

# VIEW FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

by Tim Lynch

Welcome aboard for another "view", where exactly are the "cheap seats" anyways? Perhaps we're referring to the bleachers at the Big "O". If you don't see it yet, try watching a Red Shirts game from the top of the Harriet Irving Library.

Let's start with baseball. How about those Jays, eh? The "Shaker" sure was an unlikely hero last Friday. The next day George Bell rang loudly. Right now the Jays and A's are locking horns for A.L. bragging rights. As many baseball people know, Jose Canseco is the most valuable player in the A.L., but Bell will win the A.L.M.V.P. for the second time in his career.

The Expos' Dave Dombrowski made several moves during the season. Montreal finished at 81-81. Tim Wallach had 13 homers. Mark Langston, Bryn Smith and Pascual Perez may not be back next year. Hubie Brooks is definitely gone. Marques Grissom is a promising rookie though. In 1985, the Expos opted for Herm Winningham over Mookie Wilson in the Gary Carter deal. Look at Mookie now.

Still with baseball, the A's won 99 games this year while Detroit lost 103. The Jays actually battled the Tigers for the cellar earlier in the year. San Diego finished with the same record as Toronto only 3 game back of the Giants. Definitely a team to watch next year. Last year's World Series champions from L.A. finished 6 games below 500. Forty-two year old Nolan Ryan had 301 K's to lead the majors. He now has 289 career wins.

I saw Donovan Boucher fight Glenwood Brown on TSN last week for the Intercontinental Boxing Federation of World Associations (or something like that) title. Brown feasted on the Canadian from Toronto with a French name. Boucher appeared as if he was on speed skates in the seventh. Brown was the boxer who knocked Sean O'Sullivan into retirement, too. Lennox Lewis, who won the gold medal at Seoul as a super-overweight, is now 3 and 0 as a professional. Also Donovan "Razor" Ruddock is busy training for his November eighteenth fight with Mike Tyson in Edmonton. Tyson refers to the Canadian challenger as the "Disposable Razor." Remember what happened to Willie deWitt when he fought Bert Cooper in Regina? This could be ugly.

If you can believe it, SMU had to come from behind in their 53-37 victory over Mt. Allison last Saturday. SMU is now 3 and 0 while Mt. A is the reverse. As well, Acadia beat St. FX 22-11 in front of 5000 fans in Antigonish to move to 2 and 1. St. FX is now 1 and 2.

An old joke in Toronto these days is about the possibility of getting an NFL team. The problem is that the Skydome's 50,000 fan capacity is too small for the NFL's liking. Incidentally, the East-leading Hamilton Tiger Cats play the vastly improving B.C. Lions tonight. Ottawa limps to Toronto tomorrow with their 2 and 11 record. A key West Division matchup Sunday has Calgary playing host to Saskatchewan. The Stamps currently lead Saskatchewan by 4 points and B.C. by six. The Thanksgiving Day classic has Winnipeg in Edmonton to play the 11 and 2 Eskimos. As the season winds down, Edmonton's Reggie Taylor, Toronto's gill Fenerty, and Saskatchewan's Tim McCray are all battling it out for the league rushing title. All these are also closing in on the 1000 yard plateau.

October 21, 1989 A.D. Same time and same place. Media Bowl XVIII. Bruns Barbarians meet CHSR Bunnies of Death. CHSR is confident this year. Imagine that.

# Tough Week For UNB Red Shirts

Last week the UNB Red Shirts Varsity Soccer Team played three games in four days with results that could only be described as disappointing. Nine days ago, the Shirts took on the UdeM Blue Eagles at Chapman Field for a fairly simple 3-0 victory. Two days later, they traveled to Mt. Allison to duel to a scoreless tie against the Mounties, and then last Saturday, were embarrassed by the fourth ranked St. Mary Huskies 5-0.

The week started off in frigid weather against UdeM. Moncton started the game off well and pressed hard for the first ten minutes, but after that seem outclassed by the Red Shirts. As a result team captain Stewart Galloway was able to break through the defence on a run for a score during the 38th minute. At this point, the Blue Eagles lost interest in the game and appeared to be more interested in finishing the game and getting in out of the cold than in actually winning the contest.

