

Rugby: Two Championships, One to go

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The UNB Rugby Football Club now have 2 provincial championships to their credit this year and is preparing to spread the final scoop of icing on the cake this weekend when the UNB Ironmen meet the Nova Scotia Champions, Pictou County, in the Maritime Championship.

The UNB 1st division team captured the New Brunswick championship and the McNair Trophy, emblematic of New Brunswick Rugby supremacy, on the November 4th weekend, crushing the Saint John Trojans, 22-4 in the final regular season game. The Club then wrapped up their second championship of the year last weekend when UNB's 2nd division, squad fought two, tough, back to back, games and came away carrying the Thorpe Trophy, awarded annually to the winners of the New Brunswick E division play-offs.

In B division semi-final play on Saturday, November 11, the UNB squad played their toughest match of the season and squeaked out a 4-0 victory over the Fredericton Loyalists Rugby Club. Andy Johnson scored the loan try for UNB in the first half of a game which saw both teams reluctant to give any ground. The match was fast and hard hitting with both teams playing like 1st division clubs.

In the final on Sunday, UNB met the Canadian Armed Forces Rugby team from Gaquetown. The fitness of the UNB squad showed through on the afternoon as two gruelling rugby matches in 24 hours demands the upmost in conditioning. UNB ran away with a 12-0 victory, winning the "B" championship and capping a flawless 11 win - 0 loss season. Lou Scherer, the outside centre, Dave Demers at inside centre and Speedy winger, Tony Dolan, each scored a try in the final match.

The Maritime Rugby Championship and the Caledonia Cup winner will be decided this Saturday at the home field of the Nova Scotia Champions, Pictou County; kick off time for the big match is 1:00 p.m. The Pictou County Rugby Club defeated the

Truro Rugby Club last weekend, 19-0 in the Nova Scotia championship game and will be appearing in their 4th Maritime championship match in six years. The Ironmen have met Pictou County, who are noted for their intimidation and dirty tactics, in Caledonia Cup play, on three previous occasions; winning twice and losing once; thus this weekends championship should prove to be somewhat of a grudge match and the Ironmen can be assured that the big game will be a tough one.

The Ironmen, who last won the coveted Caledonia Cup in 1974, have had an outstanding year and will carry the most impressive season record in the history of the club into this years final. Totals thus far, including pre-season play, show the Ironmen supporting an incredible 22 wins - 0 loss record, having outscored the opposition by an astounding 511 points for to 97 points against.

Dave Beard TD's-15 Field Goals-1

Conversions-8
Roland Chamberlain Drop-kicks-1
Field Goals-1 Conversions - 21
Blake Brunson TD's-7. Ralph Lutes TD's-6. Andy Bynum TD's-4. Jean Michaud TD's-4. Kris MacMillan TD's-3. Brian Conheady TD's-3. Gord MacKay TD's-2. Nigel Campbell TD's-1. Mark Miles TD's-1. Mike Collins TD's-1. Tor Wilson TD's-1. Kevin Mulholland TD's-1.

UNB coach, Bob Cockburn, says that the team is healthy and that he will carry a full squad to meet Pictou County. Cockburn, who has always been a firm believer in conditioning, pushed the Ironmen hard with three workouts a week in preparation for the final, and will field a fit, well disciplined club in the Caledonia Cup match.

"We'll be expecting such players as team Captain Kris MacMillan, scrum half Brian Conheady and versatile flanker Ralph Lutes to spark the club," says Cockburn, "But we have played as a team all year and each player will be giving his best."

Here are the players who will be playing for UNB in the Calsonia Cup game:



FORWARDS

Kris MacMillan: Hooker. 5'10" 175. Third year with UNB RFC. Team Captain. Provincial hooker, and fastest forward in the Maritimes. Has scored three TD's this fall. An inspiring player.

Russ Conheady: Prop. 5'9" 195. Brought up to first team early in season; although a freshman, has learned his position quickly. Strong and durable.

Mike Arthur: Prop. 5'10" 210. Played for team last spring in New England, and was one of the victorious UNB seven-a-side team in Maritime Sevens Championship in June. Tackles well.

Mark Miles: Lock. 6' 200. Learned the game in Argentina. Jumps well in the lineout. Steady, fit, and intelligent player. Third season with club.

Kevin Mulholland: Lock. 6'3" 237. From Yorkshire. Powerful, shrewd and ferocious, he is at his best in rucks, mauls, and lineouts. Played at Cambridge, first season with UNB. He takes no prisoners.

Ralph Lutes: Flanker. 5'8" 165.

Second year with UNB. Swift, dynamic, a leader. Makes classic tackles, runs the ball astutely, one of the outstanding flankers in the Province. Scored six TD's.

Tyler Richardson: Flanker. 5'10" 210. Most versatile man on the team, can play any position. Fourth season with UNB. Carries the ball with authority, punts for distance.

Jean Michaud: Number 8. 6'3" 195. Joined club last year, came on fast. Now best lineout-jumper in team's eleven-year history. Courageous, hard, scores often from inside enemy's 25-yard line.

BACKS

Brian Conheady: Scrum-half. 5'9" 163. From Dublin. Played for UNB seconds last year, now best man at his position in the Province. Kicks effectively with either foot, makes low, slicing tackles, thrives on punishment.

Jeff Mephram: Outside halfback. 5'10" 165. Fourth year with club. Has excellent hands, gives a perfect pass, kicks well on the run. Addicted to Rugby football, and one of the best backs the club has ever had.

