

RAIDERS SCORING MORE BUT NOT ENOUGH

The "Red Raiders" dropped two games over the week-end in the powerful Northeastern College Conference. They lost 92-75 to Washington State Teachers College in Machias on Friday night and 94-76 to Husson College in Bangor on Saturday afternoon.

In the Washington State game, played on a small tile floor, the "Raiders" attempted to play their ball control basketball; this style is capable of beating the American teams. In order to play this type of game successfully it is essential to get more rebounds than the opposition; the "Raiders" did not get enough rebounds. Gord Jones hauled down five of our six offensive rebounds and eight of our twenty-five defensive rebounds. Bob Baber lead a good offensive attack with twenty three points while LaBonte hit for nineteen (9 for 16 from the floor).

Against Husson the "Raiders" lost the game in the first eight minutes; they were some 16 points behind at the half-way mark of the first period. Getting stronger as the game progressed the Varsity outscored their hosts in the second half. Baber and LaBonte led the scoring with twenty-two and twenty points respectively; Cotter had 18.

Washington State — total 92
Raiders — Baber 23, MacAllenan 6, LaBonte 19, Cotter 12, Patterson 11, Jones

4, Neilson, Ward, Roach, McMurray. Total — 75
Husson — total 94
Raiders — Neilson, Baber 22, Roach, MacAllenan 6, Ward, LaBonte 20, Cotter 18, Patterson 7, Jones 1, McMurray 2. Total — 76

Clips — both U. S. teams great rebounders . . . great shooting and depth on the bench. Raiders played well offensively over the weekend . . . rookies Cotter and Patterson showed much improvement in offensive rebounding on Sat. . . every team member given floor-time by Coach Nelson . . . MacAllenan played a good game against Husson . . . team seems to not be able to put two good halves of basketball together . . . Sat. played best second half to date . . . with four games played here are some interesting statistics: percent of field goals made 32% (good), foul shots made 60.2 (BAD), team pts. for 70, against 85 . . . should have pre-Christmas record of 2-3 . . . a tough slate of games after Christmas . . . some great tilts are in store for fans as the "Raiders" begin their first interlocking M.I.A.U. schedule.

Next Games:

Jan. 10 UNB at St. Francis Xavier
Jan. 11 UNB at Acadia
Jan. 14 Washington State at UNB. Time 8:30

Chalk Talk

EDITORIAL
by DAVE CLARK

A CASE FOR A CHAMPIONSHIP

This past season we have witnessed a revolutionary change in the traditional power of intercollegiate football. The strength of the Atlantic Conference or at least of St. Francis Xavier has reached a level where they are in a position to challenge any team in the Senior Intercollegiate League. On two occasions, teams from this league fell victim to the powerful machine from Antigonish. They proved their worth against McGill in a pre-season game and continued their purge against S. I. representatives when they stopped U. of T. in the Atlantic Bowl. Although neither of these teams were the class of their league this year, X's wins over them seems to indicate a parallel of football quality . . . even if between a league and a team.

The revolution is not confined to the Maritime Region, however, since the University of Alberta Golden Bears dispelled the claim of the S. I. L. to national superiority in the game of football. The Bears, in a post-season game, trampled the undefeated Queen's Golden Gaels by a 25-7 score. With the glory of the Oil-Thighs fell the status of the league. Since the sport has achieved an equated level of performance across the country, then the question of a national championship should be considered.

The demand for this championship is of greater importance now than at any time in the past. Individual games have proven that the accepted claims of the S. I. L. are unwarranted, even fallacious. These championships have been established at the national level in basketball, hockey and cross-country. The winner has the right to claim supremacy in their respective sport. At present, no one has the right to make such a claim in intercollegiate football. So, why not place football on a par with these other activities and institute the incentive of national status.

How might this affect the game at U.N.B.? The prestige of national recognition in a sport is sound public relations for the school. The cross-country team and Chris Williamson have done more to publicize U.N.B. on a national level than most any other group, merely through participation in the national championships. This being the case, then possibly the powers-that-be would find it advantageous to up-grade the level of football at this university.

