

Red Raiders looking good for new season

If the results of the two pre-season games played last weekend by the Red Raiders basketball team are any indication the fortunes of the team look bright indeed.

The Raiders made a respectable showing in losing by 11 to the Grads 70 to 59, then returned the next afternoon to run the STU Tommies into the court by an 84 to 60 spread.

No one who attended Friday's contest can deny that the "Grads" were a formidable opponent. At times coach Gord Labelle had 5 men on the court with an average height of 6'5", there's only one man on the '76-'77 Raider squad who even comes close to being 6'5".

With only one starter back this year, the Raiders needed all the instruction they could get, and get it they did. Dave Seman had 12

points for the winners, along with putting on an amazing rebounding display.

Guards Dick Slipp, Dave McMillan, and John Wetmore easily penetrated the Raider defense, just as they failed every defense in the league when they were in their prime.

Blaine MacDonald was leaping around like a kangaroo on a pogo stick and Van Ruitter, was nearly unstoppable, especially when UNB's Randy Nixon was on the bench.

Undoubtedly the most exciting player on the court was Fred McMillan, a man who has not been seen for several years. McMillan, a strong jumper would clear the boards, then lead the fast break.

The Raiders appeared extremely tight in the first half as they threw the ball away and had trouble putting it in the basket.

Nixon got early foul trouble and the substitute centers had problems moving against their taller more experienced opponents.

Down by 19 at the half they returned determined to improve. Coach Nelson continually shuffled players in and out of the game in an effort to find the best combination and finally came up with a traditional two guard, two forward, one center lineup including Andy Cheam, Luigi Flourean, Bruce McCormack, Tom MacMillan, and Nixon.

Nixon soon fouled out but was replaced by freshman Tim Howatt as the Raiders continued to narrow the gap. When Wayne Veysey, a third guard entered the game with five minutes left the Raiders took full advantage of their superior speed and conditioning and scored about six

baskets in a row.

The Raiders ran out of time, however, and were denied the win that could have been theirs. A run down on the scoring: McCormack 12, Nixon 11, Flourean 10, McGeachy 7, Cheam 5, MacMillan 5, Leigh-Smith 4, Howatt 3, Veysey 2.

Although St. Thomas has been weak for the last few years, nobody really knew what to expect of them in Saturday's contest. With so many freshmen in the Raider's line-up, the probability of an upset was actually quite high.

This fact, along with the narrow defeat at the hands of the Alumni, inspired UNB to play at their best. Behind the solid offense of Chris Leigh-Smith, McCormack, and Marc McGeachy, the Raiders built up a 20 point lead in the early minutes which they hung on to until the final buzzer.

The St. Thomas starting five appeared to be strong, particularly at the guard positions as Don MacNiel and Jim Hall had 40 of the Tommies' 60 points between

them.

Unlike the Raiders they lacked depth, as evidenced by the lack of offense shown by their substitutes.

On UNB's side every one on the roster contributed something to the final score: McGeachy 14, McCormack 12, Jardine 11, Cheam 10, Nixon 10, Leigh-Smith 8, MacMillan 6, Flourean 4, Howatt 4, Veysey 3, Atchison 2.

The real tests occur tomorrow and Sunday when the Raiders meet two highly rated American small colleges, Ricker and the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Two wins on the road would surely be reason for further optimism.

Returning from Fort Kent Sunday night, the Raiders will have only one day to get ready for their next opponent, the perennially tough University of Maine Presque Isle, who they play at home on Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. Next Saturday The Raiders face Mt. Allison at home. Try to get out and see some of this fine basketball action.

Red Devils looking for win

By STEVE GILLILAND

The UNB Red Devils opened their season in the Atlantic University's Hockey Conference in Charlottetown, P.E.I. last weekend

on a losing note.

Saturday, the UPEI Panthers whipped the Red Devils 7-2. The Panthers scored six consecutive goals in the last two periods to salt the game away.

Scoring for the Panthers were D. Cameron, L. Kelly, D. Murnaghan, W. MacDonald, R. Josey, C. Trainer and P. Claborne.

Dave Wright provided a pair for UNB the score after the first period was 2-1 for UNB and 4-2 for UPEI after the second.

UPEI outshot UNB 32-24. IN AUHC action, Sunday the Panthers blanked the Devil to the tune of 3-0.

Ken Burton scored two goals while Mike Selleck got the only other Panther marks as the home club took a 1-0 lead in the opening period and stretched it to 3-0 by the end of the second.

UPEI freshman goalie Gerald Butler kicked out 36 shots on the way to the shutout.

This weekend the Devils play host to the Saint Mary's University Huskies on Saturday and play the Acadia Axemen Sunday afternoon.

Both of the incoming teams will be hungry for a win, since they both lost to defending champs, St. Francis Xavier X-men last weekend.

Lets get out and cheer the Devils on to victory over these visiting teams.



There were a wide variety of entries in last week's Great Canadian Coaster Derby.

Photo by Malcolm Brewer



The Electrical 2 entry "The Silver Ghost" won the event.

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The competition was tough, but a good time was had by all.

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Red Harriers finish fourth

Last weekend the UNB Red Harriers competed in their final university meet of the year at Guelf, Ontario.

The Harriers finished fourth in the National Intercollegiate Cross-Country Championships behind Western, Manitoba and University of British Columbia.

The race was 6 1/4 miles over a tough muddy course. Times were slow as a result of these conditions.

The top UNB runner was Shawn O'Connor who finished 19th out of a field of 44 runners. Ralph Freeze finished 22nd, Sandy McAuley 26th, Martin Brannon 29th and Jacques Jean 31st followed by Joe Lehman 32nd. Brian McKinley running injured finished a respectable 36th

Although the UNB runners did not finish as high as they had hoped, coach Wayne Stewart feels it was inexperience and since the team is so young they have had very little experience in national competition. Next year the team will have had two under their belts since they will be competing in the Nationals in Halifax, Nov. 20.

There should be a big difference in the quality of next year's team since workouts will continue throughout the year until next seasons and with the addition of Fredericton High School's star runner, Rick Hull, the team will stand a good chance at winning the CIAU crosscountry title. Congratulations to the UNB team for a very successful season and good luck in all future cross-country meets.

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