

Sir George downs Raiders 69-66 to take Classic

In the 6th Annual New Brunswick Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament held in the Lady Beaverbrook Gym last weekend Sir George Williams University defeated last year's champs, Thomas College, of Waterville, Maine, in the semi-finals and squeaked by U.N.B. in the finals to become champions for 1975. Sir George also placed two men on the five man tournament all-star team.

In the first round played Friday night, Sir George met Thomas at 7:00 p.m. and the Raiders took on and beat Unity College of Unity, Maine at 9:00 p.m. In the first contest it appeared as if Thomas could knock out the Montreal team, who were ranked No. 3 in Canada prior to the Holiday Classic. Thomas got excellent performances out of their two guards, Charlie Ryan of Queens, N.Y. and Jay Mahoney of Rutherford, New Jersey. Ryan scored 16 of his 22 points on unbelievable 30 foot left-handed set shots. Thomas' forward, Charlie Greer, also played a strong game, but the American team was decidedly out-sized and out-played underneath the basket by Zan Pelzer and Mike Moore of Sir George Williams. Pelzer finished with a game high 29 points, and Moore, who was later named most valuable player in the tournament, finished with 24 points and dominated on both defensive and offensive rebounds. Sir George

also got some fine outside shooting from 6'2" guard, Gus Gaig. The game was close and well played, with Sir George stretching their lead to 9 points in the last minute of the game. Final Score: 95 to 86.

In the night-cap, the U.N.B. Raiders thrilled an impressive audience of over 1,000 people with the biggest win of the tournament. U.N.B. forward, Blaine MacDonald exploded for 16 points in the first half of the game and in the last few minutes of the game picked up 6 more quick points to lead the Raiders to a 94-79 win over Unity College. The superb shooting of guard Kim Pound, who threw the ball up from everywhere (anywhere) kept Unity within 2 or 3 points until the last quarter. Pound shot consistently throughout the game but in the second half smooth Louis McIntosh went cold and huge Dick Steckis was effectively blocked out by Dave Seman. Aside from Blaine's 29 points, Barry Russell had 12 and every other Raider managed to get into the score book.

After experiencing the fine play that was displayed in the finals, all 1,000 fans returned to the gym at 1:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon in the mood for more basketball. In the consolation game, rivals, Thomas and Unity fought it out in what was perhaps the best and most appreciated game of the tourney. The game was close; at half time Thomas was ahead by two baskets, 41 to 39. Unity came right back and

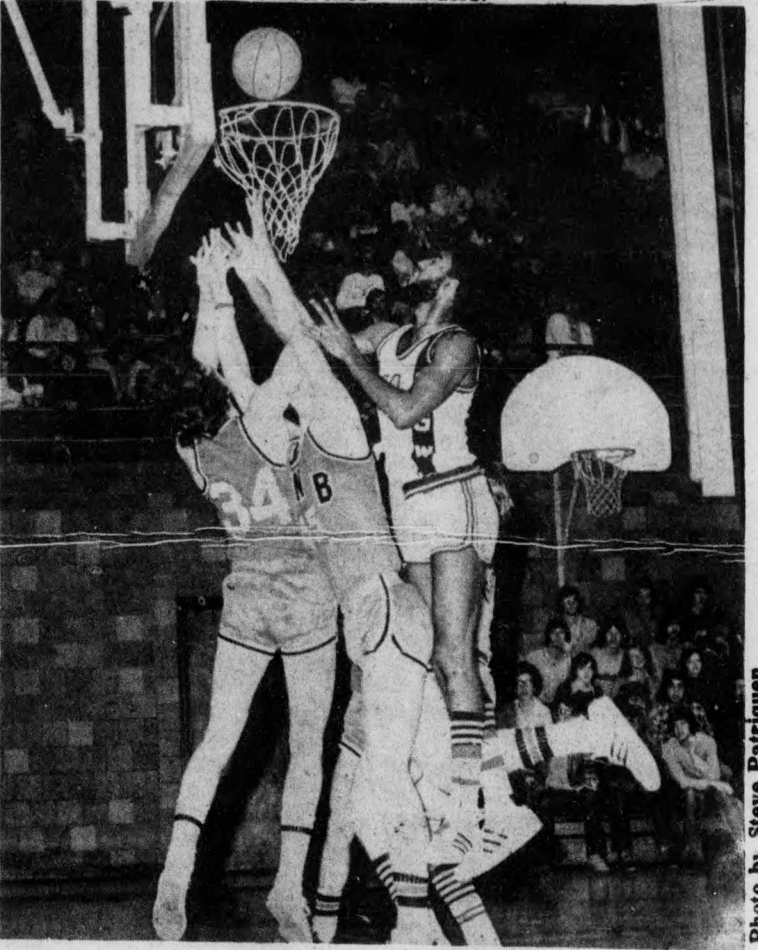
in the 3rd quarter went ahead by 3 points. Pound, Steckis and McIntosh kept Unity in the game until the last few seconds. For Thomas, again it was Ryan and Mahoney doing most of the scoring, with Ed Hobbs and Charlie Greer helping out in the first half but cooling off in the second. In a game that could easily have gone either way, Thomas edged Unity by 3 points to take 3rd place in the Classic. Hundreds of well-mannered and appreciative U.N.B. fans stood and roared their approval of both teams.

