

A SPORTING CHANCE!!!

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Well, I'm back. Sorry about missing last week's issue (the second one), but I had an appeal from John Bosnitch not to upstage his victory coverage. No, really it was a problem that every student runs into this time of year - term papers. Anyway that was last week; lets get on with this week. Last Sunday afternoon, an event occurred that was supposed to be the greatest thing since sliced bread. For all of you not familiar with the Canadian way of life, I'm talking about none other than the annual Grey Cup Contest. This game is touted as the Great Canadian Matchup where a team from the East meets a team from the West and has to be one of the most boring events on network T.V. The worst part about this whole affair however, is BOTH networks carry the game at the same time, so unless you have cable T.V., the only escape is to turn off the set and do some homework (now there's a disgusting thought).

The real problem with the CFL (I call it the Crappy Football League), has to be within its



organization itself. I have no problems with the division of East and West but there are a few problems elsewhere in the league. First of all, it's been suggested that the league should play all its games on the same day to build up interest among the Canadian public. This sounds like a good idea but it presents two problems. Because the league is only a 9 team league, there would be only 4 games, and with the complicated time zones in this country, it could take an entire viewing day to get all the games in. Secondly, the two networks have an agreement with the league to broadcast a specific number of games on specific days throughout the season. What would happen to CTV's Friday Night Football if the league went to an all Sunday schedule?

by REGAN LEGASSIE

Another suggestion has been to amalgamate with the USFL. Now whoever thought of this idea must be an engineering student (sorry guys), because how can two leagues with totally different rules join under one, without holding a major international summit and numerous Royal Commissions. Granted, should a solution be worked out, there might be some advantages to such a league, but it would place the Canadian franchises in a direct competition with the American markets. A quick consultation with a business student will tell you that it could spell dire consequences for the Canadian teams.

As far as I'm concerned the demise of the CFL (it may not be too far off) might be the best. It would allow the NFL or the USFL to expand north of the border without hurting the already precarious state of the Canadian league. Keep in mind, that should Free Trade come about (don't hold your breath though), it would also apply to the sporting world. This means U.S. teams could expand into Canada very easily because they are, technically a business venture. Whatever happens, one thing is for sure, Canadian football can only get better...WITH A SPORTING CHANCE!!!

UNB Rebels attack runs out of steam

by TOM LAGACE
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It was an up and down performance by the home team as the University de Moncton Blue Eagles stormed back from an opening set loss to defeat the UNB Rebels in mens volleyball action Tuesday night at LB Gym.

In the beginning things couldn't have looked better for the Rebels. In the end they couldn't have looked worse. Following an impressive 15-11 victory in the first set it was all downhill for the UNB slide. With a slow deterioration in their game, reflected accurately in the scores, they dropped the next three 15-13, 15-8, and 15-4.

The Rebels pretty much had things their own way in the first set and if not for a couple of lapses they could have really humbled the Eagles in this one.

Moncton had difficulty throughout the set in getting the ball to their setter in good shape and as a result his only options were long open sets which the UNB blockers zeroed in on. On the other side UNB setters Guy Gallibous and Mark Boldan were able to mix up the U de M blockers due to good pick ups from their backrow and numerous free balls from Moncton.

Boldan started things off well in the second set just as he had in the first, with a service ace. The similarity continued for a while as UNB ran up a 6-3 lead on the strength of an excellent defensive sequence in which they scored 4 straight points; 3 resulting from blocked U de M spikes.

Suddenly, UNB's intensity went elsewhere and Moncton turned it around. Also fueling the Eagles' comeback was the Rebels' inability to get their timing right on their quick

sets. With this facet of their attack gone, Moncton was able to concentrate on the outside sets and score some blocks of their own.

With the score 14-8 in Moncton's favour the Rebels came to life again and with Harvey MacEachern serving they ran off 5 straight points to close to 14-13. It wasn't enough however as the Eagles broke the string and then took the next point to win the set.

U de M broke open a close 9-8 game in the 3rd behind Eric Savard's powerful spiking to win going away and then dominated in a quick fourth set. The Eagles' blocking was especially effective in the fourth as the Rebels' saw many of their spikes sail out of

bounds in their attempts to get around them.

Final stats showed Savard

leading all spikers with 14 kills in 25 attempts with Mark Colpits leading the Rebels with 13 in 27.

Bloomers remain undefeated

The Red Bloomers women's basketball team increased their season record to three wins without a loss last weekend with a pair of victories over Nova Scotia schools.

The Bloomers started off the weekend by pounding St. Francis Xavier X-ettes 72-57 and then rebounded from a halftime deficit to trim Dalhousie Lady Tigers 64-49. Dalhousie was unbeaten heading in to that game.

Sue McMaster paced the

Bloomers on Friday with 24 points, while Pam Hartling contributed 20 and Bonnie McKenzie chipped in with 16.

In Saturday's game, Marg Jones was the big shooter for the Bloomers with 16n points while McMaster added 14. The Tigers held a 30-27 lead at the half.

The Bloomers play their first home games of the season this weekend when they host

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