

Ironmen defeat Loyalists, begin defence of titles



Photo by Mike Carr

The rugby team is put through tough drills by the coach, Bob Cockburn, as they prepare for their league opener this weekend with the Fredericton Loyalists.

UNB Rugby Football Club

Fall Schedule

Sat. Sept. 22	3:00 p.m.	UNB vs Loyalists at Fred. Raceway
Sat. Sept. 29	3:00 p.m.	UNB vs Trojans at Saint John
Thanksgiving Weekend		UNB vs Moncton at Moncton
Wed. Oct. 10	5:30 p.m.	UNB vs STU at Fred. Raceway
Sun. Oct. 14	3:00 p.m.	UNB vs Loyalists at College Field
Wed. Oct. 17	5:30 p.m.	UNB vs STU at Fred. Raceway
Sat. Oct. 20		Universities Tournament at College Field
Sun. Oct. 21		Universities Tournament at College Field
Sat. Oct. 27	3:00 p.m.	UNB vs Trojans at College Field
Sun. Oct. 28	3:00 p.m.	UNB vs Moncton at Fred. Raceway

Team with best record wins McNair Cup and plays N. S. winner for Caledonia Cup.

Sat., Sun. Nov. 3-4 PLAYOFFS: 1 vs 3, 2 vs 4
Sat. or Sun. Nov. 10-11: Clarke Trophy Final at field of team in league standing.

Starting times are subject to change
UNB Second Team will play its matches against Acadia, FHS, Rothesay Collegiate, Tobique Valley, STU and the Border RFC

The Ironmen, UNB's Rugby team, resumed their winning ways of last year by defeating the Fredericton Loyalists 7-4 at College Field on Sunday. A good crowd saw the hard-fought exhibition match, in which substitutions were permitted; they are not allowed in regular play.

UNB scored first, as outside-center Hugh Dickison took a good pass from Dave Kent and whipped the ball on to his wing, Trevor Morris, who escaped two Loyalist tacklers and dove across for the touchdown. The conversion was missed. Although they didn't score again in the first half, UNB did control the play. Unfortunately, lockforward Terry Flynn was injured by a late tackle but Dan Yeomans filled in for him admirably. In the second half Bob McConnell kicked a 30-yard field goal to put the Ironmen ahead 7-0. Then, late in the half, UNB's spirit seemed to waver, their tackling weakened, they lost their alertness, and the Loyalists sliced across for a touchdown to make the final score 7-4.

Two UNB players, scrumhalf Killer Kelly and wingforward Les Morrow, were outstanding. Others who looked good were Bruce McLeod, Hugh Dickison, and Trevor Morris, all backs, and the big No. 8 forward, Jim Neville.

The Loyalists had blasted Moncton apart the previous week, and were heard to say before the game that they'd be going undefeated this year. They were wrong. But UNB must not be over-confident about this exhibition victory, for they'll meet a vengeful Loyalist team in a match that counts on Saturday at 2:30 at the Fredericton Raceway. Still and all, they can afford to be pleased with their win; missing from last year's team are wingers Dave Baird and Brian Luckcock, fullback Barry Ward, center Bryce Eldridge, stand-off Rick Kent, lockforward Bill Sullivan, hooker Mike Burden, and the fine forward and

Captain, Rick Adams. The replacements for these men have looked very good so far. Peter Silk, that classic scrumhalf, has taken over as Captain; Garth Lord brings much experience from B.C. to the hooker position; Paul Thrush and Rick Hobson, along with holdovers from 1972, give added strength at wing-forward; and the return of Bob McConnell and Bert Papenburg, both of whom can play fullback, and the addition of four new hard-running wingers—all these men and the many more who have turned out for the club lead one to believe that this team may be even better than last year's.

Every player on the team will be playing every week, as the second team has as full a schedule as the first. And substitutions will be allowed in second team games. It is not too late to come out for Rugby, provided you're prepared to work at being fit and provided you enjoy hitting and being hit. Practices are held on the green at the foot of Alexandra Street on Tuesdays at 5:30 and at T.C. Field Thursdays at 5:30.

