

UNB SPORTS

Red Raiders sour over weekend

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How does a team go from a 5-0 record to 5-4 (pending the outcome of Tuesday's game against Mt. A) just two weeks later? This is the question facing the UNB Red Raiders basketball team after they suffered their second straight losing week including losses to St. Marys (89-109) and Dalhousie (77-116) as they opened their AUSA season in Halifax on the weekend.

Although played down by Associate Coach Phil Wright, the major reason has to be the injuries to key players Scott Devine and Chris McCabe. Devine was out two weeks ago during the Machias game and McCabe missed both of the Halifax games because of a severely bruised foot suffered in that same Machias game. The fact they have played some excellent ballclubs during this period has made their loss even more apparent.

Injuries such as these also magnify a problem that has been with the Raiders for two years now, the lack of depth on the bench. In the backcourt Devine remains the only experienced point-guard, meaning any injury to him would severely cripple the team. Up front the three starters, McCabe, Paul Holder and Don McCormack all have University experience with the UNB club. There is some hope from the bench in this area after the performances of Ted DeWinter and Dwight McInnis who were called into service last weekend. Coach Don Nelson commented on their play: "Ted and Dwight were put in a very challenging situation and both responded well. Ted played well offensively against St. Marys, scoring 13 points. Dwight was effective defensively against Dal. The playing time that they both received this weekend is going to pay dividends down the road."

Wright dismissed any suggestion that the amount of playing time that the starters receive may have resulted in fatigue, and thus the letdown in the second half of the Dal game, saying, "Our kids are in shape." Commenting also on the scores of the two games this past weekend, Wright said: "The size of the scores can be deceiving. Both St. Marys and Dal have fine teams, and they played very well. However there were times in both games when we were in it. With two minutes left in the first half against St. Marys the difference was only

four points. Against Dal we cut a 24 point lead by the Tigers to four at the half, and actually took the lead by four in the early moments of the second period. Then the bottom fell out. Anytime you only score 26 points in a half in this league you are in trouble."

The team will try to put the past two weeks behind them as they head to St. Catherines, Ontario for a tournament at Brock University where they will be gunning for their second tournament title of the year. It was hoped that McCabe would be healthy for the tournament although he was listed as doubtful for Tuesday's game against Mt. A. The Tournament starts for UNB on Friday at 9:00 p.m. as they meet the host team Brock who are coached by former Mt. A coach Garney Henley. The University of Western Ontario, losers to UNB in the Ottawa tournament, meet Eisenhower College of Upstate New York in the preliminary game. The consolation game is scheduled for 4:00 on Saturday with the championship slated for 8:00 p.m.

The Red Raiders return home on Sunday, and whether victorious or not, they will begin preparation for crucial games against Acadia and Dalhousie next weekend at the Aitken Centre.

