

St. F.X. defeat Rebel Machines in grinding game

By BOB SKILLEN

It was only a week ago that Coach Mal Early rummed up St. F.X., as being a seasoned team who would give the Red Rebels men's volleyball team a tough time early in the season. To say the least, Coach Early's predictions came true last Sunday as the X-men handily defeated the Rebel

Machine three games to none. With the exception of a few prolonged rallies and comeback spurts by UNB, the X-men had it all over the Rebels. For the large crowd that was on hand to see the Rebels drop their first match of the season, there was little to cheer about.

The match began shortly after 1:00 pm and was over 45 minutes

later. During that time, St. F.X. ran up three quick scores, not really giving the Rebels a chance to come back.

Although St. F.X. dominated the score board, the scores are really not indicative of the difference between the two teams. The difference between the two teams really boils down to one of the fundamentals of the game of

volleyball: bumping. The reason why St. F.X. walked so easily over the Rebels on Sunday is that they appeared to have this fundamental of the game down to a tee.

Very seldom did one see the X-men serve-receivers bump the ball wildly out of bounds or into the net and almost never did the hitters send the ball hurtling out of the court, causing a loss of point. The X-men played heads-up ball and seemed to work as hard for one point at the beginning of the game as for one at the end. Their offence was not all that complicated, but because the setter received the ball from the back court consistently, he was able to set up an offense that produced points. None of their hitters are exceptional but then all a team needs are smart hitters who keep the ball in play. Power hits don't always win games.

Being together for several years, like the players on St. F.X. have been, is an advantage to have over other clubs in the league. However, this advantage that they hold over UNB is no excuse for the poor ball control that the Rebels displayed on Sunday.

The cross-over offence that Coach Early talked about last week was hardly in evidence in the three game match. It wasn't because of the setting that the X didn't work, but because of the poor ball reception that almost every player on the team exhibited. Time after time St. F.X. would serve the ball to the UNB back row only to have it bumped irrationally all over the court. This caused the setters to have poor position and as a result, ended up in poor sets and often just "pot luck" shots close to the net. A team has very little chance of running an effective offence with this type of play, as UNB experienced.

Coaches Early and Sonny Phillips and the rest of the team should realize that the Rebel's ball club

this year is probably the strongest hitting team they have ever had. Although Gary Ward and Guy Boisvert are not the all conference setters that Sonny was last year, they are capable enough to be a part of a championship team.

In the past two years, the Rebels have come close to the championship, but have lost out to St. F.X. in the finals both times. Each year the players say we should have won or we could have won. With the team we have this year, the Rebels have the potential of being winners. However, excuses will not get them to the CIAU's. Poor fundamentals are excuses.

Although it is early in the season, and both the coaches and players didn't expect a great deal from this first match, it is not too early to be expecting good ball control from each and every player. For the last two years it has been serve reception that has killed the Rebels when coming down to the final games, especially last year in the finals against St. F.X. Hopefully this year will not turn out the same way.

Granted, the Rebels needed and only had a month or a little more to get an offence for the match against St. F.X., maybe more time should be spent now on ball control so that the complicated offence that coach Early wants to see run will work.

If the Rebels can improve their ball reception, they should be confident that their offense can beat any team in the league, but until then they will have to settle with disappointing losses to their arch rivals from Antigonish.

The team really needs to get a little pride into themselves, because they have the talent to do it this year. All they need is determination.

The Rebels travel to Acadia next weekend for an invitational tournament and the following weekend are at home against Mt. A.

Bloomers vault into season

By DICK SLIPP

The Red Bloomers turned anticipation into victory last week-end in Wolfville Nova Scotia, winning the Acadia Women's Tip-off Tournament.

The Bloomers took the championship game defeating host team Acadia 48-43 after Friday's opening game victory over Dal University 68-50.

In the Dal contest UNB displayed tough full court pressure defense to wear down the fast Tigerettes. With all 10 Bloomers seeing good floor time, their super conditioning yielded scoring bursts late in both halves. Good defense held

Dal to only 20 points in the opening half and also generated much of the 38 points scored by the UNB team. Dal closed the score to 9 points difference with 11 minutes left in the game but the Bloomers responded with some quick baskets to put the game out of reach. UNB shot 50 percent from the floor and 82 percent from the foul line - both impressive statistics, especially in the opening game of the season. Outstanding for the Bloomers were Patty Sheppard who sparked the pressure defense and Sylvie Bloumenfeld who led the team offensively with some tremendous

drives inside.

In the championship match versus Acadia the score was close the whole game with the Bloomers surging to 6 point leads several times. At the half it was UNB 26-25 in a low-scoring stand-off. Patti Langille of Acadia forced the Bloomers to adjust to a zone defense because of some full court drives to lay-ups. As well the Bloomers switched their own offensive alignment against Acadia's Zone with improved results. Strong rebounding proved to be the difference as UNB had the edge in that department 44-18 with the incredible total of 23 offensive rebounds led by Janet Proude and Cathy Maxwell.

Highlighting the tournament was the selection of Patty Sheppard as most valuable player of the tournament and Janet Proude as an All-star.

These two opening games on the road have vaulted the Bloomers off on a thrifty game season. They indicate the defensive style to be used by the team this season - a grueling job promising all of the team plenty of action in quest of their attempt to allow the opponents less than 50 points per game.

The Bloomers next home games are both against Dal Friday evening Nov. 18 at 8:00 pm and Sat afternoon at 1:00 pm

	UNB 68		UNB48	
	DAL 50		Acadia 43	
	Points	Rebounds	Points	Rebounds
Lois Scott	0	2	1	0
Laura Sanders	12	5	4	1
Claire Mitton	6	2	4	6
Cathy Maxwell	4	6	8	8
Sylvia Blumenfeld	16	6	3	6
Maira Pryde	2	1	4	5
Janet Proude	10	5	12	9
Nelda Robbins	2	3	11	3
Liedy Scholten	1	1	1	1
Patty Sheppard	14	3	5	5



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Darts anyone? Everybody's favorite target played darts the hard way last weekend.

