

## Size leaves Raiders short

Size, or the lack of it, appeared to be the determining factor in both games played by the UNB Red Raiders men's basketball team on the road last weekend.

Travelling to Maine, the Raiders dropped two games to Ricker College and the University of Maine at Fort Kent, both losses coming as a result of a team defense incapable of dealing with

the free-style, offense encountered in both opponents.

Raider coach Don Nelson knew what to expect but the weak link proved to be control of the offensive boards. Every time the Raiders failed to rebound one of their own shots they became a victim of the fast break.

Even if the Raiders were able to get enough men back to

supposedly equalize the situation the Americans would stop and take long shots. Because bombing the ball from 20 to 30 feet is never discouraged over in America, most players are effective at it.

The opening moments of the Ricker game set the pace for the rest of the weekend. Passes went to Jackson Bennett, their quick ball handler, who would flip the ball to either Washington Grey or Jefferson Shaw at about half court who moved in to throw the ball in the general direction of the hoop. Unfortunately, it usually went in.

The UNB offense in the first half was almost non-existent, not because they didn't use what defense they have. Center Randy Nixon has proven that he cannot be stopped underneath, but the ball seldom found its way to him. The Raiders were down by 12 at the half.

In the second half the Raiders forgot the notion of controlled offense and began to play the running game. Nelson went to two, then three guards, and sent in a small forward, and things changed completely around.

Andy Cheam, Lu Florean, Wayne Veysey and Marc McGeachy started intercepting passes and Bruce McCormack found his range. UNB was soon within three points and but for a couple of missed foul shots and a few bad breaks at the end of the game, we would have won it.

The Ricker game convinced Nelson that speed was the way to go as he started two guards against Ft Kent. However the offensive rebound situation went from bad to worse.

Again the damage was done in the first half and again the UNB guards sparked a second half come back but this time could not keep it rolling.

UNB had the Fort Kent lead down to 8 points with 10 minutes to go and had the Bengal's floor general, Ralph Givens, on the bench in foul trouble, but his substitute Cantaloupe McKay scored eight quick points and the lead ballooned late in the game.

Commented UNB basketball sage Dick Slipp "Yessir that little feller won it for them. He made the first one he took and didn't think twice about shooting after that. He'd never be that lucky again in a million years."

The final score of the Ricker game was 72-66, and Fort Kent won by 15. Whereas last year on their home court they beat the Raiders by over 40.

UNB has several things to be proud of. Both Tom MacMillan and Tim Howatt have successfully made the transition to college ball and are soon going to be two of the toughest forwards in the league. Luigi Florean, as well, is playing very well. The Raiders play their first league home game tomorrow night at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym at 8:00 p.m.



Photo by Ann Langeris

The Raiders dropped a pair of games last weekend in Maine. Pictured here is Randy Nixon, 44, the only returning starter from last year.

## Rebels show strength

By BOB SKILLEN

The men's volleyball teams from Dalhousie and Acadia won't consider this past weekend as being of their more successful ventures to UNB as both of their clubs met defeat at the hands of the Red Rebels last weekend.

The Rebels took to the court Friday night, not knowing what to expect from the Dalhousie team, since the Tigers had lost many players from last year. This uncertainty and that of playing the first home game of the season provided the tension.

The first game of the match was close with the Rebels appearing shaky in their attack and defense. As a result, the Rebels dropped the first game to the Tigers.

This first game did not discourage the Rebels who came back to defeat Dalhousie in the next three games thereby winning the match.

The Rebels were strong on offense, with good hitting coming from Brian Noble, Mike Philips, Terry Teed, Mike Targett and Dirk

Kiy. These players also provided a formidable block against their opponents. The defence left much to be desired, with balls normally reachable being left to hit the floor.

The defence, picked up in the second match and helped the Rebels to their second-victory of the season, over the Acadia Axemen.

This match was decided in three straight games. The Rebels offense was awesome, due mainly to excellent setting by Sonny Philips and John Spurway.

This year, the Rebels not only have a strong starting team but also have formidable bench strength. In both matches on the weekend, coach Mal Early substituted when things were not going according to plan.

Players who got to see action besides the starters, were Ivan Smith, Gary Ward, Doug Strongman, and Bob Skillen.

The Rebels' next home games are November 26 and 27, when they play host to the University of Moncton and Mount A.

## best of best

I didn't get to the hockey games last weekend but it is encouraging to note that the Devils have won a league game. After Saturday's fiasco with SMU, the Devils managed to beat out the Acadia Axemen.

The reason that I wasn't at those games was because I was at the ARCUP conference that was held here last weekend. A seminar was held on sports writing and the discussion gradually got around to intramurals.

Naturally, I was interested in finding out what kind of programs that there were at the other universities. After I found out, I made up my mind that at UNB we have one of the best, if not the best intramural programs in the Atlantic region.

Things could still be improved tho'.

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In last week's column, I proposed using the UNB campus for the 1984 winter Olympics with more or less tongue in cheek.

Obviously, UNB cannot host the 1984 or any other Olympics since the actual facilities do not exist and there is little justification for building them in the sleep little hamlet of Fredericton.

However, the thought of using the campus for some sort of outdoor activity in recreation is not a new one. Several proposals have been made by different people and from what I understand, some of the ideas put forth in them are fairly good and fairly inexpensive.

At the present time, the only outdoor activities involve the use of the few fields that UNB has and there is no way that they can be utilized any fuller unless they are to be used after midnight for the intramurals that they are being used for.

Someone mentioned that the university should buy some astroturf for use on College Field and Buchanan Field. An interesting idea.

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Some weeks ten million things are happening that need to be commented on but the last few weeks have been slim pickins because many of the things that should have been rectified have been.

The off campus people got their league, the Bruns got tons of help, and some of the teams got fan support.

Last weekend's volleyball games were a surprise for me and probably for the teams as well. A quick count at the Friday night games showed that there were around 200 people in attendance. Not bad for a couple of teams that don't usually get a whole lot of fans.

The fans got what they went to see in some of the most exciting volleyball games that I have witnessed outside of the Olympics. Congrats to the teams, the Reds and the Rebels, on winning their matches.

The Rebels have informed me that they would like to thank all of the people who supported them.

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The swimmers also had a successful weekend and would like to thank all of their supporters.

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Time for the weekly hellos.  
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## ATTENTION

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Some of the activities Underwater Olympics. For more info contact

Congratulate your touch

## Beaver

This weekend the UNB take to the blocks at University of Maine, Orono is rated as one of the top of the east coast of the U.S. of the meet is 1:00 p.m. and should prove to be a better meets to be seen.

Last year the Beavers Atlantic and placed Canada. Five swimmers national calibre. This year Gary Brown is looking to on their sixth place

New from Wash, squeeze RC prints fast

