

Raiders lose steamin second half, X-men win 87-70

By DON SMITH

The UNB Red Raiders league record dropped to 0-6 last weekend with a 17 pt. loss to a strong St. F.X. team Saturday afternoon, but a 79-43 win over U de M the night before brings their overall record up to 10 wins, 11

losses.

U de Moncton put up a good first half of ball against the Raiders, getting 12 quick points from Kevin Kearns and sound rebounding from Danny Ross and Jaques Pellerin.

Bruce McCormack and Randy

Nixon continued to lead the UNB offence, and provided an inside-outside punch that the Moncton team could not handle. Moncton left the court down by nine at the half.

The Raiders kept off the scoreboard completely for five

minutes into the second half as the entire team built up a comfortable lead. In the later stages of the game UNB forward Chuch Leonard, with a good touch and much potential, sunk five hoops and wound up leading the Raiders with 12 pts.

Moncton was clearly outclassed, with only Kearns and Jean Aube scoring in double figures. At the end of 40 minutes UNB was ahead 79-43.

Saturday's game was, of course, a different story as the powerful St. Francis Xavier X-Men came to town. But the Raiders gave them - and their own fans (many of whom had spent the warm-ups cheering for St. F.X.'s Pat Adrien and Gil Green) - quite a surprise, as in the first half Randy Nixon scored over Adrien, a great jumper and strong inside man, five times and had him in foul trouble within five minutes.

All conference guard Gil Green could not be stopped, and cannot be stopped, as far as that goes, but luckily he wasn't hitting the hoop that well. UNB's Bruce McCormack put the ball in the hoop for 15 first half points and set up several fast breaks for Andy Cheam. Tom MacMillan shot over X's Paul McGrath for 10 but McGrath answered with 10 himself and Luigi Florean moved the ball well against Green's tenacious defense.

The Raiders were undoubtedly aided by the fact that X forward Chris Silletri showed no offence in the half, but credit here must be given to Tim Howatt who came off the bench and did quite a job on both Silletri and Tom Sullivan. The Raiders left the court up by six, 48-42, and the L.B. Gym was a madhouse for the first time in years.

It would be nice if the story stopped here, and when the Raiders came back on the floor they played as if it had. The first 10 minutes saw them off nothing offensively save the odd hoop here and there by Cheam and MacMillan. X played essentially the same type of ball they had in the first half, uninspired, but good just the same.

Green added another 12 pts. and finished with a game high 25, as Silletri, showing why he was named All-Brooklyn, picked up 15 more to give him 18.

The highly touted Adrien was unimpressive; but perhaps Howatt and Nixon are two of the better defensive centers in the league. UNB has not been hurt from the post that badly this year, most of the damage being done from the corners.

St. F.X. outscored the Raiders 45-22 in the half to win 87-70.

Andy Cheam had the best all-round game for UNB, scoring 13. It seems that the whole team has played better together as a result of his improved confidence.

McCormack lead the Raiders with 15 but did not score in the second half. Nixon had 13, MacMillan 12, and Florean 8, but all three did not play well in the second half.

St. F.X. was ranked 7th Nationally before Saturday's game, ahead of both UPEI and SMU, who are in town tonight and tomorrow afternoon. Both teams are stacked, with Saint Mary's picking up a 25 pt. per game ball player from New York since Christmas, and UPEI adding 6'6" Rick Millard, formerly of Mt. Allison and Acadia since Christmas to join 6'10" Dennis High and 6'8" Tom Kappos.

Lots of action at the L.B. Gym this weekend so check it out.

Gange replies to Best's criticism

Dear Tom Best:

In your Best of Best article last week, you misrepresented several facts concerning CHSR's sports coverage.

You complained that the radio station should not broadcast home

games, but as an SRC sponsored event, we are given a budget with which to broadcast eight games as a service to the students. Due to the high expense of road trips, it has been the policy of the station to take only the best. This would restrict the station members, who

might be interested, since two people could tie up the whole sports dept for four years. Still with the number of people who are interested, I don't think it fair to turn people away. (And you for one are always sounding off on apathy.) Hence at least one reason to have home broadcasts.

