

Raiders Tested This Weekend

UNB's Red Raiders won two games over the weekend against Mt. Allison and Unity College in preparation for a new era in intercollegiate basketball in Fredericton. The new era will begin Friday evening November 28 at 8 p.m. as the Raiders host the AUAA power St. Francis Xavier X-Men on the new portable court in the Aitken University Centre. Coaches Nelson and Wright have been planning this move for the past four years and on Friday night the planning stops and the action begins.

The new floor in the Aitken Centre will allow up to 5,000 fans to view the best intercollegiate basketball in the country in comfort. UNB now possesses the best on-campus athletic facility in eastern Canada. After this weekend there will be four more games in the Centre this season, plus the AUAA tournament in March.

The Mt. Allison game, which opened UNB's home season, was a change of pace from the pre-season tournament and the first three Northeast College Conference games. The six preceding games had all been high scoring affairs with perhaps too little attention paid to defense. Mt. A chose to be deliberate on offense, and fell back quickly into a zone defense. The Raiders' potent running game was never able to get unwound. However UNB played

terrific defense in the first half, limiting the Mounties to just 24 points while scoring 37 themselves. The second half saw both teams open up offensively, but the outcome was never in doubt and UNB won easily 80-66. Scott Devine led the scoring parade with 16, followed by Ted Kincinski with 15. Steve Chapman and Brian Putnam led Mt. A with 16 apiece.

On Saturday the Raiders hosted Unity College from Maine in a Northeast College Conference contest. The game was not competitive from the outset as Coach Nelson emptied his bench early. The Raiders led 62-24 at the half and won going away 127-57. Bob Aucoin led all scorers with 22, Ken Amos had 19, Chris McCabe and Bill Young had 16 apiece. Dennis Downer paced Unity with 19.

Tonight's homestand against St. F.X. pits the two teams who met in the opening round of the AUAA tournament last season. In that game St. F.X. sported a 17 point half-time lead only to see UNB dominate the second half and lose a heartbreaker by only four points. St. F.X. was the regular season conference champion in 1979-80 and is picked as a favorite to repeat. The reason for the optimism in Antigonish is the return of the heart of last year's championship team, the backcourt duo of Varouj Gurunlian and Geoff McIver. Gurunlian was a member of the non-participating Canadian

Olympic Team and enters his fifth year with experience and talent to lead the X-men. McIver is a super-quick sophomore who spent the summer with the Nova Scotia Junior team which almost won the summer games tune-up tournament in Hamilton in August. Up front Coach Steve Konchalski is blessed with great size in veteran Tom Sullivan from Moncton at 6'8" and two superior forwards in Mark Brodie, a 6'6" transfer student from Brooklyn, New York and 6'3"

Shawn Parker from Halifax. Parker led the Queen Elizabeth High to the Nova Scotia AAA crown in March.

The second half of the AUAA extravaganza matches the improving Dal Tigers against the Raiders on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. again in the Aitken Centre. Dalhousie will also be led by a great guard duo. Sophomore Steve Lambert and fifth year veteran Allastair MacDonald. Lambert may be the most exciting guard in the

conference. He scored 34 against UNB in Halifax last year. MacDonald is an efficient floor general, whose experience will add poise to the Dal attack. Dalhousie Coach Doc Ryan is eyeing a playoff berth and UNB's Red Raiders are a major obstacle.

The Raiders will close out the first half of this season on the road against St. Mary's and Acadia on Dec. 5 and 6. Next home action will be the Holiday Classic at the Aitken Centre, January 9 and 10.

Preliminaries

By JANET COOPER

The Aitken University Centre will be hosting a big basketball weekend Nov. 28th and 29th. It will be a combination of high school and college ball. These games will be the first played on the newly acquired floor at the centre, certainly a big change from the Lady Beaverbrook Gym.

Friday night UNB takes on X and Saturday its Dal at UNB. These are two big games for the Red Raiders.

Prior to each game there will be an opportunity to see some of the best teams in high school play off. Friday's preliminary game matches Coboquid of Truro (6'7" center) with Caribou High of Maine (top 2 in E. Maine). Saturday's preliminary is the final game of the FHS Black Kat Invitational Tournament.

Reserved seat tickets are on sale now at the Aitken Centre Box Office.

