

# View From the Cheap Seats

by Mark Savoie

First of all, I would like to apologize to the Red Raiders for the cheap shots I took at them in this column last week. This was the same kind of schlock journalism that I have criticized previously, and I am embarrassed and ashamed to have written such garbage. It should be noted that thus far this season the Raiders have played quality basketball and may have a legitimate shot at the playoffs.

The Grey Cup teams have been decided. The East will throw the low scoring Winnipeg Blue Bombers up against the animal powerhouses from the West; the Edmonton Eskimos. In recent years, with the advent of the run-and-shoot offence, the CFL seems to have acquired new life and new fan support. After years of disinterest Canadians are beginning to relearn what Canadian football has to offer. Even here in the Maritimes, where the nearest team is in Ottawa, people are actually talking about the CFL other than to say that it sucks in comparison to the NFL.

A possible reason for the renewal of interest in the Maritimes is that it is coming from the group up. More and more high schools are bringing football back as a varsity sport. Both high schools that competed in the New Brunswick Provincial Championship game have programs that are less than ten years old. It stands to reason that as these players grow up they will retain their interest in the sport they once played.

Another reason could be the increased exposure provided by TSN. It used to be that the only Canadian college game shown on TV was the Vanier Cup. This year TSN broadcast three AUAA games, and one of those didn't even have Chris Flynn and his mighty St. Mary's Huskies.

The Huskies performance has been another reason for the increase in local interest. Last weekend the Huskies gained a birth in the Vanier Cup where they will meet the Saskatchewan Huskies. St. Mary's earned this honour by virtue of a thrilling one point victory over the number one ranked Western Ontario Mustangs, capped by a game winning touchdown with just one second left.

# Reds sweep weekend matches against St.FX

by Kelly Craig

Thus far it has been an excellent season for the Lady Reds volleyball team. They have gotten the season off to a flying start and have an impressive 3-1 record. Unlike last season, when the Reds finished fifth over all, this season they will definitely make their mark on the AUAA. The playoffs are looking good for the young Reds team and with action like last weekend, the season should be a thriller.

Over the past weekend the Reds played host to St.FX. The games were played well by both teams but St.FX just couldn't get anything going offensively or defensively. On Saturday, the Reds had no contest what so ever from the X-ettes as they downed them in straight games. The scores weren't even close for the St.FX team as UNB dominated play throughout the entire match. They won the first game 15-6 and then went on to take the second game 15-8. The third game was no contest as the Reds easily scored a 15-0 win. UNB is a fairly young team this year but they have been blessed with some very talented rookies and returning veterans. The team has pulled together over the past few years to bring the standard of volleyball to an all time high.

This weekend shows just how hard the team has worked.

Sunday's match was no different for the Reds. The girls just could not be stopped as they once again downed St.FX in straight games. In the first game UNB quickly demolished St.FX 15-6. The second game showed some spark on the part of the X-ettes but they could not stop UNB and went down 15-11. The third game was no contest either as UNB won 15-5. Both games were played quite well by the Reds and

the team seems to be coming together nicely.

This weekend the Reds head to Moncton to partake in the Universite de Moncton tournament. No doubt there will be some strong teams there but UNB will give it their best as they always do. The Reds have been working on their service game as well as several set plays. This tournament will be a perfect time for them to practice what head coach Mark Thibault has been teaching them.



Photo by Dave Smith

Reds in action earlier in season

# Bears heading to Mt.A

by Kelly Craig

This weekend the UNB Black Bears will be in Mount Allison for the first AUAA tournament of the season. The Mounties are UNB's toughest rivals in the AUAA league. Last season the UNB team split the AUAA championship with the Mounties.

The UNB Black Bears are in top shape this year and are ready to take on all AUAA competition. They have not done any major changes from their training schedule but have added Ddn

Ryan to the coaching ranks. Unfortunately for the Bears, Don will be able to wrestle but his points will not count to the teams standings.

This year sees the return of veteran wrestler Pat Zwicker. Pat was out of last years competition with an injury that he sustained early in the season last year. Pat is Co-captain of the team this year with Sean Dockrill. The team has added some new blood that will make them hard to beat in AUAA competition.

New recruit Marcel Saulis will start wrestling this weekend after

battling a shoulder injury. Marcel was recently in Concordia at a meet but was unable to compete. Jason Sampson will be a big factor this season if the Bears hope to bring home the AUAA title. Also Stacey Desroches is back in top form this year and is looking to repeat as AUAA champion in his weight class. As always the Mounties will be extremely hard to beat. They have very talented wrestlers on their team that will prove to be obstacles for UNB.

## CIAU Top Ten Rankings

FOOTBALL	BASKETBALL (M)	VOLLEYBALL (M)
1. St. Mary's*	1. St. FX*	1. Manitoba
2. U. Sask.	2. U. Vic.	2. Laval
3. Western	3. Concordia	3. Sherbrooke
4. Bishop's	4. UBC	4. Waterloo
5. Toronto	5. UPEI*	5. U. Sask.
6. UBC	6. Guelph	6. DAL*
7. Queen's	7. Western	7. UBC
8. MtA*	8. Brock	8. McMaster
9. Calgary	9. Brandon	9. Calgary
10. Concordia	10. McMaster	10. Alberta
HOCKEY	BASKETBALL (W)	VOLLEYBALL (W)
1. UQTR	1. Laurentian	1. Manitoba
2. DAL*	2. Regina	2. York
3. Alberta	3. Winnipeg	3. U. Sask.
4. UBC	4. Lethbridge	4. Regina
5. Calgary	5. Manitoba	5. Calgary
6. Western	6. McMaster	6. UBC
7. UCCB*	7. Calgary	7. Laval
8. Wil. Laurier	8. Toronto	8. Winnipeg
9. U. Sask.	9. Laval	9. Victoria
10. UNB*	10. Western	10. Montreal

\* denotes an AUAA School

## MOOSEHEAD Varsity Schedule

Saturday, November 24	
Basketball (W)	SMU at UNB Main Gym 1:00pm
Basketball (M)	SMU at UNB Main Gym 3:00pm
Hockey	UNB at UPEI
Volleyball (W)	UDM Open
Swimming	MLA Invitational
Wrestling	MLA Invitational
Sunday, November 25	
Basketball (W)	Acadia at UNB Main Gym 1:00pm
Basketball (M)	Acadia at UNB Main Gym 3:00pm
Hockey	UNB at UPEI
Volleyball (W)	UDM Open
Swimming	MLA Invitational
Wednesday, November 28	
Volleyball (W)	UNB at MLA

# Flynn

by Eric Drummie

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SMU 43 vs MT. A. 8

Western 4 vs Toronto 31

