

Pittsburgh Pirates prospect

Mark Healy goes for the pros

By DAVE MOMBOURQUETTE

Summer long since past, most students at UNB have resigned themselves to the approaching cold weather, and the dreaded NHL season. But for fourth year civil engineering student Mark Healy, these thoughts couldn't be further from his mind, that area of his personage being preoccupied with thoughts of Florida sunshine, green grass and baseball.

Florida?
Baseball?

Lest you think that Mr. Healy is suffering from too much studying, it should be mentioned that come March, Mark will be flying south to the spring training camp of the Pittsburgh Pirates in Bradenton, Florida. That is the Pittsburgh Pirates of Willie Stargell, Omar Moreno and Dave Parker quite a scene for a mere resident of New Brunswick.

If you are wondering just how this 21 year old native of Saint John has suddenly been launched into the world of professional baseball, you need not look any further than the summer of 1981. Having played his little league ball in Saint John Mark was able to join the Lancaster Expos of the New Brunswick Junior

Baseball League, in the process almost becoming the league. All he did was to lead the league in doubles, triples, runs scored and batting average, the final figure an impressive .423. Picked to play on the N.B. team at the Canada Games, Mark maintained his .423 average, and led the team to the silver medal.

Like it nor not, his performances caught the attention of Bill Bryan, New England scout for the Pirate organization, who gave him a tryout in Maine. All of this resulted in a signed contract in May of this year, and a summer of Rookie Class baseball with the Bradenton Pirates of Florida's Gulf Coast League.

His performance this summer has earned him a shot at the higher levels of the Pirate system, a chance he will get in spring training next year. That performance was a good reason for optimism as Mark steadily improved over the course of the season, finishing the last three weeks with a .310 average and a steady glove at second base.

The most remarkable aspect of his season was the smooth transition from his old position main reason for his early season hitting troubles.

Another problem Mark encountered was the switch from playing just on weekends, to that of playing everyday, a both physically and mentally tough situation in the middle of a Florida summer. "It was quite a change to play everyday," he noted, one that will show up even more next year

at catcher, to that of second base. The combination of good hands, a good arm, and his size (6'2", 180 lbs.), all played a factor in the switch, one that Mark is certain is the best for his career.

In comparing the baseball in the U.S. with that in New Brunswick, Mark felt "the biggest difference is that every player is good down there, whereas the Senior Teams up here only have a few outstanding players." He singled out the pitching as the main quality difference, citing this as the

J-V Hockey

The J-V Hockey League is preparing for the 1982-83 season. This league is designed to facilitate those students who wish to compete in a more competitive brand of hockey. The formation of this program will provide a more intense hockey atmosphere for the students with higher skill levels.

This year will feature three teams from UNB and one from STU. The program will consist of a twenty-game schedule, with all games being played at the Aitken Centre on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

All those interested in playing in the Jr. Development Program must fill out a player registration form. These forms are available and may be left at the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium Office.

*There will also be a meeting for all interested players to be held on Thursday, Oct. 7th at 7:30 p.m. Room 116 in the L.B. Gymnasium.

"I've got to go down there with the attitude to play the game, I feel I can pull my own weight and spring training is the time to show your stuff," said the prospect. "I'd like to if Mark makes the Pirates A Class team, and jumps from a 60 to 140 game schedule.

And what of the prospects for the future, Mr. Healy? play A ball next year, but you really can't tell, so I'm

prepared to go by any decision the Pittsburgh organization makes," he added.

For Mark Healy that decision will probably be a good one, providing he stays healthy, and his climb to the big leagues should continue. Who knows? If all works out one of our own UNB products could be helping the Pirates end yet another Expo hope for the pennant.

Orono nips male trotters

By TONY NOBLE

Despite losing to the strong University of Maine Orono Black Bears, our Red Harriers Cross Country team has to be pleased with the results. In the past few years UNB has never beaten Orono, but this year with only a few of our top runners present, we gave them a real run for it.

A big plus for UNB was the return of the double trouble Flood brothers to the racing scene. Both ran excellent races over the fast flat 5.7 mile course. Brian Flood, the more conservative of the two, held back over the early part of the race, only unleashing his savage and onslaught over the last few miles as he picked off dozens of tiring runners to finish a very respectable 10th.

Henry Flood, on the other hand, attacked right from the start, not making any friends at all doing so. One such hapless adversary passed Henry with a half mile to go which was a real mistake as he literally thrashed his was past a number of startled but helpless runners to finish 2nd.

Tim Boyle was also a powerhouse of strength in his usual well paced manner. Leading much of the race, he didn't quite have the legs for the gut burning finish, but still finished well in 5th. Tim is new

this year and looks to be a real plus as we approach AUAA time.

Seated a little further back in the pack, but still having a good race was Tony Noble who is steadily improving and is expected to be in the lead group by AUAA time. Our 5th man was Tim Randall who ran really well considering his lowly status of frosh, but at least this was his second meet which is one step better than our super frosh, Cris Pinsent and Alex Scholten who were our 6th and 7th men respectively.

All three frosh ran really well and look to be bright spots in races to come.

Hopefully, next weekend when the team travels to Bowden, Maine, we will have the services of 2 more of our top runners R2D2, Greg Crondin who missed this weekend in order to recharge himself, and P.J. Meagher who's supreme coordination caused injury by the old "kick yourself in the leg" routine.

Judo Club

Beginners instruction will commence Monday Oct. 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the South Gym (behind d'Avray Hall).

Regular classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 8 p.m.

This year's club boasts five black belt instructors as well as a full range of belt levels among our members.

The Judo Club travels quite a bit to provincial and maritime level competitions.

Skating Club

The first practice of the UNB-FSC will be on Friday, Oct. 8 at 3-4 p.m. at the Aitken Centre.

Practices will alternate from Thursdays to Fridays at 4-4:45 p.m. from one week to the next. Registration forms and a list of the ice times will be available on the 8th.

For further info. please contact Ann McKinley at 455-5623. Everyone is welcomed!!

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Applications close at 3:00 pm on Friday, October 1, 1982.

Please apply to: Applications Committee, Room 126, Student Union Building.