

# Brunswick mauls CHSR

## Annual Media Bowl ends in pandemonium

by CHSR Sports Staff

Police were called to the heating plant field above the Aitken Centre on Saturday, November 20 after the annual media bowl football game between The Brunswickan Destruction and the CHSR Mighty Fucks.

The Destruction were ahead 82-0 with only 40 seconds left in the second half when the Mighty Fucks' nose guard Peter MacLaughlan deliberately attempted to injure Destruction offensive lineman Mimi Cormier. Upset with the move, the Brunswickan players began to pummel CHSR. Some of the estimated 82 000 fans on hand jumped on the field to aid the Brunswick players and the Fredricton riot squad was called to quell the situation.

"I've had enough of losing year

after year!" said MacLaughlan as he was loaded into the paddy wagon. "Next year I'm joining the Brunswick sports staff. I asked our manager Jeff Whipple for a trade. He has already begun negotiations with Karen Burgess."

Quarterback Desiree Harrison was 32 for 32 on pass attempts for the Brunswick and managed to notch a 85 yard touchdown run early in the game. Jamie 'Pinball' Rowan got the Brunswick on the scorecard in the first half by returning the Mighty Fucks' kickoff 97 yards for the TD. The Brunswick managed to score on 100 of their possessions.

If you would like to see the events of the Media Bowl take place live, the game will start tomorrow at 2:00 pm. But considering the Brunswick has won already, your time would be better spent doing something productive.

### CLUB SPORTS

#### UNB/STU Taekwon-Do

Two member of the UNB/STU Taekwon-Do Club competed at the maritime Invitational Tae Kwon Do Championships held on Saturday, November 6.

Congratulations to Mike Hanselbacher for winning the gold medal in the sparring competition (green belt, middleweight division), and to Kevin Keys for winning a bronze medal in the patterns competition (blue belt division).

The Taekwon-Do Club trains Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 7:00 pm-8:30 pm at the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium studio. Through regular training, the student of Taekwon-Do will develop character, fitness, and self-defense skills.

Anyone interested in becoming a member can contact Maxwell Shane Oates (457-2060), Kevin Keys (459-3442), or visit the club in action.

# VIEW From The Cheap Seats

By Mark Savoie

Once again the NHL's governors have proven that they are absolutely the tightest bastards that God has seen fit to put on this good Earth. The opportunity for them to do so was given them when it came time for their on-ice officials to negotiate a new contract.

At the start of negotiations the NHL's referees were the lowest paid officials working North America's four major professional team sports. Baseball's umpires and the NBA and NFL's officials all had comfortably higher pay scales. The NHL's offer to the referees would give them a pay scale not only comparable, but marginally superior, to their counterparts. The referees have deemed this offer unacceptable, demanding a substantially higher pay increase.

At first glance it appears that it is the referees who are being unreasonable. However, when certain other factors are considered the situation becomes a little less clear. Unspoken by the NHL is that all three other sports will see their officials' contracts come up for renegotiation in the near future. Thus, should the NHL's offer be accepted, in all likelihood the referees would soon find themselves at the bottom of the pay scale once again.

This is obviously unfair. Hockey is without the slightest possibility of a hint of a doubt the most difficult sport to officiate. It's not even close. No other sport requires of its officials that they follow a rock hard object which often travels at speeds in excess of 100 mph; that they control the actions of twelve 200+ lb. men each possessed of a potentially lethal weapon, most of whom are traveling at speeds much faster than the average human can run; all within an enclosed surface. It is unimaginable to think of an out of shape referee. Baseball umpires can get away with being fat because the action all comes to them. Hockey referees are constantly moving - no line changes for them - which is why there are no fat referees outside of the Aitken Centre.

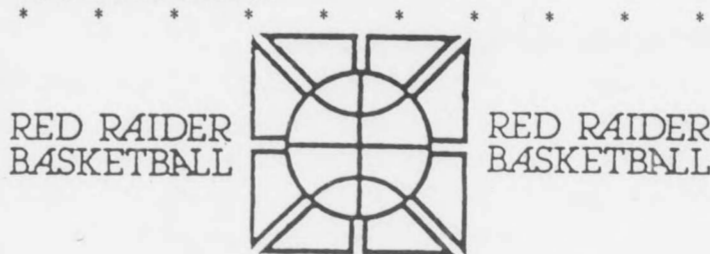
On top of this is the fact that a referee's job entails so many judgement calls. There are judgement calls in the other sports as well, but the sheer magnitude of them in hockey puts these sports to shame. If any referee were to call every penalty (as defined by the rule book) he saw, then it wouldn't just be Don Cherry calling for his head. It would be every fan of the game joining the chorus. Whether or not you feel such an attitude is justifiable is immaterial, just so long as you recognize that this is the attitude which does exist and will long continue to do so.

It is apparent that referees deserve to be paid more than their counterparts in the other sports. However, the referees are themselves asking merely that they won't find themselves back at the bottom of the pay scale after a few years.

Despite the large gap which separates the two parties, the referees have consistently expressed a willingness to bargain in good faith, even going so far as to announce that they will not disrupt any games officiated by replacement referees (read scabs). Meanwhile, the NHL has elected to continue their legacy of successful labour relations by threatening the referees. Just days before the strike vote the NHL announced that the referees should not only think very carefully of the magnitude of any decision to strike, but should also be aware that their jobs were not secure upon the conclusion of the strike.

I don't mean to dump on everything that the NHL has done, although given their history it is somewhat tempting. I fully agree with the NHL's decision to continue playing out the schedule while the strike is in progress. Let's face it, the show must go on. Besides, from the perspective of one who is supporting the referees, the hiring of scabs will only go to show just how important quality officiating really is. Remember the Olympics? Remember the travesty that was and is international ice hockey officiating? And the impact it had on the games? It won't be that bad, but that is the type of thing we can expect to see now. What do you think? How long will it take before Bob Probert and Tie Domi decide to take it upon themselves to take advantage of some young buck referee who's already self-conscious about the fact that he doesn't really belong there in the first place? People will begin to realize just how important to the game are the NHL's referees. Hopefully, this knowledge will even trickle down to those Nobel Prize candidates who are the league's powers that be.

Don't bet on it however. Remember, these are the same no-minds that are forcing the NHL Veteran's Association to go to the courts in order to get full access to their pension fund. It is unimaginable that the NHL would allow that situation to deteriorate to that extent, and yet it is indicative of the way they do things. By the time the referees strike is concluded it is likely that the NHL will have managed to alienate the referees to the point that all future labour negotiations will have an acrid air.



Congratulations to the UNB Red Raiders for the fine start they have made to their season. It wasn't so long ago that a Red Raiders game was synonymous with a Red Raiders loss; unless, of course, the opposition was some school like the University of Maine - Jerkwater or the Atlantic Hairstyle Academy. There is no truth to the rumour that the Raiders were among the victims that fell to the FHS Lady Black Kats during that team's record setting winning streak. I was here throughout those dark years, so it is refreshing to see that Clint Hamilton has managed to put together a legitimately competitive team.



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### JUNKHOUSE

Hailing from Hamilton, Junkhouse have forged a sound as solid as the heavy cauldrons that hold their hometown's economic lifeblood. Their debut album, *Strays*, is a gnarly brew of streetwise swamp boogie. Singer, lyricist and acoustic strummer Tom Wilson is backed by the psycho-rockabilly trio of guitarist Dan Achen, bassist Russ Wilson and drummer Ray Farrugia.

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