Andy Bynum: Inside centre. 5'8" 1978. From Texas. Came into his own as a back this season. Great acceleration, runs straight, hurts the man who tries to tackle him. Delivers disciplined, all-out effort for the 80 minutes of every game.

David Beard: Outside centre. 6'3" 195. Played for Loughborough Colleges in England; first year here. Big, swift, and experienced, he has scored 15 TD's so far this season; when in full flight.

Nigel Campbell: Wing. 5'10" 163. Also a skillful out-half and fullback. First played for UNB in 1973. A sure tackler, fine kicker, and useful ball-carrier. Absolutely dependable. "Reads" the opposition better than most.

Blake Brunson: Wing. 5'11" 175. Fourth year with club. Has won several team awards for his play. Does not make mistakes. Tackles with abandon, runs the ball at speed and without fear against much bigger opponents.

Roland Chamberlain: Fullback. 6' 182. From Northern Ireland. One of two best place-kickers in the history of the club. His kicks go through the uprights from the most difficult of angles.

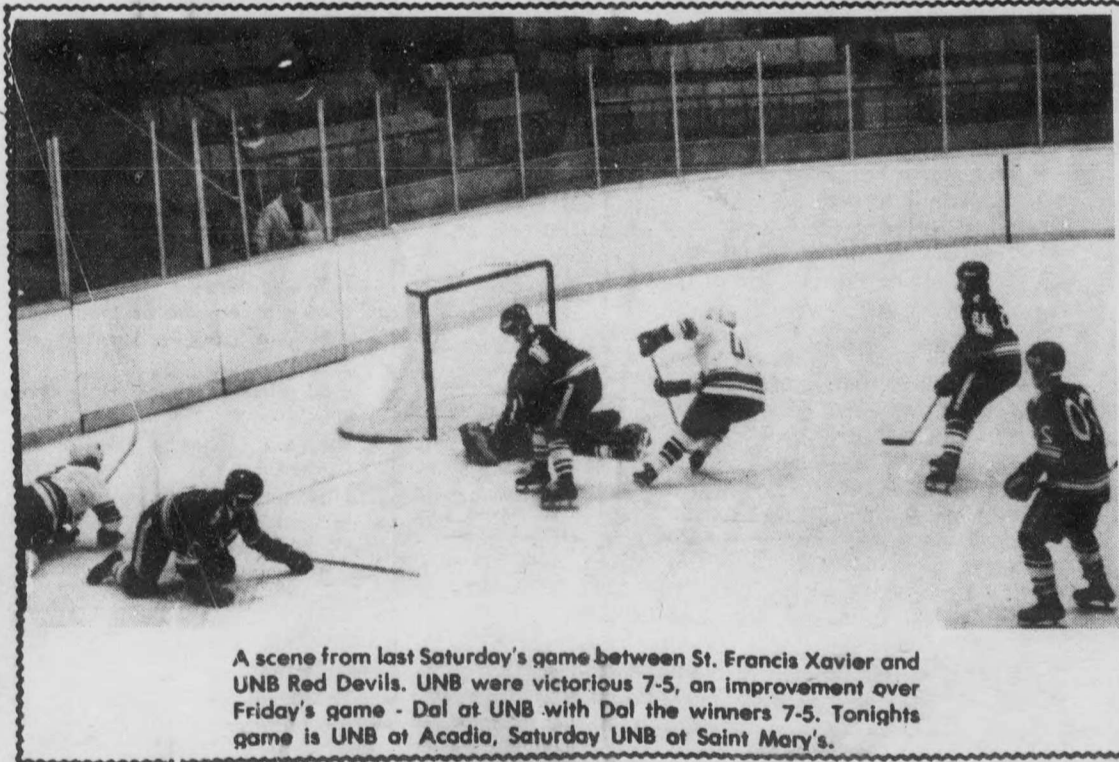
Reds take control

The UNB Reds had another successful weekend when they travelled to Sackville to challenge the Mount Allison squad for their second consecutive weekend. Despite their rather slow start, the Reds managed to take final control and won the first game by a slim margin of 15-13. In the second game, however, the Mt. A. gives initiated a much stronger offense and defeated the Reds 12-15. The third game proved to be the turning point of the match when back-court specialist Janice Alton was substituted into the game. She seemed to be the motivating factor that produced

the victory for the Reds. They completely dominated play and finished by a 15-10 score. Diane Baker executed several excellent blocks which certainly caught their

opponents off guard. As a result, their attack weakened somewhat and the Reds powered several smashes to the floor. The Reds finished the match confidently by a 15-7 win. Coach Gail MacKinnon was much more pleased by the performance of the Reds. She still feels that their offensive attack needs a few adjustments but is very confident in her girl's abilities. This weekend sees the Reds travel to Acadia University to

challenge several teams from Nova Scotia including the Dalhousie Tigers, the Dartmouth Combines, Celidah, a senior from Halifax, Mount Allison, Universite de Moncton, and Memorial University will also be very strong contenders for first place in the Seventh Annual Dalhousie Acadia Tournament.



A scene from last Saturday's game between St. Francis Xavier and UNB Red Devils. UNB were victorious 7-5, an improvement over Friday's game - Dal at UNB with Dal the winners 7-5. Tonight's game is UNB at Acadia, Saturday UNB at Saint Mary's.