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Didn't the baseball season seem to end just a few weeks ago? It is kind of scary to think that spring training for major league baseball is only about one month away. It just doesn't seem right that baseball starts in the middle of winter especially since summer doesn't roll around here for about 2 months after spring training starts. However, since football is completed after last Sunday's destruction of the Bills, something is needed quickly to take up all those Sunday afternoons on the couch. At least the Olympics will be around, and not far off is that great, exciting, sporting tradition - World League Football.

One of the biggest trends in sports right now is card collecting. Remember those packs of cards you bought for 10 cents a pack and had gum which lost its flavors in about 3 minutes? well, if you have a chance, dig through all those boxes back home in the basement and find your cards - you could become rich.

The card collecting hobby is now big business. What ever happened to kids collecting cards because it was fun? Ten year olds who want to make some money have dumped traditional jobs like cutting grass and delivering newspapers because there is more money in bubble gum cards. It is interesting just to see how much your old cards are now worth. My Guy Lafleur rookie card was worth a lot of money, but as a kid I though Guy should have a moustache, so I drew one on his face. Its a "dog eat dog" world in the business of bubble gum cards.

We have to give credit where it is due. Karl Taylor's father, Phil, was visiting Fredericton last week from North Bay, Ontario. He called the Super Bowl correct saying the Skins would slaughter Buffalo. A minor understatement.

In just a couple of years only Toronto and Chicago will have arenas that were played in during the old original six days, the new Montreal forum is but a few years away and it appears Boston is in the stages of raising the finances for a new Garden for the Bruins and Celtics. Philadelpia, Vancouver and Winnipeg are also inline for new buildings. The arena in Winnipeg is slightly older but these other places can't be much more than 30 years old, can they? What happened - did they use a cheaper grade of concrete in the '60's?! Maple Leaf Gardens will probably live on for years (too bad maybe a change of scenery might help the team) although Harold Ballard did claim that a new Gardens would be built in North York, eventually. The old rink is sitting on some pretty expensive soil downtown and most likely will remain there.

Superbowl Sunday means more than just the mere recognition of Super Bowl Champions for the players, coaches, and owners. For example, the city of New York experiences water shortages during certain times of the day. That time just happens to be during commercial breaks. Regardless of this fact, multi-billion dollar companies will pump millions into a 30 second advertisement. The cost for a thirty-second ad during the Super Bowl is between \$800,000 to \$850,000, a total revenue of \$80 million. The cost for a regular Monday night football game is only \$225,000.

Super Bowl Sunday represents a 4 hour of doing absolutely nothing but sit back and enjoy a football game. After consuming a few beer, some chips and peanuts and perhaps the odd pizza, the soft cry of bed-time rings in the air. The horrible feeling the next day is sure to follow, after eating all that junk. The people of Minnesota that were at the game must feel the same way after consuming: 12,000 gallons of beer; 40,000 hot dogs, sausages; 350 gallons of frozen yogurt, ice cream; 5,000 slice of pepperoni and cheese pizza.

This Saturday at the L.B. Gym the UNB Red Bloomers and Red Raiders are hosting the strong teams from St. Francis Xavier. The Bloomers play at 6:30 p.m. and the men at 8:30 p.m. This is a special evening for residences because of the opportunity to win a VCR for their house that has the largest turnout per capita.

There is also two chances to win a return airfare complements of Air Atlantic, one draw each half-time. Pepsi will also be showing up in full force with plenty of giveaways. This evening should prove to be an exciting one, national rankings put St. Fx number one in the country.

SUPER - DUPER DOUBLE

TRIVIA WEEK!!!

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(1) When was the last time the Red Raiders defeated the UPEI Panthers before this past weekend?

(2) The Allen Cup won by Canada's best senior hockey team. Where is the Allen Cup tournament being held in 1992?

LAST WEEKS ANSWER:

Lionel Conacher was Canada's male athlete of the first half century.

Devils off to Nova Scotia

by Frank Denis

This weekend the UNB Red Devils are on the road in Nova Scotia for a pair of games against Kelly Division opponents.

Tomorrow they're in Antigonish to play the St. Francis Xavier X-men (7-10-2) at 7 pm and then conclude the road trip in Sydney on Sunday against the UCCB Capers (4-11-4). Game time is slated for 2 pm.

The Red Devils have enjoyed success so far this season against both the X-men and the Capers.

