

Out in left field

by Paul Arsenault
Murray Nystrom

What can be said about last weekend's playoff games in the NFL other than. Who cares? Both Buffalo and New York will head down to sunny, warm Tampa Bay to prepare themselves for Sundays big game. Which, will no doubt be another over-hyped, pathetic display of professional foot-ball which usually describes the Superbowl. What will make it even worse, is that the game will be over shadowed by possible terrorists attack and/or a group of people who feel they have a right to interrupt a sporting event to protest the Gulf war.

Two years ago Canadian Sprinter Ben Johnson was banned from athletics in Canada, two week ago he began his come back to sprinting supremacy. Can you believe it, two years ago, thanks to the Dublin Inquiry it seems like just yesterday.

Drugs have no place in recreational, amateur, professional or international athletics. The two year suspension was appropriate. Everyone expected Ben to win in Hamilton and in L.A., poor Ben finished second in both. Now we ask. Why? The false starts are common occurrences in world class sprinting, a strategy for some sprinters. Why would that only affect Ben coming out of the blocks? Can an attempt to promote the Ottawa Winter national games, race organizer Andy McInnis come up with his own excuses for Ben and tailored his track to Ben's advantage, a race is a race equality for all.

Enough excuses!! It's been two years and maybe, just maybe, Ben's slowed down just a bit. Let's give him a chance to get a few more races under his belt. Let's face it, it's going to take a little time for Ben to regain his form.

10 Predictions for Sports in 1991

1. Detroit Pistons will not "Threepeat" as the NBA champions.
2. George Bell will hit 40 home runs for the Chicago Cubs
3. Hate to say it but ... The Stanley Cup finals will be played in two American Cities - Chicago and New York.
4. Eric Lindros will become a New Jersey Devil since the Leafs are going to end up in last place.
5. St. Mary's Huskies Quarterback Chris Flynn will sign with the Montreal Machine of the Upstart World League of American football.
6. The Red Bloomers will win the AUAA basketball title.
7. Hulk Hogan will regain the WWF Heavyweight title.
8. The Ottawa Senators will hire Jacques Demers as head coach.
9. The Minnesota North Stars will transfer to Milwaukee and still play poorly.
10. Wayne Gretzky will win the league scoring title, but Brett Hall wins the Hart trophy.

Superbowl predictions

Paul: After going two for two last weekend I feel confident, and so do the Buffalo Bills. After thrashing L.A. they'll continue rolling down victory lane, winning by 10.

Murray: I actually couldn't care less which team wins (Mr. Optimistic) this yearly yawner - especially since my Cleveland Browns were cheated out of a playoff spot. But since Paulie is jumping on the Jim Kelley bandwagon. I'll take the Giants by 4 (7-3)

Trivia Question

Before the Detroit Pistons in 1988-90, who was the last NBA team to win two consecutive championships?

Last week's answer: Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa

Raiders to host MUN

Looking to snap losing streak

Kirk MacDonald

MUN vs. UNB

University basketball fans will be able to see the Red Raiders move up in AUAA Men's Basketball standings this weekend. The guys should win both Saturday and Sunday unless they play like they did against the University of Maine Machias on Tuesday. Last year MUN managed to steal one game in the series but the Raiders' playoff hopes can't afford that this year. If you are down on UNB's record thus far, hold your criticism until after you have watched this weekend's games - I guarantee the Raiders want these wins BAD!!!

UPEI vs. UNB

Our team has plenty of excellent basketball players, but without the experience of a nationally ranked team such as UPEI, they don't have much of a chance - especially with the "Island" refs. Therefore the Raiders trip to UPEI last weekend wasn't much fun as they lost both games by a large margin: Friday 59-92; Saturday 72-97.

UMM vs. UNB

UNB can't help but improve on their effort here last Tuesday - losing by 21 points to the University of Maine Machias. The score at halftime (UNB down by 1) seemed to indicate a good second half but fouls, poor rebounding and a lost offence resulted in a 65-86 find. UNB's low 25 point performance in the second half wasn't because of the Maine defence but the lack of hustle and extremely unlucky shooting.

