

Raiders play Husson College in Ex-Games

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University of New Brunswick Red Raiders continue preparation for the Atlantic Universities Men's Basketball Conference tonight and tomorrow with a pair of games against Husson College of Maine.

The Raiders, winners at home last Friday by a 106-71 count against University of Maine, Fort Kent, host Husson at 8:30 Friday with the second game slated for Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. Both games are in the Main Gym.

Phil Wright, associate coach of the Raiders, said he and head coach Don Nelson saw some good things in their young team last Friday.

"I was quite pleased," said Wright, who is spending his eighth year with the Raiders. "It was a good effort from everyone, and we had a good game on the boards. We out-rebounded Fort Kent by a 2-1 margin, something that has not been typical of UNB teams in the past."

The Raiders turned the ball over just 15 minutes in the Fort Kent game, compared to an average of over 20 a game one year ago. That figure is even more impressive when you remember that UNB had the ball enough times to score 106 points.

Another encouraging sign for Wright was the play of

Mark Newell, a second-year player who is replacing Scott Devine as the club's point guard. Those who have followed basketball at all realize the shoes that Newell is trying to fill.

"He stepped right in," said Wright. "He was seven of seven from the line and had 13 points altogether. He's a confident young man, not cocky, and he doesn't seem to get rattled. In fact, he has the ideal personality for a point guard."

Another good sign for the Raiders was the play of Phil Guthrie, one of the players vying for the starting job at center. At 6'3", some people consider him too small, but for the Fort Kent game may have shaken that thought from some minds.

"Phil did an excellent job for us," said Wright. The guy he was playing against was three of four inches taller, weighed about 250 pounds, and was a good basketball player. It was a good physical test for Phil. He scored five baskets from the floor and added a free throw; and that was without playing much in the second half. I don't think there will be any centers in the AUAA with the size of the Fort Kent player."

Before the opener last week, both Nelson and Wright said a big advantage for the Raiders this year would be bench strength. The Fort Kent game has Wright believing that more than ever.

"There is virtually no difference between our starters and our bench," he said. "Most teams don't have that luxury. Last year, we were only seven deep and it hurt us...we didn't have the depth at some positions."

In Husson College, the Red Raiders should be facing a team stronger than Fort Kent, at least if history means anything. "They always have a tough team," said Wright. "Last year was the first time we beat them down there. They usually represent their district at the NIAA nationals. It should be a good test for us."

Being an exhibition contest, the object is more to prepare the players for the regular AUAA season than

to chalk up victories

"We use these games as an opportunity to get ourselves sorted out, to get the right people in the right places, to get the right defenses and to get the right strategy. Our first goal is to make the AUAA playoffs. These games are for fine tuning."

Part of the strategy this season is to do a lot of running, a game plan Nelson and Wright have always wanted to use. "We just

haven't had the right people in the past," Wright said. "This year, we should be able to use the running game."

SCHEDULE CHANGES

UNB Beavers dual Swim Meets with Acadia and Dalhousie, which take place Friday, Nov. 18th and Saturday, Nov. 19th respectively, require that changes be made in the SMA Pool schedule as follows:

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 18th
Casual, Family, Public Swims 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
CHANGED TO-----9:00 - 10:00 p.m.

SCUBA - cancelled

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 19th
Casual, Family, Public Swims 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.
CHANGED TO-----4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Athletes of the week

Kathryn MacDougall has been named UNB female athlete-of-the-week for the second time this year after her performance with the Red Sticks at the CIAU field hockey championships.

MacDougall, 19, is a third-year education student from Bedeque, P.E.I. She has been honored this season as an AUAA all-star, was named to the Tournament 11 at the CIAU tournament and was named CIAU female athlete-of-the-week seven days ago. A key member of Joyce Slipp's Red Sticks, MacDougall turned in a strong effort at the CIAU tournament, scoring one goal against University of Victoria. She had nine on the season.

For the men, hockey player Mark Welton has been selected as athlete-of-the-week for his efforts against St. F.X. and Dalhousie on the weekend. Both games resulted in victories for the Red Devils.

Welton, 20, is a second year business administration student and a native of Minto. He scored one goal and added two assists in the Dal victory, and set up a short-handed goal in the St. F.X. contest. He now has one goal and three assists on the season.

"Mark centered his regular line, plus killed penalties and worked on powerplays," coach Don MacAdam said. "He put in a tremendous weekend for us."

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