The two teams travelled to Fredericton the second weekend of November and UNB came away with a 5-1 victory over UCCB and an 8-4 victory over St. FX.

UNB heads into the weekends games riding on a 5 game winning streak following a pair of win's last weekend.

Last Friday in a Varsity Mania sponsored game the Red Devils defeated the University of Moncton Blue Eagles by a score of 5-4.

Late in the third period and up by a score of 5-2, the Red Devils gave up goals to Gilles Maltais and Pierre Cliche. Prior to that Terry Toner and Danny Gauvin scored for Moncton.



Rob Knesaurek scored twice for UNB with singles coming off the sticks of Clyde Simmons, Forbie MacPherson and Trevor Boland. Chris Somers faced 41 shots in the UNB goal to record the win.

Saturday the Red Devils recorded their league leading 15th win of the season with a 6-3 victory over the Saint Mary's Huskies.

The win which was not one of the Red Devils best of the season saw them only register 12 shots on goal after two periods of play. Yet, of those 12 shots, 3 went in. Mike Cavanagh, Clyde Simmons and Jamie Colvin had the goals.

Also scoring for UNB were Ken Murchison, Boland and Simmons with his second of the game into an empty net.

Steve Kluczkowski had a pair for the Huskies and Dave Brooks had the other.

The Red Devils currently sit in first place in their division one point ahead of the UPEI Panthers who defeated Moncton of Wednesday.

In other weekend games it was UPEI 8 Mt. A 3 on Friday. Moncton 4, STU 3; Dal 8, UCCB 2; Acadia 3, ST. FX 1; UPEI 10, Mt. A 3 on Saturday. On Sunday it was Dal 5, St. FX 1; STU 6, Saint Mary's 5; Acadia 5, UCCB 2.

Bloomers take on St FX and Dal

by Peter West Bruce Denis

After defeating UPEI last weekend, the UNB Red Bloomers are looking to continue on their winning ways this weekend. On Saturday they host the X-ettes from St FX for a 6 pm start and then on Sunday at 1 pm host the third place Dalhousie Tigers. Both games will be played in the Main Gym.

The Bloomers displayed their talents last Friday night when they defeated the UPEI Lady Panthers. Both teams' defense proved dominant for the first 10 minutes of the first half as many offensive attempts were snuffed out.

Yielding a 7-6 lead, UPEI began to lose ground as the Red Bloomers applied their full court pressure, converting UPEI turnovers into scoring opportunities. The Bloomers went on a 20 to 10 scoring run as Jennifer Hale netted 2 points at the buzzer to end the first half ahead by a score of 26-17.

It was like "deja vu" as the second half transpired. In the early going, tight defensive play allowed only a combined total of 15 points to be scored as the scoreboard displayed a 35-23 UNB lead.

Midway through the second half, the Bloomers' full court pressure again proved to be effective. By forcing UPEI turnovers, the Bloomers picked up scoring momentum and carried it into the dying seconds of the game. They finished 19 points ahead of the UPEI Lady Panthers with a final score of 52-33

Player of the game, Kara Palmer led the Bloomers with 15 points while Laura Swift added 14.

CIAU top ten

Ice Hockey

- 1. U.Q.T.R
- 2. Acadia
- 3. Alberta
- 4. Regina
- 5. New Brunswick
- 6. UPEI
- 7. Waterloo
- 8. Dalhousie
- Wilfrid Laurier
 Guelph

Basketball (M)

- 1. St. Francis Xavier
- 2. Manitoba
- 3. Brandon
- 4. Brock
- 5. Saskatchewan
- 6. Saint Mary's
- 7. Guelph
- 8. British Columbia
- 9. Calgary
- 10. Winnipeg

Basketball (W)

- 1. Victoria
- 2. Laurentian
- 3. Winnipeg
- 4. Toronto
- 5. Western Ontario,

- 6. Manitoba
- 7. Laval
- 8. Lakehead
- 9. Acadia
- 10. British Columbia

Volleyball (W)

- 1. Manitoba
- 2. Winnipeg
- 3. Saskatchewan
- 4. Laval
- 5. Calgary
- 6. York
- ·7. Montreal
- 8. British Columbia
- 9. Toronto
- 10. Regina

Volleyball (M)

- 1. Calgary
- 2. Laval
- 3. Manitoba
- 4. McMaster
- 5. Winnipeg
- 6. Montreal
- 7. Alberta
- 8. Dalhousie
- 9. British Columbia
- 10. Toronto