

Raiders crush University of Maine

By MARK ESTILL

A well balanced UNB basketball team beat Maine Presque Isle 100-82, last Saturday. No sooner had the final notes of Bruce Springsteen faded over the loud speaker system than UNB went to work. The first ten minutes of the game were completely dominated by UNB's two speedy guards, Scot Devine and Luigi Florean. The nifty ball handling and passing of Devine and Florean set up easy UNB baskets time and time again during the game. Red Raider fans were particularly pleased to see the return of Scott Devine from an ankle injury.

While Florean and Devine were running the other team ragged, big Ted Kicinski was taking care of business on the boards. Kicinski was the leading scorer in the first half netting 11 points, many of these points coming from tip-ins or resulting from rebounds. The other two starters, Chris McCabe and Don McCormack turned in very strong performances. McCormack ended up with 14 points and was always the first man back on defense, helping team mates and batting away passes. Don McCormack was the leading UNB scorer picking up 21 points, including the final hoop with four

seconds left which gave UNB triple figures. Another Raider who came in from the bench to score 11 points was Steve McGinley. With the excellent quality of our starting five and with a sixth man of McGinley's quality the Raiders will be very tough this year.

Associate Coach Phil Wright pointed out that Maine Presque Isle had almost the same team as last year when they won first place in the league. He had expected a much tighter ball game. UNB led by 23 at the half and for much of the game. Wright also mentioned that one of last year's starters, Bob Aucoin, saw limited action last Saturday because of a knee injury. When Aucoin gets healthy, a strong Raider team should be even stronger.

UNB plays tomorrow at University of Maine Fort Kent, and then continues on to the Laval tournament for the rest of the weekend.

UNB - McCormack, 21; Kicinski, 19; Devine, 13; McCabe, 14; McGinley, 11; McNeil, 6; McLaughlin, 4; McCahey, 4; L. Florean, 4; Vesey, 2; R. Florean, 2. University of Maine Presque Isle: Miller, 25; Whitaker, 20; Hamlin, 13; Wing, 10; Kelley, 8; Russel, 2; Hamilton, 2; Washburn, 2.



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Red Raider Chris McCabe hits on a jumper in last week's exhibition game against St. Francis College. UNB eventually won the game 73-68.

Ironmen win marathon with STU

The UNB and STU rugby functions are only supported by the members themselves. This means that all the influence, power and prestige of administrators, in both universities, means nothing when it comes to the clubs finances. Only a small reminder of how important pubs are for the existence of something, as traditional, as the clubs spring tour.

Bob Cockburn's (coach for the Ironmen) techniques in handling players paid off against STU last Saturday. Practices stress strength, endurance and fitness. He also drives the "rugby machine" for most of the other clubs in the league. A lot of the players on other teams have been coached by him at one stage. "Maritime rugby wouldn't be at the level it is today if it were not for his input."

11 a.m. - the time of the kick off between UNB and STU. Three hours and twenty minutes later, starting the ninth overtime period, Dave Demers applied pressure through kicks for Mark Miles who picked up the ball and scored to end the sudden death overtime match.

The final score 4-0 for the Ironmen shows no indication of how the game could have been easily won by the Tommies. Rob Campbell their "solid hard fighting flanker" came inches short of scoring early in the first half. Mark Sheeham at No 8 played his position extremely well. He also hit the cross bar, on a penalty kick, in the sudden death overtime match to cause hair splints.

Pat Lee (STU) and Andy Bynum (UNB) contested, scrambled and wrangled their opposing positions all afternoon. Pat ("spider") being one of the main strong holds behind the STU rugby club. Mike Carson (STU) made many key tackles and supported well

throughout the entire game. Andy Ferrier contained spike nervelessly and handled the watery ball well despite the sloppy conditions.

Peter Fullerton, Steve Riley and Stu Allaby (all Tommies) recovered the well kicked balls from Nigel Campbell and Rob McGurk. Many people said afterwards "they just shut down UNB's best attackers." A collision between Brian Conheady and John Johnson cut the momentum of the UNB side. Both were walked off the field leaving splattered blood fantasies for the remaining players to enjoy.

Mark Miles, led the team all afternoon, drove into the loose rucks and mauls. Dave Desjardins often broke through in the lineouts to cause good problems. Larry Maybee (flanker) a "steady" improver can now "piss with the big dogs."

The Tommies Chuck Fleet and Phil Northy played "smart heads up rugby." Their pack was winning ball throughout the entire contest. Joel Greenlaw, Guy Riordon and Chris Plummer should get credit for countering their opposing front rows. Bruce Kingston and Doug Quigley (locks) sustained adequate pressure. Dave Craig, Peter Boils, Paul Roy and Ian Hunt were the other Tommies present to take part in the most "entertaining game" of the season.

