

Obeng charges Raiders

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That question mark will be filled on Sunday by 4:30 and hopefully UNB can erase the pattern of champions seen above. This weekend the UNB Red Raiders open their third annual fall classic tournament featuring three other schools. These schools are Carleton University from Ottawa, Dalhousie University, and the only winners of the fall classic, the University of Prince Edward Island Panthers.

The tournament begins with 2 games (7:00 and 9:00 pm) on Saturday October 26. The Raiders play the 9:00 game against always strong UPEI. The Raiders hope that with a solid team effort and some excellent crowd support that they can take down the Panthers.

The Raiders need to play a strong mental game in order to win this match up, but UPEI's loss of key players should make UNB's task a little less formidable. UPEI's major loss has to be Peter Gordon. A former AUAA player of the year, Gordon was the superstar on a talent-laden team. This year UPEI may be an inexperienced team with many rookies. In order to challenge this Panther team, UNB will have to apply constant pressure when on defense. A solid team effort on defense and good defensive rebounding by Craig Isley, Virod Nair, and Ryan Goldie will be necessary. On offense, UNB will have to play under control. Good ball movement and shot selection will be imperative if UNB is to score consistently. Yaw Obeng will be in charge of running the offense and he must distribute the ball to

both the inside and outside scorers, if UNB is to have a balanced attack.

The first game on Saturday features a big Carleton team versus AUAA contenders Dalhousie. Carleton seems to have a very tough team on paper. They are led by high scoring guard Mike Trought and have a 7-foot center on their front line. The good news for Dalhousie is that size alone does not mean basketball excellence (see Ralph Sampson), but surely size is an asset (re: Patrick Ewing). Dalhousie had two wins over last year's AUAA champion, Acadia, and also feature a big front line. They are led by AUAA all-star Dean Thibideau. This should prove to be a very interesting game.

The winners of these two games will square off in the finals on Sunday at 3:00 pm, while the consolation final is scheduled for Sunday at 1:00 pm. Also on Sunday, there will be a Red Raider Alumni game beginning at 10:30.

The Raiders are looking for some strong fan support in order to get their season starting off on a high note. Last year fan support for the Raiders was very disappointing, but hopefully this year's students will see the error of their ways. This year's Raiders are a new and solid team. Gone are the egos which were prevalent on teams past and now there is a new team attitude. Fan support will push the Raiders over the top in close games and also jump start them during any lulls in the game. So on Saturday night, instead of leaving for the social club at 10:30 (nothing happens until at least 11:00) head on down to the Lady Beaverbrook gym at 8:30 and cheer on your UNB Red Raiders.

Last week The Brunswickan featured the Red Raiders returning players and this week we'll take a glimpse at the rookies. Since Brian Elliott's rookie year UNB has lacked a force inside, but hopefully Ryan Goldie can change that. Ryan is a 6'8" freshman from Sarnia, Ontario. Hopefully after gaining some experience this weekend, Ryan can soon begin contributing to the Raiders rebounding totals.

Greg Mapp and Mike Peterson are two other Ontario natives who look to help out the Raiders backcourt. Mapp is more of a ball handler who at the beginning may find the pressure of the opposition's defense tough to handle. Peterson is pretty well as tall as some of the Raiders forwards and thus can score inside as well as having the skills to play the guard position. Malcolm Brown is probably the

best known of the Raiders rookies. He was a standout at Fredericton High School and if he gets some playing time, he will surprise people. Brown can pass, score and create opportunities for his teammates, and with some experience he will be a valuable asset to the Raiders.

Next Week: Tournament Recap.



Catch 22 for Ironmen

The UNB Ironmen cried in their beer this past Saturday but in reality they had a lot to celebrate. The Ironmen first team met their archrivals the St. John Labatt Trojans on College Field. The Ironmen came out chomping at the bit, ready to sink their teeth into the opposition. The Ironmen put early points on the board with two Jon Welles' penalty kicks. The Ironmen put continuous pressure on the Trojans until a quick back movement sent Trevor Mounland into the corner for a score. This try went unconverted to put the score at 10-0. Jon Welles slotted another penalty kick before Dave McGinnis put three points on the board for the Trojans. This left the half-time score at UNB 13 - Trojans 3.

The Ironmen knew that they could not come out flat (in the second half) against the older

and more mature Trojans. That is exactly what the Ironmen did however. Penalty after penalty kept UNB on the defensive and pinned in their own end. A penalty goal by St. John's Dave McGinnis followed by another goal by UNB's Jon Welles put the score at UNB 16 St. John 6. A defensive blunder by UNB allowed the Trojans Jon Gould to waltz into the end zone to bring the difference in score to six points. This was crucial because the Ironmen had to win by six points or more to clinch the regular season title. The Trojans kept the pressure on the Ironmen and the Ironmen continued to concede penalties. One of these penalties was slotted through the posts to bring the Trojans within three points. This is the way the score remained UNB 16 - Trojans 13.

UNB felt as if they had lost

however because of their failure to hold their commanding lead in the second half. This was the first time UNB have beat the Trojans in the regular season in recent years and if they keep refining their game plan and can stay mentally aware for eighty minutes the opposition that the Ironmen meet in the next few weeks will be sorry for stepping on the field. The first team has two games this weekend. On Saturday they meet the Fredericton Loyalists at College Field at 2:00 pm in the semi-finals of the NBRU playoffs. On Sunday the Ironmen travel to Mount Allison to contest the Maritime University Championships.

The Ironmen second team played Mount Allison on College Field this past Saturday and had little problem sealing a victory and protecting their unblemished record in the Maritime Universities League. The Ironmen scored eight tries, one each by Clarke, Patterson, Irwin, Hicks, Good, Demery, Reeves and McGinn. McGinn put three converts over the posts to make the score UNB 38 - Mount Allison 0. Mike Reeves a rookie on the Ironmen played his first game for UNB and he looked very promising for the future. Strong games were also put in by Bruce Patterson, Chris Irwin, Scott Good and Danny McGinnis. This weekend the Ironmen second team travel to "the island" to play the UPEI Panthers. The Ironmen look forward to having an undefeated season and winning the inaugural Maritime University Championships.

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