During the second half, UdeM rarely threatened and found themselves victimized by two more UNB goals. The first of these was by Todd Slaney during the 76th minute as a result of a long throw in by Jamie Pollock. This was rapidly followed by Stewart Galloway's second goal of the match during the 78th minute on a penalty kick. The UdeM squad was totally dispirited by this point and was lucky to get out of Fredericton with only three goals against.

Last Friday's game against the Mt. Allison Mounties was a big game for the Red Shirts, as one of these two will most probably be hosting the AUAA finals. The eventual host will be determined by which team

finishes the season first in the West Division. A victory in this game would have increased the likelihood of UNB hosting the playoffs as Mt. A had already lost games to UPEI and SMU. With the tie on Friday, UNB is still favoured to play host, but Mt. Allison's chances are still good.

This game was also the scene of the highly touted Varsity-Mania Road Trip '89, as four busloads of largely rabid UNB students made the trip to Sackville to cheer for their respective residences. This crowd saw Mt. A dominate the first ten minutes of the match, forcing Geoff Harvey to come up with several key stops to keep the score even. After that, the team seemed to wake up and began taking the play to the Mt. Allison squad, but were held off the scoreboard by the Mt. A defence and a strong headwind.

In the second half, with the wind at their backs, the Red Shirts had the best of their scoring opportunities. Unfortunately, the wind was carrying the Shirts' long kicks too far down field for a concerted attack. The best of the opportunities came at the 83rd minute when the Red Shirts had a two on zero breakaway, which ended with them being hauled down by a Mt. A defender just six inches outside of the penalty area. After that no successful chances arose and the game ended in a scoreless draw.

A dire note to this game was an injury to Jamie Pollock in the 31st minute. Pollock cracked his knee when he was struck upon the leg and sat out the rest of the game. He also missed the St. Mary's game the next day, and it was here that his presence was really missed. Also missing from this game were Stewart Galloway (who had a prior commitment) and Michael

Connolly (who did not make the trip because of an injury). The effect of the absence of these three players plus the unfamiliar element of playing on artificial turf caused the team to come out flat, resulting in an early goal for the Huskies in the 5th minute. This was the first goal allowed by the Red Shirts and Geoff Harvey this season. The rest of the half was fairly good for the team and they had several legitimate chances to tie the game. That is, until a disastrous stretch at the 30th and 31st minutes which saw two SMU goals that effectively ended the game. The half ended with UNB trailing by a large 3-0 score.

The second half saw Christopher Miller receive his first action as keeper yet this season. In this half the Shirts never managed a continuous threat at the SMU goal. St. Mary's, meanwhile, continued to pressure UNB and they scored again in the 64th and 77th minutes.

St. Mary's is the only team in the AUAA conference with an artificial turf field. This gives them a tremendous home field advantage. Soccer on turf is a much faster game than soccer on grass and because of their experience with this faster game they were much more aggressive around the ball than the Red Shirts were. Jamie Pollock's aggressive play would have been a definite asset towards improving the team's pace during the game.

This weekend, the Shirts will try to get back on track with a game against UPEI in Charlottetown tomorrow and then challenge UdeM in Moncton on Sunday. Both these teams are challenging for the final playoff spot and will also be trying to revenge their shutout losses to the Red Shirts earlier this season.

# Road Trip '89

This Sept. 29th I did something along with five buses full of rockin' rowdy UNBer's. It was the biggest party since Woodstock (but this time no one was dancing naked and Hendrix had to cancel) They called it Roadtrip '89.

We took Sackville by storm and created hurricane winds with our blowing horns blowing and tonsils showing. At half time it was great to see everyone turn into their own favorite Solid Gold dancer in the middle of the

field. Before we knew it, however, we were back at UNB and finally discovered that the game was a tie, although very exciting.

Fifteen dollars was definitely a meager price to pay for such a Sackville shakin', Mount A. quakin', I ain't fakin', kind of a day. I'd like to thank Varsity-Mania for a definite roadtrip and a half.

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