

Mixed results for Express

By MARK SAVOIE

The Fredericton Express were brought down to earth last Sunday as the Binghamton Whalers beat them 5-3. The Express were the better club on the ice, but a couple of plays which can only be classified as bonehead quickly put the Express into a large hole.

The main play of this type was the long standing Express tradition of passing the puck to the opposition while in your own end. It is entirely doubtful that this is done intentionally, but it happens so often that one must wonder if coach Jacques DeMers teaches them this in practice.

Last week it was said that Gaston Therrien was almost definitely assured of his job, but now it doesn't look quite that promising. He sat out the Whaler game, and it would have been hard to find more than 20 fans who cheered when his name was announced during the Express roll call. It is becoming increasingly obvious that he may be sent down to Milwaukee despite his excellent performance last

year, and somehow it is doubtful that he likes beer that much.

One of the more promising aspects of the season is that the steady flow of players from the Express to the Nordiques will not be the case this year. The Canucks will probably not be calling up players with regularity because of the vast distance between Fredericton and Vancouver. The situation with the Nordiques remains to be seen, but it has been said that Clint Malarchuk will be staying with the Express for the entire season unless either Dan Bouchard or John Garret gets injured or is sent down to take his place.

One must still look at the team favorably; after all they did previously beat Moncton 4-1; but the game against Binghamton showed that they will not have an easy time of it. The last thing to be questioned is, the singing of the national anthems. The crowds definitely react better to having it sung than having it simply played, but since Fredericton is an English city, why isn't the Canadian national anthem sung in English and not French.



AUAA vs. AHL: It was showdown with the pros for the UNB Red Devils last Tuesday, as they clashed with the Fredericton Express. The university side put up a good effort, holding the pros to a 3-0 victory before a partisan UNB crowd.

Male Harriers win. . .

By TONY NOBLE

The UNB Red Harriers came head to head against their conference competition this last weekend, as they battled against Dal University, Moncton, and a guest team from Presque Isle. The only unknown quantity now is the strength of the defending champions from Memorial.

The scene was a pleasant Saturday in autumn on a looping 5.8 mile course which included good hill running, some flats and some mud, just about a perfect course. These were many loops which gave fans ample opportunity to scream and holler and become rather frantic at times.

The race started off at a fair clip as about seven Dal runners surged to the lead and they held that position for the first mile, with Greg Grondin being the lone Harrier contesting the lead. About this time the pack swarmed past the spectators and all could see the rather smug look that Dal coach Al Yarr was trying to portray on his astonished face.

Coach of the Harriers, Mel Keeling, remained placid and simply encouraged his charges to stick to the plan, while the girls team displayed support in the form of a loud spastic kick-line. Sure enough, the pack worked, as the pack approached the "miracle muddy mile" UNB surged to pick off the Dal runners and take the lead.

Once out of the mud, the only real challenge left was "Mount Lactic Acid," our killer hill at about the 4.5 mile mark.

At the tough end of this hill, there were 4 UNB runners ahead of the first Dal runner, with more hot on their heels.

Positions didn't change much over the last mile with eventual winner being an independent, Mike Taylor, followed by UNB's Greg Grondin, Henry Flood, Brian Flood, and Tim Boyle who showed up to help the Flood brothers, only to be thanked by smoking past him over the last few meters. Tony Noble and P.J. Meagher finished close behind amidst the foe having picked off most of the runners over the last mile.

Coach Al Yarr was not smiling quite so hard now, Mel Keeling was. The final score was 18 to 39 to 99 with the latter being U de M. This is only 3 points off a perfect score of 15.

Mel Keeling appeared very pleased with the run as the total time between Greg and P.J. was less than a minute, which is very strong grouping, and excellent team work. Hopefully this same strength of running will be in evidence when UNB hosts the AUAA's in 1 week tomorrow.

. . .as do the ladies

With plenty of hills, mud and water and a definite chill in the air, the UNB Red Harriers took to the hills and roads and established an important victory over the visiting Dalhousie Tigers. The women won the meet run in the woodlot; 33-23, and it was crucial for us to know how we stand in view of the upcoming AUAA. It was not an easy victory, although we did have the top 3 runners.

Margaret MacDonald won the race, followed shortly thereafter by Terry Lee Dumon. Tammi Richardson

was 3rd in the race, beating out an unfortunate Dal runner who thought the finish line was at the bottom of the hill, not the top! It was evident though that Tammi's determination

and aggressiveness would have carried her in ahead of the Dal girl anyway. Following Tammi was a group of 4 from Dalhousie, fairly closely grouped. Jill Jeffrey and Lynn Sutherland were very close behind the group, and ran very strongly for UNB. The other UNB runners finishing were Donna Kerr, Veronica Foley and Susan Johnson.

A few of the runners didn't compete due to injury or illness, while others still were already back home feasting their eyes on turkey and pumpkin pie.

By the time this article is read, our time trial will have been run, where 16 girls competed for the 7 positions on the team to represent UNB at the AUAA.



Express newcomer Tony Currie (4), is shown in action against the UNB Red Devils. Sent down from the Vancouver Canucks, Currie is a former resident of Oromocto.

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