

View From the Cheap Seats

by Mark Savoie

Very few of the athletes on this campus will have the opportunity to play their sport at the professional level. Perhaps the players with the greatest opportunity are the soccer Red Shirts. Two players from last year's team played for the Winnipeg Fury in the CSL, these being Stewart Galloway and Jamie Pollock. Pollock is now back here with the Red Shirts.

These two players were helped tremendously by the fact that there is a Canadian league out there for soccer enthusiasts, which gives Canadian talent an opportunity to ply their trade. Realistically, had either Galloway or Pollock been forced to go to Europe and Latin America they probably would not have been regarded as prospects. If you remember the English commentary from the World Cup you can recall that Europeans tend to look down their noses on English North American footballers.

The only other sport which has a Canadian league for Canadian talent is the other football; North American style. The CFL recruits heavily out of the university ranks and like the CSL, has restrictions on the amount of non-Canadians allowed on any team. Unfortunately, we no longer have a football team here.

The NHL might be considered to be a Canadian league, despite a majority of teams south of the border. While the Americans and Europeans are making inroads, most of the players are still Canadian. But those Canadian players don't usually come out of the CIAU. Most of them come out of junior hockey or out of American universities, where they can be lured by athletic scholarship money. The only UNB Red Devil in recent memory to make it to the NHL is John LeBlanc, and he is currently labouring with the Cape Breton Oilers of the AHL.

All other sports either don't have a professional league to go to, or in the case of the Red Raiders, the competition from American athletes to get into the NBA is just too tough for a Canadian kid at a Canadian University to have a legitimate shot at the NBA. There is a volleyball league of sorts in the states, but it is still struggling to get established and could go under at any moment.

And I haven't even touched on the girls. There is, at present, no avenue for a female athlete to pursue a career in professional sports, with the exceptions of tennis and golf. It is worthy of note that UNB offers neither of these sports at the varsity level. There have been attempts in the states at establishing a women's basketball league, but these have all failed.

The point is that the athletes at this campus are not looking forward to huge multi year contracts. The university ranks are the end of the line for these athletes; when they graduate there will be no tomorrow. What they play for is pride: personal pride and school pride. They play hard, they practice hard, and they study hard. There are very few, if any, 'dumb jocks' at this university. The varsity athletes at this university are a special breed, and they all have my respect.

SPORTS SHORTS

By Nancy Washburn

The Yeowomen have recently played four games ending up with a 2-0-2 record. On Wednesday, October 3, the Yeowomen took on the Lady Mounties. The Yeowomen won 2-2.

On Tuesday, October 16, the team travelled to Moncton. Although the Yeowomen clearly dominated play, it finished in a scoreless game.

On Friday, the 19th, U de M came to UNB. This time the Yeowomen beat the baffled U de M team 1-0.

The Yeowomen then went on to Dalhousie and won 2-0. Once again, Melanie Lloyd did not let a ball past her in recording her third shutout of the week.

Ed. Notes: The sports editors would like to apologize for shortening this article. However, space was very limited. Please send in an entry for next week.

INTRAMURALS

Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament October 22, 1990

Both the main and the West gyms of the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium were alive with the fall 1990 co-ed volleyball tournament this past week-end. Saturday afternoon twelve teams competed for the top four positions which went onto the play offs on Sunday. The overall champions, "The 3 RC's" beat our "Jones/Dunn" and "The Simpsons" were the consolation champions over "The Spikers". Congratulations Guys!

Softball

The man's intramural softball league proved to be a great success. Twenty-eight teams participated in the regular season play which was followed by single elimination play offs. In the final game the "Wankers" emerged as the 1990 softball champions by defeating "Bridges House" 7 to 1. Congratulations to the winning team and thanks to all participants.

Women's Basketball

The entry deadline for Women's Intramural Basketball for the Fall term is Tuesday, November 6. As with the other Intramural Sports, that are ongoing this year, we are offering two (2) levels of league play. Competitive for the players who have some experience and are seeking a competitive atmosphere. Recreational for players, regardless of skill or experience, who are interested in a recreational environment. All women at UNB and STU are invited to participate. Team managers should pick up an information kit at the Recreation Office, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - Monday to Friday, approximately 10 days prior to the entry deadline. Women may also register individually at the Recreation Office and they will be placed on a team. Don't delay your opportunities for fun and excitement!

Graduate Report October 23, 1990

NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS!!!

All of the classes seem to be operating well and there seems to be little problem with the GTA's

The only possible area of concern is the progress of our 2nd Year Grad. students, Ballard, Xu and Yu. We are eagerly awaiting the announcements of their Proposal meetings. I understand that Ballard and Yu are getting reasonably close to presenting their Proposals; I'm not so sure about Xu.

I am already receiving inquiries about next year and to date have sent off about 5 or 6 packets of information.

Women's Volleyball Standings To Monday, October 15, 1990

Teams	G	W	L	T	P
Competitive					
Phys. Ed. & Rec.	4	3	1	0	10
Tibbits	4	3	1	0	10
Lady Dunn I	4	1	3	0	6
Lady Dunn II	4	1	3	0	6
Recreational					
McLeod	4	2	2	0	8
LBR	3	2	1	0	7
Wailers	2	2	0	0	6
Nursing	2	1	1	0	4
The CC's	2	1	1	0	4
Ludlow Spikes	3	0	3	0	3

Men's Touch Football Standings To Tuesday, October 16, 1990 (also includes defaulted games)

Teams	G	W	L	T	P
Red Division					
Bridges House	6	6	0	0	18
Law II	6	6	0	0	18
MacKenzie House	5	4	1	0	13
McLeod House	6	3	3	0	12
Neille Knights	6	3	3	0	12
Fisher's 49's	6	2	4	0	10
Aitken Animals	6	1	5	0	8
Harrison Huskies	5	1	4	0	7
Green Division					
Brew Crew	6	6	0	0	18
Neville Norsemen	6	6	0	0	18
Nematodes	6	5	0	1	17
Law I	6	3	3	0	12
Aitken Rangers	5	3	2	0	11
Business Blues	6	2	4	0	10
Shaft & Company	6	2	4	0	10