Geology Top

Soccer Team

By DAVE HARDING

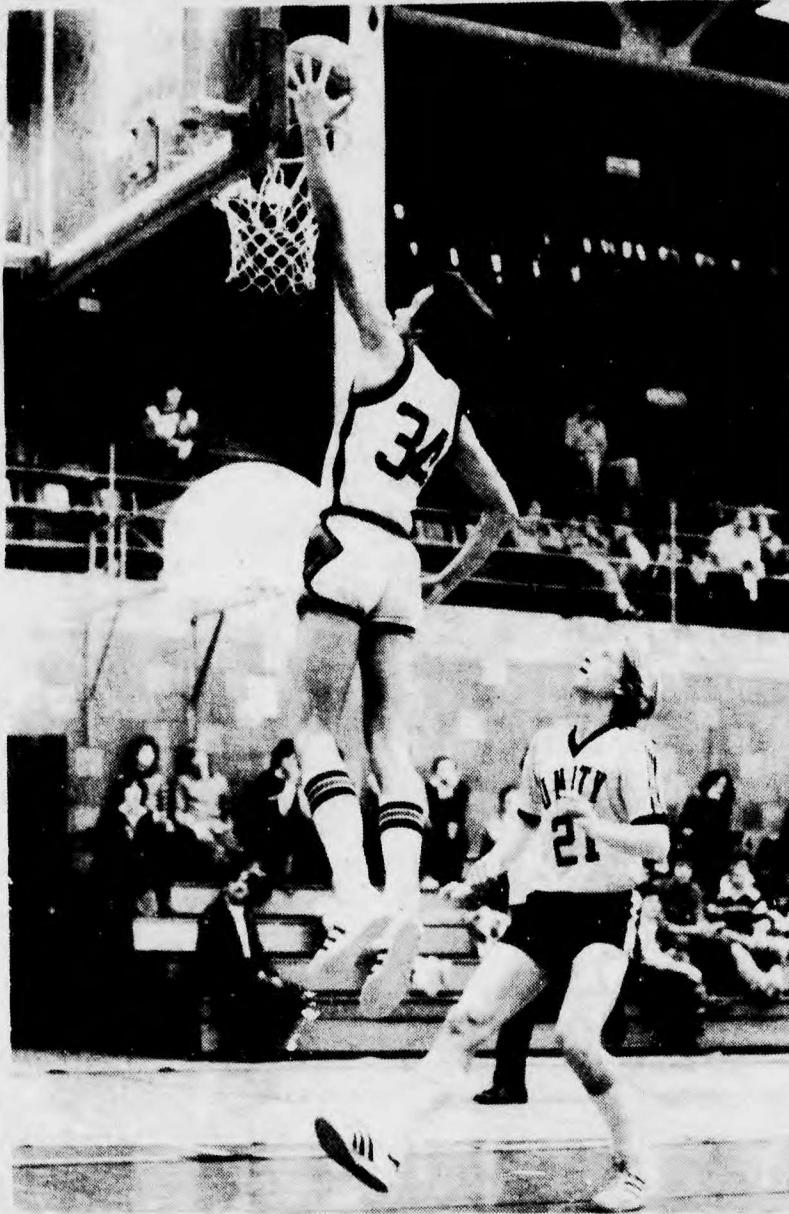
Congratulations go out to the Geology intramural soccer team. Last week they captured the inter-class title by downing Chemical Engineering 2-0.

After a scoreless first half Geology's Rick Brown scored what was to be the winner quite early into the second half.

There was a lot of action and good soccer by both teams as the game went on. The game was then virtually put out of reach when Ron Pickerell scored Geology's second goal on a penalty shot with only about ten minutes to go in the game.

Team members for Geology were: Brian McKinnon; Steve Brown; Ron Pickerell; Rick Brown; Don Burton; Randy Heather; Jim MacKenzie; Steve Jurass; Wayne Coburn; Ian Morgan; Simon Rutter; Cees Van Staal; Grant Nelson; Leo Owsicki; Bob Johnson; Steve Capaldo; Tim Heidman and Greg Rideout.

Once again, congratulations to the winners and thanks to all of the teams that made the league a fun and competitive one.



Bill Young scores two of his 16 points.

Athletes of the Week

Scott Hill

Niki De Vries

One of the top gymnasts in Canada last year, Scott Hill seems headed for the top again this season. In the Dalhousie Invitational meet on the weekend, Scott was 1st overall, winning 5 of 6 events with a score of 50.5. He had a personal high of 9.4 in the vault. Scott is a 2nd year Forestry student from Fredericton.

At the AUAA Invitational Swim meet hosted by Memorial University on the weekend, Niki qualified for CIAU National competition in all four of her individual events (200, 400, 800 free and 200 back) and also led off the 400 relay to qualify in a fifth event. Niki is in second year nursing and is Oromocto.

Rebels & Reds Volleyball

Peter Spurway, Dave Morrel and other members of the Fredericton media core got a taste of collegiate volleyball at its finest, or should it be said at its funniest last Thursday evening, Nov. 20 as the Labatt's Media Volleyball Team challenged the Rebels and their female counterparts the Reds to a four game match.

The Labatt's team comprised of local media personalities and Labatt's rep in the city, Bruce Elliot, were not long in rallying their squad to a 2 win, no loss record against the stunned Rebels. The humiliation of it all chased Mark Healy over to the Reds side where he managed to make a few points.

It was claimed by some in attendance that it was the poor officiating that caused the Rebels surprise loss. However, no complaints came from the Labatt's media bench.

On a more serious note, the Rebels travelled to Moncton this past Tuesday to face the U de M Blue Eagles in their second confrontation of the season.

Once again strong blocking and clutch hitting gave the Rebels what they needed to come away victorious over the U de M squad, winning 15-4, 15-10, 10-15 and 15-13. This win leaves the Rebels at the top of the AUAA league with a 4-0 win, loss record.

This weekend the Rebels travel to Halifax for a two match series

against the Dalhousie Tigers. The Dal squad a taller team than the Rebels are also undefeated this season. The last time these two clubs met was in Moncton at the qualifying tournament where Dalhousie came away the winner. The Rebels will try and turn the table around this time. It is a big series for both clubs.

This past weekend the Reds travelled to Halifax to play the Dalhousie Tigerettes. The Reds lost both best of five matches by scores of 15-1, 15-8, 15-7 on Saturday evening. On Sunday the scores were 15-11, 15-7, 15-8. The Reds travel this Friday to U. de M.

Keep your eyes open on campus for posters of the Reds next home game.

SKI INSTRUCTORS

The Physical Recreation and Intramurals Program will be offering Ski Instruction after Christmas, weather permitting. Anyone interested in instruction in this program should complete an application form in the Recreation Office Room A120, L.B. Gym before the end of exams.

Lanny's Answers

1. Al Jones
2. Sugar Bowl
3. Georgia vs Notre Dame
5. Claudell Washington
5. Triple Crown Line
6. Dave Roberts
7. Notre Dame
8. Tony Esposito 56
9. Babe Ruth
10. 3. Secretariat, Affirmed, Seat the Slew.