Position open

The position of student assistant and chairperson for women's intramurals and recreation will be opening for the spring and fall terms of 1978. These positions are open to anyone and application forms are available at the intramural office of the L.B. gymnasium.

The job of the student assistant is to plan and co-ordinate the women's recreation and intramural program for UNB and STU. The student chairperson works with

the student assistant in fulfilling her duties. Both work in co-operation with the Intramural Director within the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation.

Further details on the position are available with the application forms. If you like more detailed information contact Rose Colford (455-2585) or Janice Frost (453-4555).

Applications should be presented no later than Nov. 25, to Stella Keays at the intramurals office.

Rugby team back on feet

The UNB Rugby Football Club ended its 1977 season before a howling crowd at the Raceway last Saturday by winning the league play-offs and the Clark Trophy. In Friday's semi-final match the Ironmen had defeated the Saint John Trojans 12-7. Saint John scored first with a field goal, then UNB came back with two unconverted touchdowns, one on a classical passing movement that sent centre Andy Bynum over for the try, and the other when

halfback Charley Johnson scooped up a loose ball five yards from the end zone and hurled himself in to score. At half-time UNB led 8-3. Late in the second half the Trojans' Bill Sullivan was awarded a dubious TD; the conversion attempt failed, and the score was 8-7. Minutes later UNB had driven deep into Saint John territory, and suddenly Kris McMillan, the Ironman hooker, sliced through futile arm-tackles to finish the scoring and the game.

Saturday's victory was not as easily won. The opponent, STU, had improved steadily throughout the season, had shut out the Fredericton Exiles 7-0 the previous day, and were out to avenge their

earlier loss to the Ironmen. There was no scoring in the first half. The character of UNB's play was all too familiar to those who have followed the team this year: they were the attackers, they kept their opponents under almost constant pressure - but they couldn't score. Bad judgment at crucial moments, simple mistakes, and penalties kept them from the STU end zone. So did the Tommies' hard tackling and do-or-die determination.

This pattern of play, this stalemate, was broken midway through the second half when UNB won a scrum on the STU five yard-line: Frank Nemeč, playing his final game at No. 8 for UNB, picked up the ball from the base of the scrum as halfback Johnson broke away wide with a good fake - then Nemeč crashed over. Johnson converted, and UNB led 6-0. That was the final score.

Spectators were heard to exclaim during the match, "This isn't rugby, it's war." But the game, although ferociously fought, was, by local standards, a clean one. Those who starred for UNB along with the scorers were flanker Ralph Lutes, lock Joe Paytas, winger Blake Brunson,

and fullback Derek Demers. Outstanding for St. Thomas were their front row, flanker Mark Sheehan, centre Pat Lee, and, above all, full back Roger Moser, whose brilliant covering and kicking got his club out of danger time after time: he received the MVP medal for his team.

Frank Nemeč was rightly selected as UNB's MVP, and as the team lined up to be presented with the Clark Trophy he was joined by co-captains Johnson and Paytas and their teammates: props Henry Barton and Pierre Bertrand, hooker McMillan, lock Jean Michaud, flankers Lutes and Andy Johnson, halfback Nigel Campbell, centres Bynum and Tyler Richardson, wingers Brunson and Peter Kraus, and fullback Demers.

So the rugby year of 1977, which had begun with the spring tour to Connecticut and Pennsylvania, now ended with the regaining of one of the trophies UNB used to win regularly. Next year, the Ironmen will have to do better still if they want to see "UNB RFC" engraved once more on the Caledonia Cup.



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By RICK FOWLER

In an informal address to MacKenzie House men's residence on Wednesday night, Premier Richard Hatfield said that the "Quebecois viewed the widespread support of Prime Minister Trudeau's implementing the War Measures Act as meaning Fuck civil liberty, get in there and get those guys," referring to the 1970 Quebec Crisis.

National unity was one of the issues stressed by Premier Hatfield during the Forum. When asked what he thought about the constitutional issue, Hatfield replied that "The fact that we have no constitution, that it is an act of British Parliament, is a reflection of our political immaturity."

Hatfield stated that he would like to see clauses of regional disparity, equalization of transportation standardization and subsidization written into the constitution. He feels that the myth that the transportation can be self-supporting and produce profit is ridiculous. Hatfield stated "I think transportation must be subsidized, it's a fact of life. If not, a one-way ticket to P.E.I. on the ferry would cost three-hundred dollars."

Hatfield also felt that the official language act of New Brunswick should be incorporated into the constitution, with a provision for N.B. to amend it.

Speaking again on the issue of national unity the Premier stated that the grievances of Quebec are greatly aggravated by the fact that

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By JEFF IRWIN

You may have noticed last Friday at lunch time there was a crowd gathered around the front of the SUB. The subject of this crowd's attention was a man who was preaching the gospel. The man is Rev. Dwight Johnson, ordained by the Tennessee United Christian Assoc., and he will be in the Fredericton area for approximately the next two weeks.

Rev. Johnson has had quite a background. He spent two years in the U.S. Army and one year in Vietnam as a truck driver. When he returned from overseas he was hooked on drugs. To feed his habit it was necessary to procure money in every way. He was arrested for trying to break open a safe. Before going to trial he bought some pills and popped them as he had no veins to shoot into. And as he was "rushing and tripping" down the street three words came to him: "Call on Jesus." He ran to a church nearby, but there was no one there so he ran to the nearest house. A minister appeared at the door and took him in side and began to "drive the demons from