Though outside shooting is usually one of the Raiders strong points, when it fails like this it is hard to switch to their other strength - quick and consistent inside players.

Glen Read, UNB's leading scorer, started the game with two consecutive 2-points but was guarded closely thereafter. Yau Obeng and Bobby O'Brien both had 14 points in the game for the Raiders and New Brunswick native Todd Middleton had 25 for Maine.

Figure skating news

The UNB/STU figure skating club is now in full force for the second term. This club is open to all those with previous figure skating experience and new members are always welcome. The fee is \$20.00 for the entire term. The following is the ice schedule for 1991 at the Aitken University Centre.

Wed., Jan. 30	7:15 - 8:15pm
Sun., Feb. 3	4:30 - 5:30pm
Wed., Feb. 6	7:15 - 8:15pm
Sun., Feb. 10	4:30 - 5:30pm
Wed., Feb. 13	7:15 - 8:15pm

Sun., Feb 17	4:00 - 4:45pm
Wed., Feb 20	7:15 - 8:15pm
Sun., Feb. 24	4:00 - 4:45pm

PLEASE NOTE: We also have early morning ice time Thursdays from 7:30 - 8:30am. This will only happen if we get bodies out on that ice! Also anyone who can help out with a t-shirt logo or who is interested in attending or coaching a learn to skate program, please contact Sue Cassidy at 455-8674 (UNB FSC President).

Beavers oust Mount Allison in weekend meet

by Kelly Craig

This past weekend the UNB lady Beavers traveled to Mount Allison for a meet against the Lady Mounties. The men had a meet against a Fredericton team. The Lady Mounties proved to be not a challenge for the Beavers as the Beavers won with 80 points as opposed to Mount Allison's 73 points.

Currently both the men's and women's teams are sitting in second place in the AUAA league. They are both behind the Dalhousie tigers. However, the team has been improving a great deal since the beginning of the season. They get closer to Dalhousie with every meet.

Shelley Wyand has turned out to be the lady to watch for the Beavers as she was named the UNB female athlete of the week. She also came up with a couple of wins in the meet against Mount Allison. However, Krista Daigle and Christine Verhille are also making their mark on the team. The AUAA championships will still come down to a solid team effort regardless of the talents that

these three have shown.

Timley Lynch and Tina Tector have shown that they can be tough when called upon as they have won several events over the season and contribute strongly to the teams relay races.

Results from the weekends meet were split almost equally between the Mounties and the Beavers. Despite this, the Beavers won the meet in a most convincing style.

The Mount Allison relay team won the 4 * 100 m relay in a time of 5:13.20. Shelley Wyand came up with a couple of wins. She won the 200m individual medley with a time of 2:40.38, the 200m back stroke race with a time of 2:38.84, and the 200m breast stroke race with a time of 3:00.61. Charlene Burrill of Mount Allison came away the victor with a time of 32.70 in the 50m freestyle event.

Jennifer Kinch of Mount Allison won the 800m freestyle event in a time of 10:09.23. Heidi Longshore won the 200m butterfly event in a time of 2:47.42. Janet Wyatt of Mount Allison won the 100m freestyle

event in a time of 1:15.42.

Krista Daigle of UNB made her mark on the competition with a 2:30.37 time in the 200m freestyle event. Christine Verhille of UNB also came up tough for the Beavers winning the 400m freestyle event in a time of 5:00.06. Finally, the UNB squad came up the victors in the 4 * 100 m freestyle relay with a time of 4:56.40.

The Beavers are coming to the end of their season very shortly. They have steadily progressed over the season and the training camp over the Christmas break has helped them a great deal. The AUAA's are to be held at UNB this year at the Max Aitken pool. Whether or not the beavers repeat as AUAA champions depends on the strength of the Dalhousie teams. But anything can happen in the AUAA.

Other results from last weekend came from a dual meet between the Dal tigers and the Acadia Axemen and Axettes. The Dal men made quick work of Acadia defeating them 138 to 43. The women from Dal also enjoyed success as they downed the Acadia Axettes 155 to 50.

by Mark Savo

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