You also said that people on the campus would sooner sit in their rooms with a beer and a girl, and keep one ear open for the game. I thank you for the compliment, for it shows that CHSR's broadcasts are more entertaining than the games themselves. But I think most people have just found something better to do than going to a hockey game which means nothing to the team, for their seasons record is disastrous. Please remember that even ardent fans tend to get discouraged when their team is on a losing streak. But those people who did hear the broadcast of the UNB-St. F.X. game, while sitting

wherever they were, might have been enticed to see the next game, because of UNB's results against the third rated team in the country. In that game the Devils held their own until late in the third period, when X tied the game, forcing overtime.

We try to give every team as much coverage as possible. In fact last September, I contacted every team coach and manager, with a memo, requesting that the team contact us with the results of their scores, so we could publicize them. Not very many took us up on the offer.

Some teams did call, and have the D.J. on the air take the call, and hang up before the call was unfinished. Unfortunately, some people feel that sports plays no part in this society, and do not hesitate to make the fact known. To those people who might have been hung up on, I apologize. Rudeness of the on-air person is not something I can control.

In all fairness I must thank Amby Legere for his unending co-operation. Not once have I failed to receive a copy of all intra-mural and inter-residence action, including memos concerning rule changes. The items do not get read often, however, because of the limited time most D.J.'s want to spend finding the item, or reading it. Some of the on air staff will not even read a newscast, let alone a sports item. Since I live off campus, I cannot listen to all shows to "monitor" the scores put on the air. Still if results of past game action is received, I think most people on the air will try and read the item, and later file it, for further reference.

Our broadcasts consist mainly of football, hockey and basketball, since the people who are interested in working at the job of sports coverage later in life are probably going to be covering those three sports. Other sports coverage can be adapted from the three aforementioned, since each uses its own style for a running narrative.

Thank you for publishing both sides of the story.

Mike Gange
CHSR Sports

Fencers slash to victory

Three UNB fencers scored personal victories last weekend as they each reached the finals of their events in the Maine State Invitational Fencing Tournament in Orono.

Mark Belleville and Basil Burgess took sixth and fifth place in the Men's Novice competition. Although the novice category is for fencers with two years or less experience, both faced fierce competition from the highly competitive Maine fencers. Neither Belleville nor Burgess had ever done so well in a large tournament before.

The heroine of the day for UNB was Sylvia Waseem, a novice of

only five months, who placed third in the Women's Novice event. Waseem fenced artfully all afternoon and into the evening and moved up into the finals after defeating all her opponents in the preliminary round. She finished in a three way tie for the first place after the final pool, and finishing third after the ensuing fence-off.

All three fencers hope to do well in the N.B. Novice tournament, coming up this weekend, along with the Knappe Team competition. These two tournaments will be held back-to-back on Saturday and Sunday in the Dance Studio at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym.

Table tennis clinic slated

The New Brunswick Table Tennis Association, in co-operation with the N.B. Department of Youth, will conduct a Level 1 Technical Coaching Clinic at the Henry Park Recreation Centre in Fredericton on February 26th and 27th.

The clinic is of 16 hours duration and includes both gym work and classroom sessions. The fundamentals of table tennis and coaching techniques will be stressed. No previous experience is necessary. The material should be of particular interest to education students as well as those in physical education and recreation programs.

The ten dollar registration fee covers the cost of the Table Tennis Coaching Manual and other material. A meal allowance will be provided for all participants and accommodations will be arranged for those requiring it. Transportation to and from the clinic site can be arranged.

For further information or to register, contact Doug Jackson at 454-5633.

UNBSPC drops in on Carni

The Annual Winter Carnival Competition hosted last weekend by the UNB Sport Parachute Club, in conjunction with Bradair Ltd., has been termed a success by members of the club.

On Friday, as was noticed by many observant students, the jumpers used the river in front of the UNB campus as the drop zone. Saturday and Sunday the jumpers landed at CFB Gagetown in Oromocoto, which explains the lack of canopies over the city on those days.

The competition attracted jumpers from Waterville, Nova Scotia, and Cape Breton, as well as a

large number of "the regulars" from Fredericton and Gagetown. The presentation of The Schooner Cups for Accuracy in Senior, Intermediate, and Novice classes was held Saturday night. Two students, Peter Anderson and Dave Estey, were first and second, respectively, in the Intermediate division.

The Seniors were involved in a close competition; Paul Mitchell of Waterville picking up 1st place by virtue of a "Dead Centre" landing. The Club is grateful to Schooner Breweries for the donation of the trophies.

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 - ◆ Interested Persons
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