

Ironmen bounce back in style

By J.C. Morton

After suffering two setbacks in a row the UNB Ironmen II outscored Charlotte County Saints 14-10. The sunny Sunday afternoon game was well attended and the hard fought match was thoroughly enjoyed.

Charlotte County fielded a strong side which pressured UNB through out the game. The Saints drew first blood when their pressure resulted in a try scored by veteran fly-half Tommy Knox. However, to the Ironmen's credit they did not let the early score affect their game and after considerable pressure from the UNB forwards a try was scored. The Ironmen try resulted from a spoiled lineout and was scored when newcomer Mark Phinney broke through the Saints lineout and done on a loose ball in the end zone.

This evened the score to 4-4 as neither try was converted. The rest of the half was give and take with no team having a real advantage until late in the half when UNB struck again. Another rookie provided the scoring when Mike

Webb took a pass from Grant Mitchell and out ran the Saints pursuit into the end zone. This time UNB kicker Paul Cunningham made no mistake as he split the posts with his convert to give the Ironmen a commanding half time lead of 10-4.

The Ironmen started the second half strongly and it wasn't long before they scored. An alert play was made when Mike Coulombe converted a number eight pick up into a try. The convert was wide and UNB had widened their lead to 14-4.

The Charlotte County team would not allow UNB to turn the game into a rout as they scored again to draw them closer. Again it was Tommy Knox who scored when he eluded ironmen tacklers and slipped into the end zone. The final whistle blew ending fiercely competitive game which saw UNB win 14-10, but which also proved the Saints worthy opponents indeed.

A strong game was played by Mark Phinney in helping lead the Ironmen over the Saints. Mike Coulombe turned in a strong game which seems to be habit forming for Mike as he has been a welcome addition to the club this year, the same can be said about Sandy Kennedy.

Both Chris Turcot and Grant

Mitchell played quite well and Mitchell displayed some quick thinking by getting out of heavy traffic with a few timely up and unders.

Last Wednesday the UNB Ironmen II lost a heart breaker to the Exiles II, when in the dying moments the Exiles turned a five yard scrum into the winning try. It was a wet day and the rain definitely affected the ball handling, as both teams were dropping the ball throughout the game.

The UNB pack controlled their opposites throughout the game in the set scrums and the combination of Monty Paisley's fine hooking, and a big push by the Ironmen scrum, helped UNB to win the ball on the Exiles put-ins. Toks Akapata provided the only scoring in the first half, as he capitalized on an Exile penalty with a penalty kick giving the Ironmen a 3-0 lead.

Exile pressure coupled with costly penalties by UNB kept the ball in UNB's end for most of the second half. Finally after what seemed like a dozen of attacks on the UNB goal line the Exiles scored. An alert Exile forward picked up the ball after a five yard scrum and eluded UNB tackles to score on a try. The convert was good, and before the Ironmen got another chance, the whistle

blew ending the game in favour of the Exiles 6-3.

Because of such a strong turnout this year for the UNB Rugby Football Club, the Ironmen have been able to field a third team which plays as many exhibition games as coach Cockburn can arrange. The debut of the third team was this past Saturday against Fredericton High. The locals

outlasted UNB 4-0. Inexperience on UNB's part kept them from being capable of any sustained attack.

Ironmen faithful who attended the game noticed with delight the return of Bruce "Bulldog" Gallant, who put in a strong performance despite his questionable physical condition.

Lady Harriers Run Wild

By JENNIFER NOBLE

In a dual meet staged in Orono, Maine, the UNB girls Red Harrier team came out a bit on the short end against a stronger contingent of American runners.

The course was a fairly flat 3.7 miles, run in warm, sunny conditions, not the usual mud, rain and cold that is typical to the cross country season (guess what we train in every day though!).

The start and finish of the race consisted of running of one-half lap around the track, amidst the loudspeakers blaring music, bands playing, cheerleaders yelling, and players grunting and cheering - a typical high school football game in the States. As you can guess, few eyes seemed focused on the hot perspiring runners as they came in to finish.

During the first part of the race, the American coach was a bit blown up with pride for his girls, and was a bit apt to overqualify and brag up his girls. He was startled into

muteness, however when the first colors across the line was the distinctive red of UNB - alas - a Canadian won! Margaret MacDonald won easily over her counterparts, finishing the race in 21.12, about 35 seconds ahead of the second place finisher.

The Americans were not to be out done though, and the next four runners were all girls from Orono. Terry Lee Damon was second in for UNB (23.37) running in her usual relaxed style, hardly even appearing to be breathing hard.

Three more American girls followed Terry Lee, but hard on their heels was rookie Tammi Richardson, coming in at 24:55 and in 10th place. The other UNB runners finished in the following order: Donna Kerr, Lynn Sutherland, Lynne Poole and Susan Johnson. UNB lost 21-40 to the Americans, but will have a chance at improving on that this weekend when they go to Lewiston, Maine for a race.

WOMENS HOCKEY

The UNB Red Blazers will be holding try outs beginning October 4, 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. at the Aitken University Centre. Anyone wishing to try out for the team is welcome.

The Red Blazers had a busy and successful season last year and plan the same this year. The team plays other university and club teams from the Maritimes, Quebec and the Eastern United States in tournaments and exhibition games. Last year the Blazers won the St. Mary's University Tournament in Halifax, came second in their own UNB Tournament and participated in the Concordia University Tournament in Montreal.

The Blazers also won the New Brunswick Provincial Tournament which earned them the right to represent New Brunswick in the 1st National Women's Hockey Tournament in Brantford, Ontario. The team was very competitive in the Nationals and all of their games were won or lost by close scores.

This coming season looks to be as busy as the last and the team is looking for an assistant coach and a manager. Anyone who is interested in helping to coach or manage the Red Blazers is asked to call Dale Currie (357-6804) or Debbie MacLoon (472-6392 or 455-3337, Ext. 7).

Scrum Drum

By J.C. MORTON

After fielding many requests for encores of last Wednesday's performance, there is still no definite time set for the "Return of Montezuma." But dance classes will continue as scheduled. . . Nigel "Tidal Wave" Hawk has been asked whether or not he'd like to appear on the corner of this week's McLeon's Magazine. Well what's the answer. . . Glad to see Tim is attending his "walk and talk" classes. As he had a few of us wondering on Wednesday night. . . For any of our readers suffering from insomnia Duff says he has a sure-fire cure. . . Ironmen traditionalists were happy to see Young Smith continue the family tradition. Bottoms that "Bulldog" will not be wearing any footwear at this Saturday's Rugby Pub. This is a real event for all of you newcomers, don't miss it! . . . This weekend's rugby action see's the Exiles I host UNB I at Fredericton Raceway at 2:00 p.m. Saturday.

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