

# Expressive defence

By MARK SAVOIE

It seems that the Express offence is simply unable to put the puck in the net with any regularity, but yet they are still doing everything else right. One might be worried about this, but the thing that has to be remembered is that in their seven games to date the opposition goalies have been among the three stars on four occasions. In other words, the Express have been coming up against hot goalies, and when those goalies stop coming up big, watch out!

But enough about the offence, let's give long overdue credit to the muchmaligned and overly underestimated defensive core. To say that it has improved since last year is to state the absurdly obvious.

Last year Jacques DeMers had to wait till midseason to see a game in which his netminder faced less than 30 shots. This year he had the luxury of keeping the opposition below 30 shots for the first six games. Indeed the shots weren't above 30 against until last Sunday when the Rochester Americans beat the Express 4-2 and outshot them by an appalling 43-19 margin.

The defence has matured since last year, and the mental errors which were so sickeningly omnipresent are not nearly as regular this year (although they are still there). Pierre Lacroix has already been mentioned, but his power play partner Neil Bellard is also worthy of praise. Bellard does not stick out during the normal play of the game, but if you look closely at the name on the

back of the player who has just dove to poke the puck away from the opposition, you will find that it is generally Bellard, who is going to all lengths to get his job done.

Another man on their defence is Gaston Therrien, who seems to have finally got his act together. After playing poorly in training camp it seemed that he might be headed for the beer capital of North America, Milwaukee. But lately his performances have been satisfactory and he has not had to face the jeers of the fans quite as much.

Tomorrow night is Halloween, and the Express are celebrating it with a costume night, so why not come out dressed as your favourite nightmare and watch the game.



## Nicks Picks

By NICK THE GREEK

Well sports fans, Nick's back for another week. Originally, as many of you know, this space was destined for NFL football. Due to the strike, a crimp was put in my plans. Then I thought, what to do? Hey, what about college football, but then I remembered some idiot got rid of the team a while back. Luckily, I have found things to write about and will continue to do so.

As of now, it seems that there will be no more football this season. It is getting close to the point where the whole season will be washed out. I can only see this as a plus for the U.S. FL which gets underway in March. True, it's not the NFL, but many fans, with only two games of football this year will flock to the New League games. The fact that their season begins in the middle of winter, and the NFL strike gives this fledgling league a much better chance to survive than the illfated WFL of several years past.

Now, Mr. Killer K. several weeks ago you made a few remarks about me and my column. I only wish to say that I resent your remarks. To steal a quote from a co-sports writer in Ontario "Hell hath no fury like that of a sports writer scorned." Mr. K., you were not at the media bowl two weeks ago. I was informed that you were out killing a police truck. Personally, it is my belief that your mommy wouldn't let you come out and play. Furthermore, I am not responsible for the fit of the wheels from your wheelchair. Honest.

Now, on to another pro sport. Hockey. On this campus we are privileged to have a professional hockey team of our very own. The Fredericton Express. Now I know they had a downright horrible season last year. This year will be different. This year the Express have an offence, and what an offence. At the time of writing the Express have greatly outshot every opponent they have played. One thing I quickly noticed is that they have not taken advantage of scoring chances. I have seen many shots missed that should have been goals. I realize that many of the players are still getting used to playing with each other. Once the offence starts clicking the Express will be a force to be reckoned with. One player I was quite impressed with is Gary Lupul. Though the smallest player on the team, he makes up for it with his hustle. This hustle and his pluckiness plus his many scoring chances has made Lupul a fan favourite. But he has yet to score a goal. Bad luck and lucky goaltending has robbed him of at least 5 or 6 goals. All I can say is Gary "go for it." Another fan favourite is Sylvain Côté. Sylvain is known for his prowess with his fists. However, this year he only has 7 penalty minutes in 4 games. Rumour has it that Sylvain is trying to win a trophy reserved for those who show gentlemanly conduct while on the ice. Does anyone out there believe that he can do it?

It is my prediction that the Express will finish Third in their division. I have a feeling that the Express will be plagued with player problems later in the year but it will not affect them as much as it did last year.

