

# Rebels Take Title In Near Sweep

Last Saturday in Halifax, the Red Rebels won their second consecutive AIAA Volleyball Championships defeating Dalhousie Tigers 15-6, 15-9 in the finals.

There were eight teams at tournament, and they were divided into two sections. Mt. A., Dal, Memorial and St. F.X. in one, UNB, Acadia, UPEI and Moncton in the other.

The Rebels opened play against Acadia and defeated them 15-6 in the first game, but had to come from 12-6 deficit to defeat the Axemen 16-14. It was apparent in this match that the Rebels were nervous and were looking ahead to the finals rather than thinking of the match at hand.

UPEI was the Rebels second opponent, and they had little trouble in defeating the Panthers, two games to none.

The last match of the preliminary play was against Universite de Moncton. The Rebels started playing excellent volleyball at this point, and demolished the Blue Eagles 15-3 and 15-

0. The Rebels covered the floor well and ran their attack to perfection. They used their short and regular sets to great advantage and Moncton could not cope with the overpowering Rebels.

The final standing in the two sections were UNB, Acadia, Moncton and UPEI. In the other section Dalhousie was first by virtue of their victories over Mt. A., Memorial was third and St. F.X. last.

The draw for the play-offs pitted first place in each section, against second place in the other section. So Dalhousie played Acadia, while UNB met Mt. A.

Dalhousie had an extremely difficult time defeating Acadia. They won the first game 15-10, lost the second 10-15 and struggled through the third to win 15-11.

The Rebels, coached by Mal Early, suffered their only loss of the day in the first game of the semi-finals against Mt. A. The score was 13-15 for the Mounties. The score however, was not indicative of the play

in the game. The Rebels fought back from an 11-4 deficit to to make the score 14-13, with UNB having the serve. A very questionable call by the officials gave the serve to Mt. A., who after a long rally scored the deciding point.

The feeling on the UNB team at this point was not one of dejection, on the contrary, they knew they would beat Mt. A.

In the next two games the Rebels jumped into early leads and never let up. They completely destroyed Mt. A., both physically and mentally. The scores being 15-3 and 15-1.

UNB then advanced to the finals against Dalhousie. The general consensus of opinion among observers was that Dalhousie expected to lose. Mentally, Dalhousie was weakened after their narrow victory over Acadia. They did however, play better than what was expected of them. The Rebels defeated them handily 15-6. The second game ended 15-9, but the score was not indicative of the play. The score at one point was 9-7,

UNB. It remained that way for about twelve minutes, before the Rebels won the tenth point, from there it was all down hill for the Rebels.

The Rebels left Thursday for Sudbury, where they will participate in the CIAU National Championships on Friday and Saturday. Mr. Early took ten ball players to the Nationals. With the exception of two players this is the full team. Of the two players not making the trip, one will be in Saskatoon with the NB Winter Games Volleyball Team, and

the other is behind in his academic work.

The opposition in Sudbury will be University of Western Ontario, York University, Sherbrooke U and U of Winnipeg.

The Rebels placed fourth nationally last year. When asked about the team's chances this year, Mr. Early replied "We are going out there to win if we can. The Rebels are a better team than last year's and more mature, so they should be able to meet the competition on equal terms.

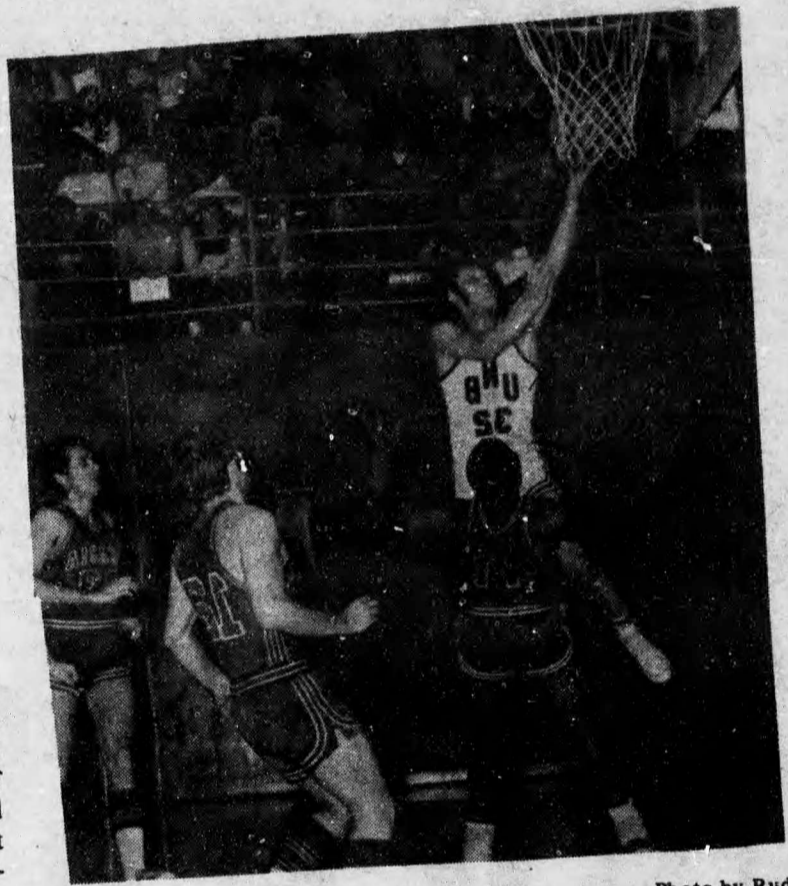


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## IRONMEN WIN LEAGUE TITLE

The Ironmen gained first place in the New Brunswick Rugby Union by soundly defeating Saint John Trojans, 46-0.