The reason it is important to talk about this team is that there are only 17 players on their roster. Their coach Dave Peachy walked out on them half way through the season. Despite their 0-9 record the atmosphere and attitude on the club was one to be admired. "We have been working at it all year, somehow in the final game it all came together (I don't care what anybody says) we are happy with this years outcome."

3:20 ended the game against the Tommies, 4 o'clock the

Ironmen took the field to play the Fredericton Exiles for the McNair Trophy. In between games many players took showers to wash the soft squashy spongy masy boggy mud off. The 12-0 loss showed that we played our hardest despite "missing a certain spark."

Gig Summers opened the scoring for the Exiles with a boldering ten yard run. Mark Biagi scored the other two tries from his speedy wing position. The Exiles were lead by Dick Yeomans (flanker) and Mark Ovalton from his stand off position. Both constantly talked to keep the enthusiasm high among the Exiles.

Dan Thompson played his "best games" all season. He was always present in the rucks and mauls to gain possession. Ian Smith is always a solid performer who plays "inspiration rugby." Mark McDonald a "strong low tackler" applied constant pressure by always driving forward. Tom Kiy, a steady lock, "transferred his volleyball skills by jumping well in the lineouts. Frand Szeligo gave incentive for all the players to try harder.

Nigel Campbell a never dying always consistent "going to be missed" performer for the club showed his superiority of how he can always be a threat. Michel Panet-Raymond constantly picked up the rambling colourless ball to show his careless vigor. Dave Demers "we have always learned to expect hard rugby from Dave and as usual he came through."

Saturday November 3rd the Blacks pulled together for their second consecutive tie against CFB Gagetown. The game should have decided which team would finish in last place.

Regardless of a five minute battle inside the CFB Gagetown ten yard line the Black forwards provided constant pressure. Chris Roper, the pack leader, kept the

game under control and made the forwards play together as a unit. Frank Orlando at No. 8 "played his best tackling game." Ernie O'Hara and Rudy Desaulniers silenced their opposing hookers, by winning most of the ball, in the set scrums. Duncan Skead and Hymie were the main stronghold behind the Blacks vital possession. Hymie being the sole forward to touch down a non-existent try. Dave Fisher gave a good push and had an inspiring drive which just fell inches short. Phil Hardy was always on top of the play to "attack with the ball effectively."

The rain and slippery state of the field caused the handling of ball hard for the backs. Bill Robson, the Black team inspirer, "kicked well considering the wind conditions." Lou Scherer and Trevor Bishop connected on a overlap created by a well chipped ball to score another null try. Rob McGurk at outside centre and full back respectively, "made plays from both positions." A wet drenched saturated ball often stopped Roger Estey and Chris Turcot from leading the team downfield. Substitution saw most of our backs get at least half a game. John Neal, Mike Angrew, Allison Gates and Bruce Gallant.

November 3rd saw the Fredericton Loyalists beat the Ironmen 16-6. This eliminated the Ironmen from any chance of getting into the Caledonia Cup. (not the song but rather the Maritime Championship). Two intercepted passes and two penalty kicks cost the Ironmen the game. Brian Conheady, at scrum half, continually showed his durability by taking solid hard hits from his opposition. Ralph Lutes was a constant threat from his flanker position. His speed, attained long ball in the lineouts, provided the insurance of arriving at the scene on time, amplified the chance of making a

key tackle, and scored the lone Ironmen try. Andy Bynum switched to flanker half way through the game and enjoyed being on top of the play. He also converted the sole UNB score. Ed Patterson picked up a lot of loose ball, especially from his lineout position, to keep the desperately needed possession. John Johnson ran the ball with finesse and contributed with non-resistant tackles. Mike Arthur was one of the guerrilla savages used at prop.

The Fredericton Loyalists definitely out-played the Ironmen as a team. The forwards will especially be a threat to any forthcoming pack. The main reason is that they have played together for a long time. Roger Moser led the team with a try, convert and two penalty kicks. Dave Stewart supported to score the other try for the Loyalists.

In upcoming Caledonia Cup action the Loyalists front row of Bob and Terry Dymond, Robbie Willetts should match any opposing front row in the province. Jay MacKay and Terry Dolan are the big strong locks needed. Harry Hebert, Garry Duncan and Malcom Macafee are the well rounded flankers. Peter Pacey an ex UNB back "who refuses to be tackled", K. McGinn (No 8) "a constant worker", Mike Brannen (scrum half), Paul Jardine (wing), Paul Delong (fullback) and Georgette Wallis (wing) should all be a threat.

.... well it's the end of the night and I would like to thank Bill Robson and Brian Conheady who helped me on this so it's a mere good night from your friend Rupert "I wish that I knew all I know now when I was younger" Hoefenmayer.