

UNB Invitational

# Rebels lack 'extra spark' to beat Sunbury blues

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Last Saturday afternoon, the 1977 edition of the UNB invitational Volleyball tournament drew to a close with the winners eventual in the men's A division being the Sunbury Blues.

In the finals between UNB and Sunbury, the Rebels showed that they can play good ball. They barely lost to Sunbury, 15-12,

16-14, in two highly contested games.

As in previous matches, the Rebels didn't have that extra spark to take them on to victory. Although their play was much improved since the Mt. A. tournament, they still were not as sharp as they should have been.

In the regular round robin portion of the tournament, the Rebels finished in second place behind Sunbury. The only defeat

which the Rebels met all day, was at the hands of the Sunbury club. After having met and disposed of Mt. A., U de M and Acadia with relative ease, the Rebels met the Blues in the final round robin match, to determine first and second place.

Although this match was not all that important, if the Rebels had won, they would have had a psychological advantage in the finals. However, poor back row coverage and the lack of crisp hitting did not allow this victory to take place. As a result UNB lost to Sunbury in two straight games.

In the final match, both games would have gone either way, but in the end, the steadier play of Sunbury proved to be the difference. One of the problems which the Rebels seemed to

encounter, was in allowing themselves to be discouraged whenever they made a poor play. This, coupled with the fact that on occasion, players were falling asleep in the back court, added up to the Blues victory.

What the Rebels need in future matches, are steadier offence and defense. They cannot allow themselves to become lax at any point in their matches, for these are the times when the easy points are scored against them. These early points are often the difference between a win and loss.

An addition to the tournament this year was a B division in which the Rebel's B team did not fare well overall. However, for those players who are less experienced on the club, this opportunity to

play a fair amount of ball game them much needed experience.

The B team began play with a victory over a Fredericton Recreation Club, but proceeded to lose their next two matches to U de M and the Sunbury B team. Sunbury was victor, handily defeating U de M in the finals.

The B team obviously lacked experience and thus team co-ordination. At times things seemed to merge for them, but overall, their play was not that impressive.

This weekend the A and B teams join forces and head to U de M and Mt. A. on Saturday for two regular season matches. If the Rebels can keep what they have going for them and add a little more hustle and bustle, their future should be brighter.

## Got enemies?

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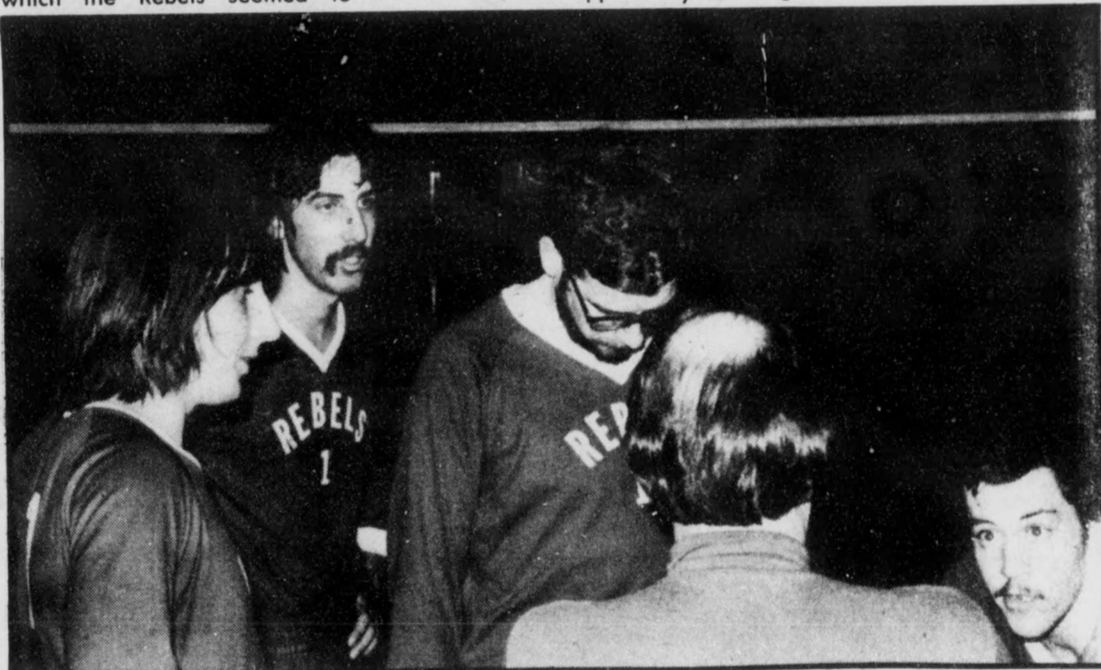
Have the agents of Cardinal Richelieu been trying to kill you? Has your twin brother locked you in an iron mask and stolen your throne? Have you ever wanted to get back at that professor who flunked you? That guy who stole your girl (or vice versa)? Your SRC rep? Your room mate? If so, the UNB Fencing Club (UNBFC) can help you.

The fencing club offers the chance of a lifetime, to fight a duel with anyone you like, or don't like, as the case may be. Just challenge that person, and if she/he accepts, UNBFC will supply you with

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The combatants must pay \$1.00 each to the club, and we will return \$1.00 to the winner, or \$.50 to both combatants in the event of a tie. Fencing lessons will be available to any combatant who feels the need, and displays and demonstrations will be going on for those who just want to watch the fun.

Bring your friends (and enemies) to the Dance Studio in the LB Gym at noon.



UNB Red Rebels players bounce a few ideas around in a valiant effort.

## Beavers trounce U de M

Friday night at the Sir Max Aitken Pool the UNB Beavers chalked up another victory in the

intercollegiate swimming circles. Before Christmas the Beavers destroyed U de M and last week was a repeat performance, as they won easily 89-1.

The majority of the team has just returned from a very successful training camp in Miami, Florida, and were in extremely good shape going into the meet.

Leading the team again was Ottawa native Dave Banks who garnered three first place finishes and two seconds. Bill Emery helped the Beavers win by victories in the four events he entered.

Rob Davis, a Montreal native who trained in Oakville Ontario last year, swam away with one first place finish and one second and Ian Sinclair, a native of Newcastle got two second place finishes to help the winning cause.

John Bennett, another Montreal native, swam off with one

second and one third place finish while Bruce Williams and Bill Curtis each finished the day with one second place finish.

St. John native John MacGillvary garnered a pair of third place finishes while Paul Steeves from Montreal swam away with three third place finishes.

Mike Erickson concluded the day with a first place victory.

Unfortunately the team captain Mike Brown, was unable to swim last week but his moral support at pool side was greatly appreciated by the team. Reports indicate that Brown will be in top shape for the important meet against Acadia this weekend.

Coaches Gary Brown and Craig Maitland did not have a great deal to say about the victory as they were looking towards the meet this weekend.

Tonight the Beavers take to the blocks against Acadia in what should prove to be the toughest competition this year. While tomorrow the Beavers take on Dalhousie. Both meets should prove interesting to say the very least.

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