

View From The Cheap Seats

by Tim Lynch

Did you see "The Goal" last Saturday night at the Aitken Centre?

In a game they once led 2-0, the Devils finally came back to life in the third to tie the score at four. Kenny Murchison then scored a monumental goal to give the Devils their first overtime win of the season.

That goal gave UNB the win, but more importantly, it gave them a win over St. Thomas. There is nothing more gratifying than to see UNB defeat the Tommies.

Right now the Devils are certainly the talk of the campus. Arts and engineering students alike are anticipating some exciting playoff series. Outstanding goaltending, hard-working forwards, and a sound defensive unit have been the keys to their success thus far.

Fans on this campus are responding to the concept of an exciting hockey team that consistently wins. The numbers at each game increase as the season progresses. There were more than two-thousand onlookers for Saturday night's affair. Acadia leads the league in attendance with an average of seventeen-hundred per game. Incidentally, the chap who was struck with an errant puck during the game escaped serious injury, thank God.

You can see it in her eyes. Pauline Lordon has only one thing on her mind. That's an AUAA title. When she arrived at UNB four years ago, the Bloomers had won 24 AUAA titles. The "Drive For 25" was on. It still is. This year's team, however, may very well capture that elusive twenty-fifth title.

In their last three games, they've knocked off UPEI, Acadia and Dal, respectively. Those three squads along with UNB will be the four playoff-bound teams. Earlier in the season, UNB lost to both Acadia and UPEI.

The Bloomers have handled Dal twice this season. On paper, they're definitely a much better team than Acadia. UPEI has lost high-scoring forward Stephanie Smith who's trying to revitalize her academic career. According to UPEI head coach Dave MacNeil, Smith does not want to play for the Panthers and will not play again this year.

Despite the fact that UNB will probably not be hosting the playoffs, they certainly will be the team to beat. By the way, the CIAU's are being held in Toronto this year.

The bottom line is that the Red Raiders saw their record plummet to 1-9 last weekend. Despite the fact that they are consistently losing, the young team is steadily progressing. Take, for example, their 85-75 loss to Dal last Friday. The Raiders led at halftime. They played exciting basketball during that first half. Their offense produced, and they shut down the Tigers with a hustling defence. However, they eventually did stall offensively and defensively and lost the game. The point is that the team is becoming more competitive in the tough Atlantic Conference. No longer are they getting blown out. That is, improvements have been made.

Like the diligent Beavers that they are, the UNB swimmers were working very hard during their stay in Wolfville last weekend. In fact, the men's and women's squads both came away victorious for the first time in several years at the Acadia Invitational. The team seems to be peaking at the right time as the AUAA's are only two weeks away. Coach Bruce Fisher certainly hopes so.

The National Football League treated us to another episode of ever-hyped boredom last Sunday. I bade farewell to the game when it was 20-3. I would have much rather watched a rerun of the Grey Cup.

Bears Struggle For Fourth

by Kelly Craig

This past weekend the UNB Black Bears hosted the annual UNB Open Wrestling tournament. The Bears went into the tournament looking for a win. Instead, the Bears struggled for a fourth place finish. UNB did manage to place ahead of most of the Atlantic Conference teams that attended with the exception of Mt. Allison.

The UNB team was hoping to improve their team standings over the past weekend but failed to do so. UNB had only three players place in the top three. Second place finishes went to Sean Dockrill in the 152 lb event, Jim Keefe in the 179 lb category, and Don Ryan in the 192 lb. Overall it was not a good weekend of wrestling for the Black Bears.

UNB has been wrestling very well thus far this season. They have already defeated Mt. Allison once this season but couldn't pull it off again this past weekend. The Concordia wrestling team from Montreal came away with the title as they racked up 30 points. The Montreal Wrestling Club and the Mt. Allison Mounties tied for second place with 18 points. UNB came in a disappointing fourth.

This weekend marks the last conference tournament for the Black Bears. They travel to the St. FX Open on Saturday, February 3. St. FX and Mt. Allison are looking to be the teams to beat this season, but UNB is definitely up to the challenge. Upcoming, the UNB Black Bears will be hosting the AUAA's February 17. That will definitely be a tournament not to be missed.

Photo by Glen Vierneau



A battle of titans at UNB's West Gym

CIAU Top Ten Rankings

Hockey (M)

1. Alberta (1)
2. Calgary (3)
3. Waterloo (4)
4. Moncton*(5)
5. UQTR (4)
6. Wil. Laurier (8)
7. Acadia* (10)
8. McGill (9)
9. Manitoba (6)
10. York (7)

Volleyball (M)

1. Manitoba (1)
2. Laval (2)
3. Calgary (3)
4. UBC (4)
5. U. Sask. (5)
6. Waterloo (6)
7. Sherbrooke (7)
8. U. Vic (8)
9. Alberta (9)
10. Dal* (10)

Volleyball (W)

1. U. Vic (1)
2. Manitoba (2)
3. UBC (3)
4. U. Sask. (4)
5. Regina (5)
6. Calgary (6)
7. York (7)
8. Ottawa (8)
9. Alberta (9)
10. Winnipeg (NR)

Basketball (M)

1. UBC (2)
2. Western (4)
3. St. FX* (1)
4. Alberta (5)
5. U. Vic (3)
6. Concordia (6)
7. Calgary (7)
8. Brandon (9)
9. Acadia* (NR)
10. Guelph (8)

Basketball (W)

1. Calgary (1)
2. Laurentian (3)
3. Regina (2)
4. Lethbridge (4)
5. McMaster (5)
6. U. Vic (6)
7. Winnipeg (8)
8. Lakehead (7)
9. UBC (10)
10. Western (9)

Track (M)

1. Windsor (2)
2. York (4)
3. Western (1)
4. Manitoba (NR)
5. Toronto (6)
6. Queens (7)
7. UBC (3)
8. U. Sask (5)
9. Laurier (8)
10. Alberta (NR)

Swimming (M)

1. Calgary (1)
2. Toronto (2)
3. McMaster (3)
4. U. Vic (4)
5. Laval (5)
6. Alberta (6)
7. McGill (7)
8. UBC (8)
9. Western (9)
10. Laurentian (NR)

Swimming (W)

1. Toronto (1)
2. Alberta (2)
3. McGill (4)
4. Manitoba (NR)
5. UBC (6)
6. McMaster (3)
7. Montreal (7)
8. Western (8)
9. Brock (NR)
10. Guelph (10)

Track (W)

1. York (1)
2. U. Sask (8)
3. Western (2)
4. Windsor (5)
5. Manitoba (NR)
6. Toronto (6)
7. Calgary (3)
8. UBC (4)
9. Alberta (NR)
10. Queens (7)

* denotes a school in the A.U.A.A.

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MOOSEHEAD Varsity Schedule

Friday, February 2

- Hockey (M) MtA at UNB 8:00pm A.U.C.
- Basketball (M) UNB at SMU
- Basketball (W) UNB at SMU

Saturday, February 3

- Hockey (M) UPEI at UNB 7:30pm A.U.C.
- Swimming MtA at UNB
- Wrestling UNB at StFX Open
- Basketball (M) UNB at StFX
- Basketball (W) UNB at StFX

Wednesday, February 7

- Basketball (M) UMPI at UNB 7:30 Main Gym

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