

Nutbrown hits 2006 total as Raiders end season in third



Red Raiders Dave Nutbrown dumps in two more points on his way to breaking the 2000 mark in his university career point-total. brunswickan photo by bob goedine

The UNB Red Raiders wrapped up their final weekend of basketball with two wins in the Maritime Intercollegiate loop. Raiders downed the league cellar-dwellers St. Dunstan's Saints 76-63 and Mt. Allison Hawks 80-48 in a pair of relaxed road games. The wins put UNB in third place, tied with Dal, but two Raiders' losses to the Tigers forces UNB to settle for fourth.

The victories meant nothing to the Raiders as far as gaining a berth in the Canadian Championship goes but there was still special highlight in the final match at Mt. A. Raiders' veteran starting guard, David Nutbrown broke the 2000 points mark in scoring. His unofficial total stands at 2006 points. The 6'2" native of Sherbrooke broke the 1000 barrier early last season which set the record as the first UNB man to have done it. So it looks as if 2006 will stand for quite some time.

The Raiders met St. Dunstan's on Friday night. At first it seemed the Saints might keep up but after the game settled down Raiders took a comfortable lead. The score at half time was 37-21 for UNB. The second half saw the Saints challenge the Raiders and gain a few points but the UNB squad held off the attack and took the honours with a 13 point margin.

Going into the Dunstan's game Nutbrown needed 48 points to set his new mark but

junior Gord Lebel was out for his 100th. This may seem unimportant but Gord scored his century of points on a cool hook shot that had the whole house gasping! The team was very enthused and congratulated him. Lebel, a Plaster Rock boy who played his high school ball at Tobique Valley High, said he was looking forward to 101.

The high scorers for the tilt were St. Dunstan's stars Jim Fitzgerald, 24; and Mike Sullivan, 22. Big guns for UNB were Dave Nutbrown, 21; and Bob Bonnell, 20. Freshmen Bob English and Ron McClements scored 11 apiece, Peter Barr meshed 7 and subs "Loop" Dingwall and Gord Lebel got three apiece.

UNB fouled 11 times and SDU were called for 17.

At Mt. Allison the game was a mere formality. The Raiders kept the Hawks from scoring a field goal for nearly nine minutes and led 41-20 at the half. The only thing in the minds of most of the team and UNB fans at the game was the question, "Will Brownie get two thou?" He needed 28 points to make it and he pumped in 17 that first half so it looked like all we could do was wait.

The second half got under way with the Raiders in the driver's seat. Nutbrown scored on a series of lay ups and was fouled several times before he eventually put up a shot (from top of the key and off to the

right) which scored his 2000th point as a Red Raider. After the game the fatigued Nutbrown was asked how he felt. "I'm too tired to think... I'll think about it tomorrow..." was all he said but you could tell he was a happy basketball player.

Nutbrown scored 34 and partner Bob English made 15. The remainder of UNB scoring came from Barr and McClements, 9 each; Bonnell and Bob Clive, 4 each; Lebel and Rich Anderson, 2 each; and Loop Dingwall scored a foul shot. Forward Fred MacMullin did not play in either game. Wood and Evans led Mt. A. with 14 and 13 respectively.

Acadia wins bonspiel

Acadia University edged the UNB rink 7-6 to claim the Maritime intercollegiate curling championship.

In the semi-final games, Acadia downed Universite de Moncton while UNB toppled St. Mary's 6-5 in the other semi-final. In the final, Acadia played without the services of their lead, Tom Kenney, who injured his back in the morning competitions.

In the final round, Acadia skip Greg Denny drew into the house with his last rock. Richard Gow missed the open take-out to give Acadia the victory.

Wisener makes all-stars

Centre Dave Wisener, of the Red Devils was the only UNB hockey player to make the Maritime intercollegiate hockey league all-star team announced on Monday.

Wisener, who was a rookie with the Red Devils this year, edged out Gerry Cameron, of the Saint Dunstan's Saints by one point.

St. Thomas, and St. Mary's each placed two on the dream team with the other position going to Acadia.

The final team included:

goalie Callum McPhee of STU, defencemen Ken Brown of Acadia, and Brian O'Byrne of SMU, left winger Gordie Wheaton of STU, right winger Rod Bossey of SMU, and Wisener in the Centre position.

Also figuring in the voting were defenceman Don MacIntyre, and goalie Keith Lelievre. Each were edged out by one point for their respective positions.

The only repeaters from last year's team were the two St. Mary's members.

JOCK TALK

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The Red Devils varsity hockey team has finished another season. The team had a very creditable 10-5-3 record, finishing the season with an 8-game unbeaten streak.

At one point when the Devils were 4-5-1, most of the student body had written them off. At least that was the impression one got judging from the half-empty house the Devils played on a few occasions.

UNB hasn't won the Maritime hockey title since 1964. After that, both the Devils and the calibre of play in the collegiate circuit went downhill. Before 1964, the MIHL was the only major hockey league in the Maritimes. With intermediate and junior A competition initiated in the region, however, intercollegiate hockey seemed to sour. There were no stars to speak of, and the level of play wasn't much above that of high school.

By 1967 only, St. FX had much of a team, and they couldn't get anywhere in the national finals. The 1966-1967 season was the low point as far as the level of play was concerned. It seemed to pick up slightly in 1967-1968, and this last season the better teams could give the NB Big Four League teams a real tussle. As a matter of fact, for all intents and purposes, St. Dunstan's and St. Mary's have Junior A teams. They could likely compete on even terms with the Halifax Jr. Canadiens, defending Maritime junior champs.

Back in the early 60's, college hockey was strong. And it had support. UNB had a much smaller enrolment then (2500), but for several seasons really filled the Beaverbrook for home games. The crowd was spirited, too. UNB had good teams, winning in '60, '62 and '64. In January, 1964, UNB played a home game against the Fredericton Capitals, losing by a close 4-2 score in a game that could have gone either way. Both teams went on to become Maritime champs, the Capitals, then as now an intermediate A team.

After 1964, for some reason intercollegiate hockey seemed to drift into obscurity, and it has just begun to snap back. UNB has come back from the depths of a dismal 5-8-1 season in 1966-1967 to the point where we have a winner. Certainly next year the Devils deserve better fan support in what is supposed to be our national sport. In any case, guys who sweat their asses off for an 18 game schedule rate a break.

You may rest assured that next season UNB will be the team to beat.

Red Bloomers head for Canadian title

The UNB Red Bloomers clobbered the Moncton Schooners 89 - 53 Saturday night to capture the New Brunswick Senior Womens Basketball crown.

The Bloomers took the two-game, total-point series 171 - 139 to pick up the New Brunswick Senior Women's basketball crown and a berth in the national tournament at Victoria March 14 - 15. It was the Bloomers' last home game.

Leckie Langley led the Bloomers with 18 points. Three other players hit double figures, Diane Schroder with 16, Karen Lee with 12, and Mary Ann Aitkenhead with 10.

Dale Mitchell and Terry Lebanks picked up 13 for Moncton while Ann Whalen scored 11. The Bloomers have scored

184 1/2 points in 23 games this season. Their opposition has scored only 956 points against them. Eight different players have been game high-scorers, indicating the depth of the team.

UNB had a 67 - 29 edge in the rebounding.



Leckie Langley, the Red Bloomers high scorer in the Moncton game Saturday, lets go a jump shot. Watching for the Bloomers are Karen Lee (5) and Mary Ann Aitkenhead. brunswickan photo by dave macneil