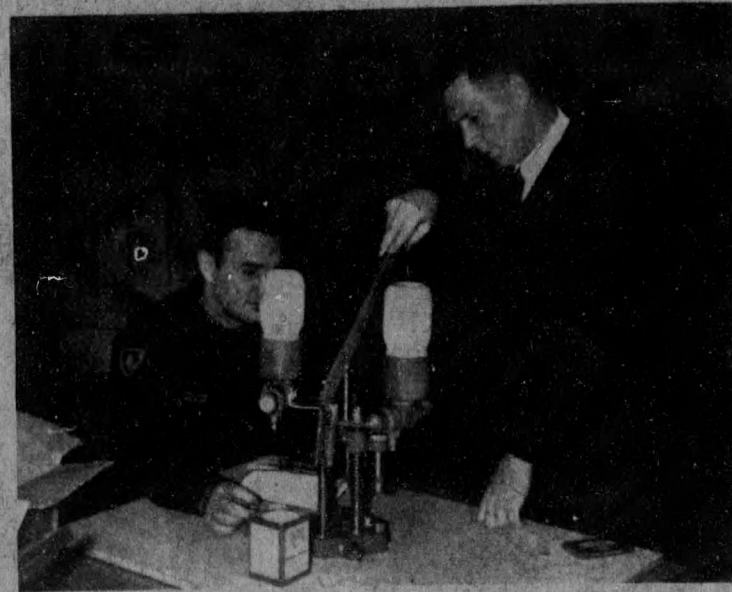
I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest wishes for a festive season to all the athletes and to all the students of the University of New Brunswick. I thank all those

Rod & Gun Club

The final meeting of the Rod and Gun Club before Christmas was held on Wednesday, December 4. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Challenge Trophy for the heaviest deer and also a demonstration of shell reloading with club equipment.



This year Wayne Hennigar of Aitken House captured the Trophy by successfully bagging a 175 lb. buck. Mr. Hush Haswell, biologist of the Fish and Wildlife Branch of the Department of Lands and Mines, was on hand to make the presentation.



Guest speaker of the evening was Captain Freeman Swan of the Camp Gagetown Rod and Gun Club. Captain Swan spoke and gave a demonstration on shot shell reloading and Mr. Haswell, who is also experienced in shell reloading, aided Captain Swan with the new equipment. Although it was not attempted at the meeting, Captain Swan estimated that with some experience, a person could reload up to one hundred shells an hour with the present equipment which includes a saving of more than one-half of the store price.

Letter To The Sports Editor

Dear Sir:

After reading Ian Stoddart's comments on the performance of this year's Red Devils, one is inclined to believe that Mr. Stoddart is either extremely ignorant of hockey or has a grudge against the Devils for the reasonably good success which the team has enjoyed for the past few seasons.

First we are congratulated for losing (thank heavens all UNB students don't congratulate

late a team on losing) and then we are told that we are not infallible in our own rink. No team I ever played on here at UNB thought it was infallible but apparently Mr. Stoddart did think we couldn't be beaten at home, and when we were, the shock was just too much for him.

Obviously Ian has never been too athletically inclined or he would realize an athletes performance can vary greatly

who have labored to produce this page during the fall session. There are too many of you to name personally since the sports department boasts the largest staff of any department of the Brunswickian. I am appreciative of your help in putting out this page. I hope that it will continue in the new year. From the readers, I welcome all criticism and suggestions. I promise to review them all carefully in an attempt to improve this section of the paper.

A 'spirit'-ed holiday to all.

from time to time. Unfortunately for us most of the team had a "bad night" against Acadia, and consequently we lost. It also might interest your "notes and Comments" writer to know that there are only five players back from last year's team, and this is what might be termed a "building year".

Please don't misunderstand me; I am not apologizing for this year's team. We have a good club with good spirit but it is ridiculous for anyone to think that we should win every game (although we damn well try) — whether that game be at home or away.

Finally I would like to know where Mr. Stoddart has been for the past three months, when he states: "let's get rid of the mediocrity that has been plaguing varsity sports in the last months and get in there and play." For his information UNB teams have accomplished the following this fall:

The football team finished with a 4-4 record in a very tough league. They can hold their heads high. It isn't their fault if they are up against superior clubs.

The golf and tennis teams both won their respective M.I.A.U. championships.

The girls won Maritime Championships in field hockey and volleyball.

The soccer team had a very respectable season and lost the championship only in the final game of the season.

The cross country team has completed another brilliant season.

Is the above record one of mediocrity? It may be to Mr. Stoddart but as for myself I am proud to be a student at a university which has been so well represented by these varsity teams.

Criticism is often necessary but it would appear to me that Mr. Stoddart wrote on a subject about which he was entirely uninformed or hadn't given sufficient thought to.

BOB NAYLOR

In Reply:

I would like to thank Mr. Naylor for his letter. I will admit that generalizations were made. I still contend however, that the hockey team has felt a security in the unbeaten streak that they have enjoyed in their arena.

This security was wiped out by a team that was supposed to be poorer than S.D.U., spurring them on to victory the following night. Mediocrity existed in the first struggles of the football team, until they found that they too could win. (rather late in the season). Mediocrity existed in the hockey team, until they found out they were not infallible in their own rink. (We hope). It is to these two varsity teams that I refer.

I do not think I can teach Mr. Naylor anything about unnecessary and uniformed criticism, as a comparison of his letter and the article will show.

IAN STODDART