

Meet Mounties tomorrow

Red Shirts begin title hunt

By DAVE MOMBOURQUETTE

Soccer!

For anyone who spent the summer vacation on another planet, this was the sport which captivated the world, as extensive coverage of the World Cup soccer tournament enabled over one billion people to view the efforts of four years of eliminations. With all of the fuss over what had previously been considered a minor sport in North America, the 1982 version of the UNB Red Shirts hope to cash in on the trend.

Coach Gary Brown returns with a squad boasting all but two of last year's starters, a team which garnered runner-up honors in the AUAA after capturing the national championship in 1980. Brown is looking for a balanced attack to carry his charges to victory in the present campaign, but does admit that several outstanding players make the team stronger at certain positions. The backfield sports no fewer than three AUAA all-stars, Larry Courvoisier, Joe Turpin and Toni Rawlinson, the first two also members of the CIAU all star team. They are joined by Edward (Tomo) Thompson a second year player from England.

The midfield sees the return of Mike Foley, who will be joined by either Dave Gormley or Steve Mackey, two highly touted rookies with the team.

The forward unit should be outstanding, with Peter Carpenter, Greg Kraft and Dwight Hornibrook (AUAA All-Star), being joined by standout rookie Ronnie Taweel.

So with all of this talent is coach Gary Brown ready to make travel arrangements for the playoffs?

Don't bet on it is the word from the coaching staff. Brown feels that every team in the conference has a chance to win on a given day, "it's just a matter of these people getting it in their heads they can perform."

Robin Hopper, the assistant coach for the past three years, is quick to agree noting, "our first objective is to win the western conference of the AUAA." A difficult task with a much strengthened UPEI team to contend with.

Hopper, who works mainly with the full backs and goaltenders, feels the goaltending spot is their main area of concern, although the two returnees, Don MacKinnon and Vincent Woo, have been working hard in preparation. Although not willing to make any predictions about the Red



Shirts specifically, Hopper does feel that, "the team that comes out of this conference should have a legitimate shot at the national title."

Those who remember the excitement of the 1980 championship season will have their first chance to see if this year's version of the Red Shirts have what it takes, when they meet the Mount Allison Mounties at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, on the all new Chapman Field.

Floods impress

Henry and Brian Flood, members of the UNB Rowing Club, who row the lightweight pair out of the Kennebecasis Rowing Club in Saint John during the summer, have proven again that New Brunswickers can compete at an elite level in sport. Under the direction of provincial coach Keith Ratcliffe, the Flood brothers have come off a season that saw them capture the New Brunswick, Maritime and Canadian championships, as well as smash the provincial, Maritime and Canadian records by wide margins.

At the 100th Canadian Henley, the world's largest rowing regatta, they had to settle for the silver medal, only 1.99 seconds behind the United States. The only other Canadian crew to make it to the

final finished well back in sixth place. Besides these accomplishments the Flood's also claimed the silver medal against heavyweights at an elite international meet in Philadelphia, a bronze medal in the international F.I.S.A. four race, and the distinction of being the fastest lightweights at the national speed order trials. This combined with winning the Junior Henley and North American championships last year, as well as a gold and two silver medals while in Europe, has enabled them to climb within the top five or six crews in the world.

The brothers hope to improve even more in preparation for the world championships, which will be held next year in Bled, Yugoslavia.

Varsity Athletic Conference

Mal Early optimistic

By Dave Mombourquette

It was a smiling Mal Early that greeted members of the local media in the faculty lounge of the L.B. Gymnasium on Tuesday.

Why was he smiling?

The fact that Mr. Early holds the title of UNB athletic director is probably the main reason for his cheerful disposition, given the outlook of this year's athletic program, one of the most optimistic in years.

The word from most of the coaching staff is improvement, and for many of the teams that means a legitimate shot at a conference title. Early branded the AUAA "the strongest conference in the country," and feels that if the UNB faithful can get out of their own region, "it's only a matter of time before we win a national championship."

Although the athletic department is suffering from

cutbacks as much as the rest of the university, Early sees no danger of any of the remaining eleven programs going the way of the football team. His only worry is for the women's field hockey program, a sport which is losing some of its popularity at the high school level, putting its long term future in doubt.

On the subject of fan support Early's enthusiasm became a little more subdued, the main reason being the poor attendance of last season. Early feels the big turning point this year will be the advent of free admission, enabling every student to afford their support. He stressed though that, "a lot depends on how things are doing, if we are winning the fans will show up."

On a more informative note, several changes were announced concerning the coaching staff. Former women's volleyball coach Jim Sexsmith has left to become

the Canadian Volleyball Association's technical director, allowing last year's men's coach Sonny Phillips to take his place. Filling Sonny's spot with the Red Rebels is Rex Bolden, a former UNB player who gained his reputation as a quality player with the Sunbury Blues, perennial Atlantic Champions.

Gymnastics also is undergoing a change, with coach Don Eagle stepping down to the title of assistant coach, while last year's assistant, Daryl Steeves has moved up to head coach.

Three graduate students, Beth Satter, Laura Gillespie and Marleigh Moran, will be providing a support staff for the athletic department, welcome additions to the small staff.

Overall it appears this could be a banner year for varsity sports, an assessment that will have to be made later, but certainly a possibility. Let's hope that Mal Early is still smiling by season's end.

Scrum Drum

By J.C. MORTON

"Scrum Drum" . . . last weeks practices were well attended on a few occasions, so we'd like to take this opportunity to encourage all newcomers to continue to come out and enjoy the sport. . . If our information is correct it seems that I.M. Mess has visited the River Inn recently. . . Some veterans on the team seem to have noticed the absence of one of their favorite drills! Please bring back the Ironmen contest Bob! . . . A friendly reminder to all the new female students at U.N.B. Rugby is a gentlemen's game, play by gentlemen, so come on out and support the UNBRFC. . . One last reminder to those interested UNBRFC practices from 5-7 p.m. at Buchanan Field every Tuesday and Thursday.