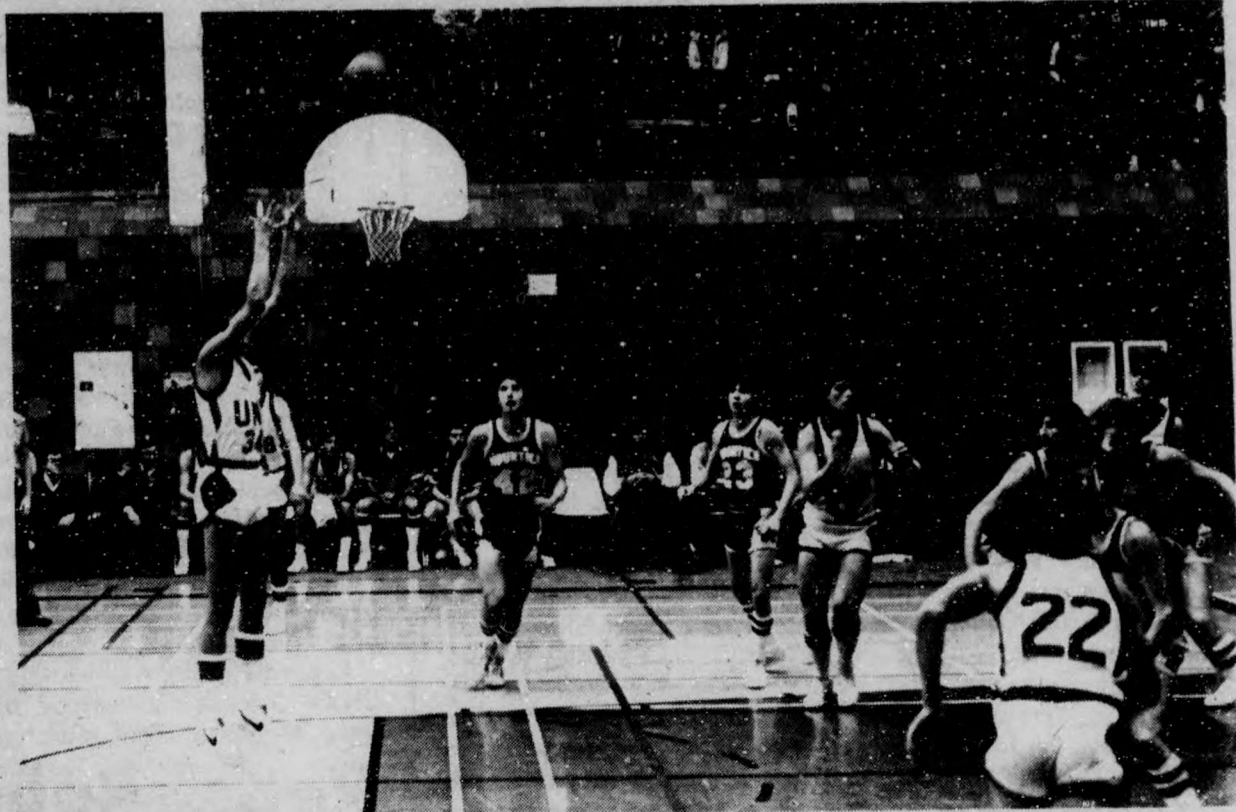
UNB 89 - St. Marys 109

St. Marys has a veteran team led by two outstanding guards, Lee David and Mark Vickers. In the opening moments it was all SMU as Davis and Vickers did most of the scoring. The Raiders never lost their poise, and Devine went carefully to work running the offense and carrying the scoring load. Ted DeWinter held his own offensively and worked hard at the other end.

St. Marys had good size and they seemed to wear the Red Raiders down with their physical play. Toward the two minute to go mark in the first half the SMU lead was only four, and UNB had the ball. A costly turnover followed by a tenacious full court press ballooned the lead to 16 at the half. The Raiders played well in the second half but couldn't dent the Huskies bulge.

Box Score:
UNB 89: Devine, 28, Holder 21, McCormack, 5, Amos 16, DeWinter 13, Young 6.

SMU 109: Davis 26, Vickers 21, Dlombers 19, Kappos 15, Latner 12, Buckland 8, Draws 8.



Peter McLaughlin Photo

Jumper! Scott Devine led UNB to an 83-66 AUSA basketball victory over the visiting Mount Allison Mounties at the L. B. Gym Tuesday night. The Red Raiders held a 43-28 halftime lead on the strength of Devine's performance of both ends of the floor. Don McCormack provided the scoring punch in the first period with 13 points. The team encountered little problem the rest of the way and the starters were able to get a much deserved rest. Devine ended up with 19 points for his efforts, while Paul Holder chipped in 19 to go along with 13 rebounds. Dwight McInnis turned in a strong performance in relief of the injured Chris McCabe.

UNB 77 - Dalhousie 116

Dalhousie coach Doc Ryan has assembled a much improved team at the Halifax school.

Although the score would not indicate it, the game was exciting until the 15 minute mark of the second half.

In the first half the Tigers built up a 24 point lead only to see that disappear by half time. The Tigers went to the locker room leading by just 4, 55-51.

The Raiders seemed to be in command as the second half began. They scored 8 straight

points to take the lead by four. Then the offense stalled. Dalhousie started to go inside and scored almost at will. Crowell led Dalhousie with 21, while Don McCormack led UNB with 23. This sets up an interesting rematch with the Raiders healthy in Aitken Centre on December 5.

Athletes of the week

Two key performers for respective UNB teams have topped this week's nominations as athlete of the week. Alice Kamermans of the volleyball Reds and Dave Mancuso of the hockey Red Devils earned their distinction in intercollegiate action over the weekend.

Kamermans' all-round court play managed to keep the Reds close to perennial powerhouse Memorial University in weekend losses. "Her 'vacuum cleaner' defense kept us close in both matches while her ability to hit around and through the Memorial defense spearheaded our offense," commented coach Jim Sexsmith of this year's team captain.

Kamermans, a three time AUSA All-Star, is a third year Physical Education student from Newcastle, N.B.

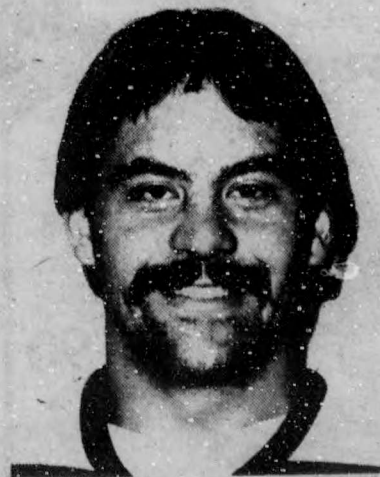
Mancuso led the defensive corps in a weekend split with UPEI and in an 11-3 thrashing of St. Thomas. The interim cap-

tain logged forty plus minutes in each game, drawing considerable attention from opposing checkers. In the three games, the first-year Education student contributed offensively with one goal and three assists.

"Dave gets better with each game," adds coach Don MacAdam. "At this rate of im-

provement he will be second to no other defenseman by the end of the season."

In nine regular season games to date, Mancuso has compiled 1 goal and 6 assists. At 23, he comes to UNB with two years professional experience in the International Hockey League. Mancuso is a native of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.



Dave Mancuso

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Alice Kamermans