

Hayes Calls Canadian Championships



St Mary's Coach, Bob Hayes, Atlantic Provinces Football Coach of the year in 1965. "An athletic department which doesn't follow the policy of developing a winner has no justification for its existence."

A Popularity Contest

In a Brunswickan football feature, Sports Editor, Terrence Thomas, talks with St. Mary's coach Bob Hayes on last Saturday's game and on Maritime Intercollegiate football in general.

Hayes, a native of Perth, Ontario, has been head football coach at St. Mary's since the 1958 season. Prior to taking the St. Mary's job, Hayes spent 8 years in the Navy where he starred with the Shearwater Flyers.

Offence Disappointing

Brunswickan: What do you have to say on the game, Coach?

Hayes: I was very disappointed in our offence. Our offence has been our strong point so far this season, but Saturday they were playing way below par. They gave up the ball too often on fumbles and interceptions. Our defence really surprised me. Defence has been our big problem, but they played their best game of the year Saturday. We figured our rollout option pass would work better than it did, but we didn't reckon with the strong UNB pass defence. UNB are quite a bit stronger than they were

when they played us last year.

Popularity Contest

Brunswickan: Coach, you've been playing exhibition games with Upper Canadian teams for the past couple of years. St. Mary's are currently ranked tenth in the nation and at one time this fall were ranked fifth. How long do you think it will be before a Maritime University gets a chance at the Canadian College football Championship.

Hayes: I don't think a Maritime school will get a crack at the Canadian Championship as long as it's run as a popularity contest. Presently the finalists are picked on purely a selection basis. Personally, I can't figure out the Canadian University Press rankings. We went into the season ranked fifth behind St. FX and we were Bluenose Conference Champions last season. On the basis of our loss to McGill and three wins in the Bluenose Conference we've been dropped to tenth. The rankings can't mean much when most of the colleges play only in their own regions.

Who will they play?

Brunswickan: There have been reports that two or three of the weaker teams in the Conference are considering dropping out rather than put their players up against the bigger and more experienced teams of St. FX and St. Mary's. For instance, Bomber Coach Don Nelson went on record the other day as saying UNB doesn't belong in the same league with St. Mary's. What would be your reaction to this?

Hayes: I don't know who these teams will play. Acadia and St. Dunstan's have improved tremendously this year and will have to be reckoned with in the years to come.

Rest Between Tough Games

Brunswickan: You must find it tough, Coach, to keep your team's spirit up and keep your players in top form when you and the players know you will only be tested in one or two games a year. Surely if the weaker teams were to develop to the calibre of St. FX, St. Mary's and Acadia our league would improve tremendously and soon force selection of a Maritime team for the Canadian playoffs.

Hayes: To be honest with you, I like the competition in the league as it is now. For instance we had a couple of injuries to key players last week. I'd have hated to play St. FX Saturday instead of UNB. Playing the weaker teams gives us a chance to rest between the tough games. If, as you suggest, the weaker teams were to come up to our

calibre, I feel we would be the strongest league in the country.

No Justification for Existence
Brunswickan: What advice would you give to an athletic department intending to develop a winning football team?

Hayes: To begin with, an athletic department, which does not follow the policy of developing a winner, has no justification for its existence. A winning football team gives the whole university a tremendous lift. The big thing is getting out and talking to football prospects, at the high schools and at summer camps run by the Canadian professional teams.

I work at football at St. Mary's fulltime, 12 months a year. I make one recruiting trip a year, concentrating on the summer camps run by Toronto and Montreal. Scholarships, with very few exceptions, are out of the question. St. Mary's has less money to spend on football than almost any college in the area.

Harriers Outpace Ricker

The UNB Harriers ran Ricker College ragged for the second time in 10 days last Wednesday afternoon. UNB's cross country men duplicated their earlier perfect score win, by defeating Ricker 15-50.

Wayne Stewart led all runners across the finish line with a time of 22:38. Following Stewart were Harriers: Mike Ernst (22:46), Richard Meister (23:16), Tim Holmes (23:28), Brian McEwing (23:54), Dennis Furlong (24:01) and Peter Gay (24:23).

First finisher for Ricker was Mike White in a time of 24:08.

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