

RED RAIDER BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Promising Basketball Season Ahead

This year's edition of the UNB Red Raiders stands a good chance to repeat or improve on its 14-11 won-loss record of last season. With four out of the five first stringers returning — Don Patterson at centre, Rick Cotter and Gary Crandlemire at forward, and Dave Nutbrown at guard — and two two year veterans — Dave Hill at forward and Ian Purvis probably coming in as first-string guard, basketball fans can look for a powerful Red Raider team this year. There was some fear that the Raiders might suffer from a weak bench, but preliminary indications are that an eager crop of newcomers may supply the needed strength.

Seasoned Veterans Should Carry Team

This year's team is a mixture of seasoned veterans and inexperienced but promising rookies. Dan Patterson of Toronto and Rick Cotter of St. Stephen, N.B. — both senior Phys. Ed. students are playing their fourth consecutive year as first-stringers. Gary Crandlemire of Fredericton is starting his third year as a Raider and he and the other two members of the forward line should provide the major scoring and rebounding punch of the team. Dave Hill of Fredericton should be an able fill-in for Cotter or Crandlemire

and will probably see a lot of action.

At the guard, Dave Nutbrown of Sherbrooke, P.Q. — the only sophomore on the club — may be the key to the Raider's success if he breaks into the league like he did last year — distinguishing himself as one of the best guards in the league and certainly one of the best that UNB has had in years, as well as being second only to last year's gradu-



McAuslin stuffs for two! Late Pete McAleenan in Raider scoring. Ian Purvis, of Woodstock showing marked improvement this year, should make a big contribution at

guard in his third year as a Raider.

Rookies Show Promise

The six rookies in this year's line-up should provide a stronger bench than was anticipated. Ken McAuslin, a 4th year Phys. Ed. student who played J.V. last year, should supply needed height and rebounding ability while filling in at centre. Dave Daye, a 3rd year Phys. Ed. student who has had some experience at T.C. can be expected to see some action at forward. The four freshman — all guards — have shown strong desire and good hustle in practice, although they are all of course somewhat lacking in height and experience. Roddy Cox of Saint John has looked very promising in some practice scrimmages with speed and shooting ability. The other three — Blair Kennedy of Hartland, Dave McMullin of Fredericton, and Buddy Brander of PEI — have also shown extreme hustle and desire.

Upcoming Games

The Raiders are away this weekend at Thomas College in Maine for two games in the NECC league but they will be at UNB for their first home game on Dec. 2 and 3 against Maine Maritime — also in the NECC. They also play Ricker and Washington State away before Christmas but none of the maritime league games are



Veteran Patterson driving against rookies, McAuslin and Daye.

scheduled until after Christmas. The big games as far as the Raiders are concerned before Christmas are the games they will play in the Canadian Winter Games Tourney at UNB, Dec. 29-31. The winner is allowed to take 8 team members plus two all stars

from other teams in the tournament to the Winter Games in Quebec City in February. UNB is favored to win the tourney but will face some stiff competition from all-star junior and senior teams that have formed around the province.

Expect Stiff Competition In League Play

Although the Raiders look promising this year, the opposition also looks tough this year. The NECC is always rugged with the talented American players, but the maritime league is no pushover either with powerful Acadia looking ominous even without coach Stu Aberdeen. Apparently 'X' and St. Mary's have picked up some starry newcomers and Dal will have basically the same contingent it had last year. St. Dunstan's and Mount 'A' do not pose any major threats at this time.

No matter what the outcome, UNB fans can look forward to some more exciting and entertaining basketball games of the nature they saw last year.

Goldfish Over Mermaids

This past weekend saw one of the most spirited and exciting meets ever to be held at UNB. The gallery was packed with enthusiastic fans who cheered on their varsity swimmers. The UNB Mermaids swam their best times this year. But the more experienced Mount Allison Goldfish came out on top, beating the Mermaids 76-52. Although the final outcome was not indicative of a close meet, the times for the individual swimmers were too close for comfort. In most of the races the host team just managed to out touch the visitor for a placing, or vice-versa. An example of this was the final 160 yard freestyle relay when the Mount Allison Goldfish out touched the UNB Mermaids by .2 of a second.

It is evident that both teams swam their best times, as three records were broken at

the meet. Sally Steele of Mount Allison bettered her own record in the 200 yard freestyle setting the new mark at 2:21.6 Pat Paul, also of Mount A. set a new record in the 160 yard Individual medley of 2:04.6. Nancy Likely of UNB set a new record in the 100 yard breast stroke, bringing down her own record time to 1:20.4. This was the Mermaids' first home meet of this season and the support of the UNB campus was the best ever. For every extra supporter there, the Mermaids swam a little harder. Without the support, the Mermaids wouldn't have done nearly as well. The Mermaid's next home meet is this Saturday against the Bangor Maine Bluefins.

RESULTS:

160 yard Medley Relay:
UNB — 1:43.8
(Steiner, Likely, Rees-Potter, Kinnear)

Mount A — 1:57.8
(Bennet, Goodbold, Hayes, Dawson)
200 yard Freestyle
1. Steele — Mount A — 2:21.6
2. Sinvlair — UNB — 2:22.0
3. Howleh — UNB — 2:46.5
60 Freestyle
(1) Wadell — Mt. A. — 36.2
(2) Kinnear — UNB — 36.8
(3) Hayes — Mt. A. — 40.9
160 yard Individual Medley
(1) Paul — Mt. A. — 2:04.6
(2) Likely — UNB — 2:14.0
(3) Dickison — UNB — 2:24.9
60 yard Breast stroke
(1) Likely — UNB — 48.7
(2) Steele — Mt. A. — 59.4
(3) Goodbold — Mt. A. — 51.6
60 yard Butterfly
(1) Wadell — Mt. A. — 41.6
(2) Dickison — UNB — 47.8
(3) McPhail — Mt. A. — 48.7
60 yard Backstroke
(1) Paul — Mt. A. — 42.3
(2) Bennet — Mt. A. — 45.1
(3) Stewer — UNB — 46.0

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