UNB moved their undefeated streak to 5 and ended the season by shutting out each of the other teams in their final three games of union play: 16-0, 12-0, 46-0.

After Saturday's contest and the end of regular season play, the league was plunged in a four way tie for first place. By virtue of their admirable point spread UNB clinched a definite first birth and go into the play-offs this week pitted

against third place St. Thomas. Second place Fredericton Loyalists will meet the Trojans in a semi-final rundown.

Saturday's game, played at Fredericton's Exhibition Raceway, saw UNB completely dominate all phases of the game, both in the set and the loose. The outcome was the culmination of Coach Cockburn's efforts to produce a team unit able to play with cohesion and precision.

First half play was rugged and hard hitting with union incidents resulting in two matched expulsions to both sides; Rick Adams and Bill Fell

getting the gate for UNB. Score at the half 16-0; UNB's tries coming from the backfield, 3 points to Hugh Dickison, Geoff Sedgewick, Bob McConnell and Tom Burley. Fullback Burt Papenburg made good on Burley's two conversions.

The Trojans are an experienced team, never to be taken lightly. The desperate play of all-stars Tommy Knox and Rod Steavs made the Trojans a constant threat and reminder that "You can't have your cake and eat it too."

Second half play was exemplified by UNB's hard running and a demoralized Saint John side. Rounding out the scoring; UNB got big markers from Ken Whiting, John Dowd, Geoff Sedgewick, Grant Vistorino, Bev Jewett and Peter Pacey. Papenburg converted all these, to give him an impressive game total of 16 points. Playing his best game of the season was Barry "Toad" Wishart who played an outstanding scrum and running game, setting up a number of UNB's scoring opportunities.

Tomorrow in semi-final play the Ironmen will meet St. Thomas, 4:00 o'clock at College Field. The contest should be tough and fast with the rival university clubs meeting in a head-on clash for the championship berth.

## Trounce STU

The UNB Red Devils came roaring back in the second period last Friday to score four goals on their way to a 6-5 victory over St. Thomas Tommies in an AIHC game. The win was our first in league play this year giving us a 1-3 record.

Phil LePage was the big gun for us as he pumped in 3 goals. Perry Kennedy, Peter Ross, and Gary Brown all added singles.

The Devils were totally inept offensively in the first period as the Tommies had them bottled up in their own end. The problem seemed to be the inability of the forwards to generate a passing sequence once they got the puck. The defencemen were particularly strong in clearing the front of the net of opposition players and generally played well. Only the last of STU's three goals in the period was the result of slackness on their part. The other two were opportune plays after the Devils could not carry the puck out.

UNB came out skating in the second period. However, the STU goalie, who did not look at all too poised on his few saves in the first frame, made some brilliant stops. By the five-minute mark, the Tommies

had upped the score to 4-0 and it looked like curtains for us.

Finally, the Tommies bubble burst and the Devils could do no wrong. Within the next 6 and 1/2 minutes we tied the score and for the rest of the period held the edge of the play.

The third period belonged totally to UNB. STU managed to sneak a goal in towards the end of the game, however, goals by Kennedy and LePage offset this. Were it not for the fine netminding of the Tommies' Morris, the edge in scoring would have been much greater.

## raiders lose

Atlantic Intercollegiate Basketball Conference action returned to the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium last weekend as the Red Raiders dropped a pair of games to Acadia and Dalhousie to run their league record to 0-5.

Friday night the powerful Acadia Axemen gave both the Raiders and the fans a demonstration of flawless basketball en route to a 112-59 decision over our forces. The sure-handed Axemen, led as usual by Rick Eaton and Steve Pound, quickly asserted themselves as the much superior team and from the outset of the game it was obvious that it was only a matter of how much the visitors would win by. A case of Red Raiders jitters allowed Eaton, Pound, and Co., to jump off to a fast 20-4 lead

which was never to be threatened. The Raiders played as if they were awed by the excellence of their opponents as they continually lost the ball on turnover and when given the chance to score they often hurried or forced their shots.

By half-time the score stood at 62-25 for Acadia and only an inspired second-half performance by Bob English kept UNB from being run off the court. English scored 17 of his 24 points in this half, many of them on brilliant individual plays, and for a while the Raiders were able to match the Axemen point for point. This trend was not to last for long however as the Axemen, using some of their bench strength, soon pulled away again and by the final buzzer they were seemingly scoring at will.

## UNB Skiers Win Bronze at Winter Games

### Suzanne Fitzgerald sets 3 Provincial Records as Both Swim Teams Win