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TRACK AND FIELD MEN PREPARE FOR MEET

Give 'Em the Axe
by
MacDiarmid and Mallory

This column could not have a better beginning than to convey our congratulations to the athletes of 1946-7. The year's success is shown by the winning of three Maritime Intercollegiate Titles, plus our victory in the Maritime Invitation Track and Field Meet at Dalhousie last fall. In general, sport has enjoyed a very prosperous year, not only from the athlete's viewpoint, but also from the medium of student entertainment.

Among those who deserve special mention are the athletic distinction winners of this year. We join with the students in extending congratulations to Bud Stuart, Alex Papiist, Jake Covey, and Cec Garland. We would like to point out to our readers that in order to win an athletic distinction, four letters in any one sport, or any combination of five letters is required. While on the matter of outstanding athletes, our praise goes also to the Vandine Trophy Winners — Bob Weir (football), Ari Demers (basketball), and Bud Stuart (hockey).

On behalf of the student body we wish to thank Bob MacGowan for his untiring efforts in bringing before us one of the top basketball schedules in Canada. We feel that Bob has rendered a service to Maritime Basketball as a whole, let alone the fact that he has raised U. N. B. to a bright spot in Canadian and American cage circles.

Coach "Howie" Ryan is putting his track men through their paces in preparation for the big Maritime Intercollegiate Track and Field Meet to be held here at U. N. B. during Encaenia week. We have little doubt, after the grand showing they made at Dal last fall, that our boys will provide keen competition to all participants in every event. The competition will no doubt be keener than in past years, due to the presence of an observer who will be looking for prospective Olympic talent to compete in the coming trials for the Canadian Olympic Team.

Spring is here — and Fall is just around the corner. With fall comes the football season and a complete new deal — this time from the top of the pack. A proposed "Big Four" comprising Mt. A., St. Thomas, St. Dunstan's and U. N. B., with three home games and three away games for each team will give a big boost to football this year. U. N. B. is in the process of rebuilding her team and the coming year will do much to bring our football team up to past standards.

The hockey season is over — Toronto won — the baseball season is starting — St. Louis is defending champ. See you next fall lying on the grass in front of the Residence listening to the World Series.

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U. N. B. Track Team of Last September's Meet at Dal.

Looking Back and Ahead

This year in college athletics has been by no means our greatest. Varsity squads have gone down to decisive defeat in both football (we had better call that English rugby), and hockey. The U. N. B. teams were eliminated in early games in the intercollegiate series.

The hockey team showed great promise as far as good playing material was concerned, but the material they played on was sadly lacking. We can hope that this excuse will not be usable next year when, building materials willing, there will be a covered rink available.

The Varsity basketball men came through with the Maritime title as usual, but not in the usual manner. The mighty "unbeatables" of several years had many scares and even defeats in this biggest season of all. We can say however, that they won every return series this year, even against a smart Massachusetts squad.

Tough luck in manpower dogged them, but this year brought new strength for next year in George Jardina, Bruce Campbell, George Garner, Bob Smith and Bud Hanson. The international and Upper Canadian games this year showed that U. N. B. is good enough to play on the same court as the others.

Our swimmers and the ladies' basketball team brought their Mar-

itime titles home, showing that U. N. B. had not dropped through the sports floor into the cellar.

Looking back, an increase in the calibre of Maritime college athletic teams during this year can be seen. The reason is of course, the great number of students. Was U. N. B. only a war-time contender? Next year will show.

The movement for the inauguration of American football is not being felt at U. N. B. alone. In Halifax, high schools are already playing Canadian football, and a senior league will be set up there next fall.

As many as four teams are expected to compete. Dalhousie, which made an abortive attempt to switch from English rugby several years ago will enter a team, although the old game will still be the "senior" sport.

St. Francis Xavier University students are also affected by the agitation, presumably starting with the students from "up there in Canada".

Perhaps this is the best time for a switch-over. However, latest word has it that nobody in New England wants to play U. N. B.

Unsung athletes of the campus have been busy in the muscle-building department in the basement of the gym and in the handball court.

Basketball Exhibition

In a final hoop sortie for the season, an all-star college team travelled to Woodstock Thursday to defeat Carleton County Vocational School junior team by a small seven-point margin. Varsity and independent players made up the Fredericton team, which was unpracticed and did not click at first.

Play in the game was good on both sides and the younger Vocational team showed good form. The exhibitor was a lead-up game to the Dominion Junior Finals which will be held in Woodstock.

High scorers were Tommy 11 and Slipp 14 for Woodstock and Demers 21, Stohart 18 for Fredericton.

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Mount Allison Cagers Defeat Sydney School

Like U. N. B., Mount A.'s basketball men climbed back into uniform for one last struggle on the floor. Last Wednesday they met Sydney Academy team which was passing through after taking the Maritime

Intercollegiate Title at Stake

U. N. B.'s men of the cinder-track are now in the midst of training routine, preparing for the Maritime Intercollegiate track meet to be held on College Field here on May 14.

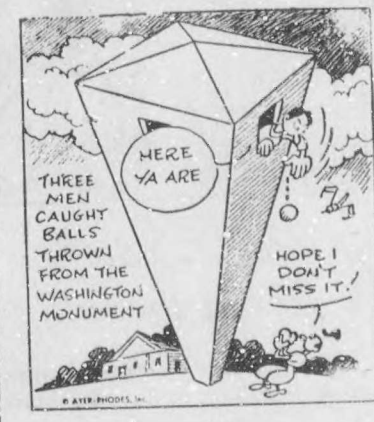
The track is wet and muddy yet and the coach, Howie Ryan, is putting the men through their paces in the gym. The number of prospective track team members turning out is a meagre nine or ten. Former stars Dave Worthen, John and Barry King and Bob Wier will be holding the fort for U. N. B. when other university teams invade Fredericton next month. A serious blow to the team's strength will be the loss of speedy Dave Stohart who will be ineligible, as he was for intercollegiate basketball. Many more men are needed if a well rounded-out team is to be organized. The coach is working uphill, with the weather and the exams working against him. The rink has been dismantled and raking and rolling will be necessary to put things in shape for practices on the field. Equipment has been put in order. Probably four visiting teams will enter.

Interscholastic title at Saint John. The final score left Mount Allison Varsity on top at 39-37.

The spectators were very much pleased by the fast wide-open game which resulted from a casual style played by the Collegians, and was a contrast with their usual close checking style.

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