Both the Raiders and the crowd were well psyched for the final which got underway at 3:00 p.m. Sir George may have been ranked number 3 in the nation, but everybody in the L.B. Gym knew that the Raiders were going to win. Sir George jumped to a quick 6-0 lead before Dave Seman went crazy and scored 11 points and got a bunch of rebounds (and collected 3 fouls in the process). Because Van Ruiters was also hitting from inside and doing a pretty good job on Mike Moore it seemed as if the Raiders could shut off Moore and Pelzer and eventually win the ball game. In the second half, Barry Russell and Tom Hendershot combined for 28 points. The U.N.B. zone defense was working and Sir George knew it, so, ahead by about 4 points, they went into a stall with about 10 minutes left in the game. The fans got P.O.ed but it was smart basketball. With Van playing out front on the zone and having to come way out, 30-35 feet away from the basket to put pressure on the ball, Moore was able to penetrate and picked up 10 more points late in the game. Barry, Tom and Brian Davis kept U.N.B. in the game offensively, but they were never able to pull ahead. The final score was Sir George 69,

U.N.B. 66. The game was not marred by excessive fouls and there was a lot of good defensive play. Post-game ceremonies saw Zan Pelzer, Mike Moore, Charlie Ryan, Charlie Greer and Kim Pound named to the all-star team.

Tonight the Hawks of Mt. A are in town for an 8:00 p.m. contest. Mt. A is undefeated in conference

play this season and has one of its best squads in several seasons. Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. the Raiders host Nasson College in a non-conference game. Nasson is one of the top small college clubs in new England. Lots of Basketball action this weekend so come down to the L.B.G. and support your Red Raiders.



Action around the net during the Holiday Classic final shows Van Ruiters (45) and Joey Paytas (34) of UNB, and all-star Mike Moore (44) of Sir George Williams. Sir George went on to win the hard-fought game 69-66.

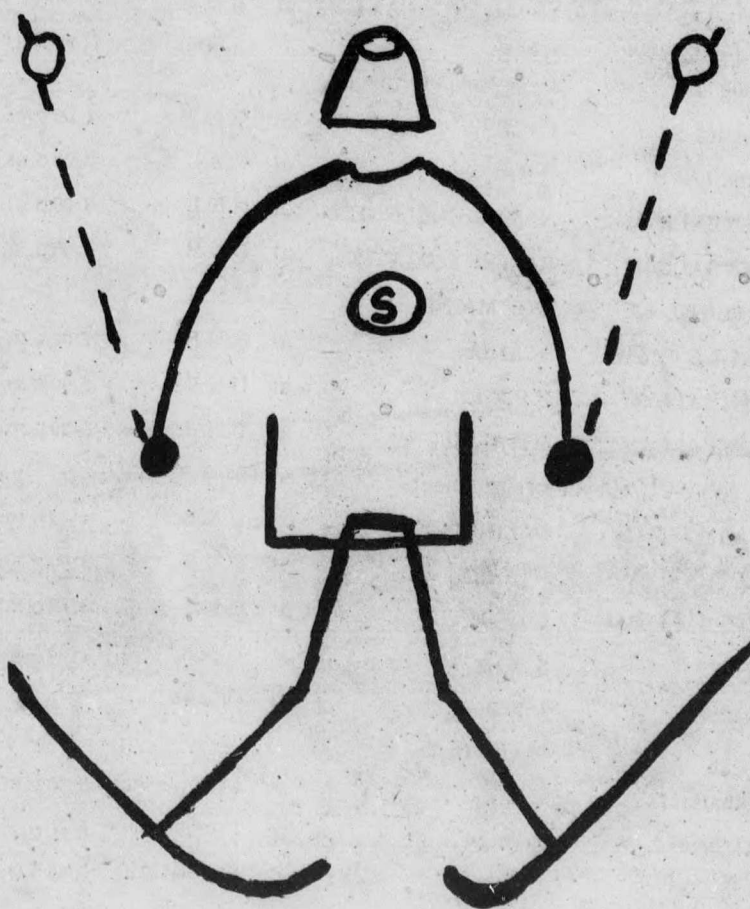
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Host invitational tournament today and tomorrow Reds coming off success

By DONNA SEARS

The UNB "Reds" played their best volleyball of the season this past week-end at Acadia, successfully overcoming the strong Dalhousie and N.S. Scotian teams to win the third round of Atlantic League play. The "Reds" counterparts, the "Rebels" were also in winning form as they captured top honors in the men's "B" section. Both the "Reds" and "Rebels" attended pre-semester practice sessions, and their early return undoubtedly helped them in their winning week-end.

The "Reds" battled close games with the Tigerettes late Friday evening winning 10-14, 5-15, 16-14. Saturday saw the "Reds" win over Ceildih two games to one and come back from a first game loss to beat N.S. Scotians two to one. Improvement in play continued as the "Reds" easily did away with the Acadia team, winning three straight. The 9-3 record places the "Reds" two points behind the Tigerettes in overall Atlantic League play with one tournament remaining.

The "Reds" begin preparations for the first round of their Atlantic Intercollegiate Championships to

be held in St. F. X. January 25 & 26 by hosting the UNB Invitational Volleyball Tournament today (Friday) and tomorrow.

Games start at 6:00 p.m. Friday, last game at 9:00 p.m.

Women

UNB
N.B. Winter Games
U. de Moncton
City Team
St. Louis Maillet
F.H.S.

Mens

UNB
Piranhas
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UNB P.E. II
Sussex
N.B. Winter Games

Games resume at 8:30 a. Saturday.

Men's Semi-Finals - are in West Gym 3-4:30.

Women's Finals - in Main Gym 3-4:30.

Men's Finals - in Main Gym 5:00-6:30.

Varsity Curling

Varsity playoffs for UNB's representative at the Maritime Intercollegiate Championships being in Moncton Feb. 21-23. All teams to be submitted at the

Athletics Office on or before Jan. 20th. There will be a meeting of team representatives on Wednesday, Jan. 22nd at 8 p.m. in Rm. 207 of the Gym.

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From now on all stories not received by the deadline, Tuesday, 3:00 PM, will not be published until the following week !