This Saturday at Fredericton Raceway the Ironmen go against the Loyalists at 2:30 while the seconds play the Border R.F.C. from St. Stephen at 4:00. The seconds play again on Sunday at College Field at 2:00 against Fredericton High School. If you come to watch, and the teams do want your support, you'll see a swift moving, hard-hitting game. Should the Ironmen win on Saturday, they could be on their way to the Caledonia Cup.

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Shirts win Mt. A tournament, defeat AIAA champs

By ROBERT PAQUETTE

Last weekend proved to be a hard and exasperating experience for the UNB Red Shirts Soccer team as they entered a tournament held at Mount Allison University. For the team was only recently reunited and put through any real conditioning so as to make them contenders in the two day competition. But sheer experience, desire, and the confidence of coach Gary Brown brought the team first place honours, the Red Shirts overcoming the three other participants.

Late Friday afternoon was the stage for the first match against an experienced, well trained St. Mary's squad. UNB capitalized first however with rookie Yakubu Maikano putting one past the St. Mary's goaltender on a pass play that was to be the basis for many UNB goals during the tourney. The Huskies came back though, to make it 1-1 at the half. Play stiffened in the second half, both teams hustling to get the deciding goal. Emanuel Exekial and Dave

Potten scored for UNB and St. Mary's put in two also during the play up to about the 40 minute mark of the second half. At that point the tie was broken in favour of UNB with left winger Tom McLaughlan tapping one home from close in, giving UNB the lead. The game ended UNB ahead 4-3.

Rookie Albert El Khoury was a surprise for all as he demonstrated his fancy dribbling and speed on the forward line. Goaler Abby Akinyemi played a standout game for UNB in the nets, making some fantastic saves. Overall, it was a well contested match that went both ways the whole time but UNB showed a bit more spark, probably because they were mentally tougher than the Huskies.

No rest for the victors though as they were out of the sack early the next day to play an early morning match against St. Thomas University. The Red Shirts went into the game with a lot more confidence in themselves as a team; also knowing that the day before STU had fallen to Mount A 8-1. The Red Shirts, however, were not too

worried about their peers from further up the hill. For UNB it was a game to slow down a little and practice a few of the basics in preparation for a tougher Mount A squad they were to play a few hours later. STU went down in easy defeat with UNB's fancy footed playmaker Mike Atkinson switching the ball up both sides, constantly pressuring the STU defence and goaltending. The score at half was 4-0 with rookie Yakubu Maikano adding another two to his total, Bob Conley pounding in a long shot from the right half position, and forward John Mbolomba scoring on a penalty kick. Fullback Dave Potten and Al El Khoury put in one each in the second half to make the final score 6-0. UNB over Saint Thomas. Rookie goaler Mike Smith took the shutout honours for UNB.

The kickoff of the final match against Mount A got the game off to a fast and furious start with both teams hustling onto the ball, play forming back and forth on the pitch. The Mounties showed a

surprising amount of determination despite the fact they had just gone down in defeat to SMU in the previous match. This was probably due to the fact that the Mounties did have a lot of players on hand, all competing for many vacant positions left by last year's graduates. The Swampies are the defending AIAA champs.

Scoring in the first half was all UNB with halfback Mike Atkinson arcing a beautifully placed direct kick in the net over the goaltenders outstretched arms. Another direct kick was awarded to UNB and this time it was fullback Dave Potten taking a pass from the kick and booming in a shot from close in. Potten managed a goal a game which is quite an accomplishment for a fullback in the university league. Both Potten and Jim Campbell played outstandingly on defence, checking the Mount A offence with confidence. Only Mount A scored in the second half and it was a picture play of Atkinson's earlier goal from a direct kick. Tom McLaughlan came extremely close to scoring an

number of times, showing a lot of drive on the left wing.

Overall in the tournament, the Red Shirts were plagued with too many near misses and appeared to lose the essential drive at times. But considering they had only trained and been together for four days before the event, they made a commendable showing, winning being the essential element.

The Shirts are off to the fair isle of Newfoundland this weekend to take on the Memorial University Beothuks. If there is any time to push, now is the time for the invincible reign of Newfie in the sport of soccer has only recently been shattered with the Mount Allison Mounties beating them out for the AIAA championship last year.

Best of luck, Red Shirts! (and please, no more field goals!)

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