Next week: Coaster Derby.

## Intramural Activities

**Squash Instruction** - Back by popular demand. The Physical Recreation and Intramural Program is offering another session of Squash Instruction at the Basic and Intermediate levels. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:10 to 7:50 p.m. and 7:50 - 8:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Nov. 2. Fees are \$7.50 for Students and Pass Holders and \$11.25 for Non-Pass Holders. For further information or registration contact the Recreation Office, Room A121 L.B. Gym between 10:30 and 2:30 p.m.

**Racquetball Instruction** - This is your opportunity to learn the basics of one of the fastest growing sports, Racquetball. Instructional classes will be held at the L.B. Gym Courts on Wednesday evenings beginning

November 3rd. Registration fees are \$7.50 for Students and Pass Holders and \$11.25 for Non-Pass Holders. Interested individuals may register in the Recreation Office, Room A121, L.B. Gym between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**Curling Club** - Attention all curlers and would be curlers. There will be an organizational meeting for the Curling Club on Thursday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the lounge of the L.B. Gym. The future of the Curling Club depends upon the outcome of this meeting.

**Employment Opportunities** - The Physical Education and Intramural Program is looking for individuals to work as Equipment Room Managers and Timer/Scorers for the In-

tramural Hockey Program. Individuals are needed some afternoons and evenings and on week-ends. Anyone interested in earning some spending money should apply at the Recreation Office, Room A121, L.B. Gym immediately.

**Racquet Tournaments**  
**Squash Tournament** - "The Fall Intramural Squash Tournament will be held on Tuesday, November 9th. Competitions will be held for men and women in novice and advanced categories. The exact tournament structure will depend upon the number of entries received. For further information or to register, contact the Recreation Office, Room A121 L.B. Gym between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**Co-Ed Basketball**  
After two very successful Co-Ed Volleyball Tournaments it is time to start planning for the Fall Co-Ed Basketball Tournament. This year's tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 20th and 21st. Get a group of your friends together for some activity and a great time. Registration deadline is Wednesday, November 17th.

**Co-Ed Competitive Volleyball** - Another great weekend of volleyball was held at L.B.R. Gym. This weekend there was co-ed competitive volleyball where as last weekend it was co-ed recreational volleyball.

On Sunday the playoffs began at 1:00 p.m. and it was an exciting afternoon. Les Animaux from the Black Division battled it out with the

Golden Lights from the White Division. The Golden Lights won the tournament two straight. The team members included Kevin Harris, Roy Mills, Paul Murray, Steve Horseman, Diane Harris, Michele Foley, Shelly Siddall, Jane Negarity, and Cathy Alcorn.

In the consolation game the Strikers from the Black Division defeated the Setters from the Red Division in two straight games. The team members included G. Pelletier, G. Hubbard, M. Maessen, D. Quann, C. Guitard, C. Dufresne, and L. Johnston.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all that participated.

Co-ordinators  
Ginny Lynch  
and  
Joan Fleiger

### Men's Softball

The Intramural Softball regular season has come to an end with Aitken, Forestry '83, and FE III winning their respective Fastball divisions. In the Orthodox softball league the division winners were Harrington, The Boys and STU. The playoffs started October 20 with a full slate of games. With the continued co-operation of the weatherman the finals are set for Thursday, October 28th at 7:30 p.m. for Orthodox and 10:00 p.m. for Fastball.

The league this year has been very competitive. This being illustrated by the fact that some division winners could not be declared until the final game of the regular season. Watch for the results of the playoffs next week. All games are played at Queen Square. If you have some spare time and want to see some great ball, drop down!

### SERVICE MANAGER

Campus Services Ltd requires a Service Manager.

Requirements: Organizational Skills  
Job Description: Responsible for submission of a budget; obtaining and securing merchandise, distribution of the merchandise and submitting a monthly report to C.S.L. upon completion of events.

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C.A. Young, President  
Campus Services Ltd.,  
Student Union Building  
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Or drop application off at the U.N.B. Student Union Business Office during normal business hours.