovers - we were not looking where we were passing, and were missing shots. Amos collected twelve points in the first half, although he had over twelve attempts. The lead changed hands several times in the see-saw contest.

Dave Seman and Joey Paytas combined forces offensively and defensively, rebounding superbly and working hard out on the court. Seman turned out his most productive game this season as he fired in 16 points, most of them

from directly underneath the basket. Paytas, a rookie and a native of New Jersey, collected his 20 points by being johnny-on-the-spot most of the time; grabbing rebounds offensively, and playing excellent defence.

This weekend, January 11th and 12th, the Raiders meet the UPEI Panthers for two games here at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym. The following Tuesday, January 15th, Mt. Allison Hawks visit us here also. UNB, sporting a 3-1 win-loss record in league action is hoping to win all three games and meet St. F.X. January 19 with a solid 6-1 record. We are getting over 500 fans per game and loving it. Keep coming!! We'll see you this weekend at the gym Friday night at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

### UNB 90 Ricker College 70

#### UNB Players

MacMullin	7
Amos	20
Felot	2
Paytas	20
MacDonald	6
S. Ruitter	1
Seman	16
Hendershot	12
V. Ruitter	6
Foul Shots	...12 for 24
Personal fouls against	...15

#### Ricker College Players

Bourre	3
Brown	14
Clement	2
Gamble	10
Furbush	4
Malloy	8
Nisi	2
Miles	12
Warren	15
Foul Shots	...3 for 14
Personal fouls against	...20

During the game, however, we received strong, persistent efforts from guards Dave MacMullin and Ken Amos. Coach Nelson feels MacMullin is going to be a key factor in our upcoming games this half of the season. He is an excellent ball-handler, which is what the Raiders need. Throughout the first part of the season, the UNB team has been plagued by a tendency to lose possession of the ball about 20 times a game, with the other team often capitalizing by scoring. These turnovers occur in the form of stolen balls, bad passes, double dribbles or travels. The importance of using MacMullin is that, being a good ball-handler, he can bring the ball upcourt, enabling Ken Amos to work from a wing position, a position he likes and plays well from.

Amos and Hendershot turned out a good scoring performance, each man collecting 18 points on their way to a berth on the Holiday Classic All Star Team. Other members of the All Star Team included Eben Hobbs and Robert Drouin from Thomas College and Steven Lach from Unity College. Charles Ryan of the Thomas College Terriers received the Tournament's MVP award, and certainly deserved it.

### Thomas College 90 UNB 79

#### UNB Players

MacMullin	4
Amos	18
Pelot	2



UNB's Mister Joey Paytas (34), johnny-on-the-spot scores again during his 20 point performance against Ricker College Bulldogs.

## Varsity Sports Week

All UNB games are denoted by solid capital letters.

JANUARY		
11 FRIDAY	BASKETBALL (M)	UPEI at UNB - 8:00
11 & 12 Fri. & Sat.	Volleyball (L)	UNB at Moncton
12 SATURDAY	BASKETBALL (M)	UPEI at UNB - 3:00
12 SATURDAY	HOCKEY	UPEI at UNB - 7:00
13 SUNDAY	HOCKEY	UPEI at UNB (EX) - 2:00
15 TUESDAY	BASKETBALL (L)	MT. ALLISON at UNB - 6:00
15 TUESDAY	BASKETBALL (M)	MT. ALLISON at UNB - 8:00
16 Wednesday	Hockey	UNB at STU - 7:45