

Raiders anticipate win in upcoming opener

Returning from a grueling three game pre-season weekend trip to Quebec with only one win, the UNB Red Raiders will be gearing up all week for their important League opener next Friday night in Charlottetown.

Raider Coach Den Nelson has declared that the Quebec trip was not a total loss, as the two defeats at the hands of the Laval Red and Gold and the Fort Kent Bazookas brought out the team's weak points and provided the opportunity for some soul searching.

The 101-78 win over the University of Quebec at Three Rivers Patriots, on the other hand, revealed that the UNB squad had powerful offensive potential.

In the first round of the Laval Tourney last Friday night UNB started strong and was leading the Red and Gold by 10 at the half. Guard Keith Steeves came off the bench to lead the way with 10 first half points, with Blaine MacDonald, Randy Nixon, Joe Paytas, and Steve Ruitter picking up the slack. Only the streak shooting of guard Guilles Bellmare kept Laval from being blown off the court in the first half, and had the Raiders been able to contain him in the second half they would have won the game.

Defence was the key, as it is in any contest involving two teams and a rubber ball; this far in the season the Raiders haven't played any. Not much offence could be detected, either, at least in the Laval game, as the team could only sink 27 hoops in the ball game out of 80 tries.

The Raiders were determined to save some face in the consolation held the following afternoon. Frustrated because they would not get to play the tough Thomas

College team from central Maine (scene of some of the best basketball in the world), UNB took everything out on U.Q.T.R.

Blaine MacDonald broke out of his slump and hit for 33 points, the individual high for the tournament, as UNB overwhelmed the Patriots 101-78.

Again holding a 10 point lead at half time, the margin was stretched to 20 by the end of the 3rd quarter due to the impressive offensive efforts of MacDonald, Nixon, Paytas, and Kip Brown.

Blaine and Randy were also remarkably strong on the boards, hauling down 14 and nine rebounds respectively.

The Raiders were again sloppy on defence, however, as four Reds fouled out, allowing Richard Vallerand of Three Rivers to pick up nine second half points on free throws. If they had used a bit more discretion with their elbows, the final score could have been 15 to 20 points more than the 23 point spread at the final buzzer.

Scoring:
UNB: Brown 8; Davis 2; Ingram 2; McCormack 14; MacDonald 33; Nixon 11; Paytas 12; Ruitter 4; Seman 2; Steeves 6; Young 6.
U.Q.T.R.: Desrochers 8; Le Francois 4; Bendit 18; Turcotte 9; A. Vallerand 14; R. Vallerand 23; Desjardins 2.

It was a played out team which took the court in Ft. Kent on the way home Sunday. Macdonald and Dave Seman were able to take the ball to the hoop in the opening minutes of the game, but a number of UNB turnovers combined with the supernatural shooting of Bazooka guard Ralph Glenn and center Jim Elias resulted in the Main team slowly pulling away, leading 55-33 at half time.

UNB Red Raiders were defeated 83-78 Tuesday by the University of Maine in Presque Isle. Randy Norsworthy paced the win with 22 points. UNB's offensive spark was Randy Nixon who hooped 14 points and hauled down 10 rebounds. Bruce McCormick, Joe Paytas and Steve Ruitter each added 10 points.

The second half was more of the same, only this time it was Bill Givens of Tallahassee Florida throwing in all kinds of garbage from the base line. The final score was 105-66, but the Raiders did not come away from the game as discouraged as after the Laval game, which they should have won.

Actually, there were a few encouraging things about the loss to Fort Kent. Dave Seman's aggressive play revealed that he is going to have a good year, a fact which is essential to further Raider

success this year.

Kip Brown's 14 points indicate that the Raiders now have at least four big men who can be relied on to carry them through the rough games which lie ahead. Starting

guard Brian Davis, too, seems to have regained confidence in his shooting, and forward Gary Young played his usual consistent game.

The next home game is against Dal Friday, Dec. 5th.

Beavers make satisfactory splash

The UNB "Beavers" men's swimming team, 1974-75 Atlantic Universities swimming and diving champions, opened the season against the strong 1st division U of Maine Orono, New England Universities swimming and diving champions, this past weekend in Orono.

The competition provided an opportunity for Coach Gary Brown and his staff to utilize and observe each swimmer against a highly rated team. The Beavers managed to win three firsts in eleven events.

UNB started off the competition placing third in the 400 Medley Relay composed of Bill Coldwell, Paul Steeves, Craig Maitland and John MacGillivray.

Mike Brown, distance swimmer showed strong contention for the Beaver's placing second in the 1000 yd freestyle and 200 yd butterfly.

In the 200 yd freestyle freshman John MacGillivray placed third followed by teammates John Bennett and Bill Coldwell.

Craig Maitland, a sprinter, placed third in the 50 yd freestyle while rookie Dave Banks took first place honours in the 200 yd individual medley and the 500 yd

freestyle. Bruce Williams, a newly acquired backstroker, placed third in the 200 individual medley and the 200 yd backstroke.

Paul Steeves finished UNB's wins with a first in the 200 yd Breaststroke well ahead of the opposition.

The 400 yd freestyle relay team composed of Craig Maitland, Mike Brown, Paul Steeves and David Banks finished a strong third.

The Beaver's look to field a

strong team with depth through the acquisition of rookies such as Dave Banks, John MacGillivray, Bruce Williams, John Bennett, Bill Curtis, Dave Pretlove, Ralph Mathews and Steve Wragg along with returnees Craig Maitland, Bill Coldwell, Paul Steeves, Mike Brown and Peter Zwicker.

The AIAA swimming schedule opens for the Beavers away, against Mt. Allison University on November 29.

JJ's Jock Talk

It's not easy sitting down to write one's very first editorial column. In fact, it is a task I have been putting off for some time now. However, something came to my attention this week and I feel that my stand on the particular matter should be clarified.

The question posed is this: "How objective should a writer (in this instance, sports) be when writing for a student newspaper?"

As far as I'm concerned, the answer has to be "As objective as if you were writing for a commercial paper."

A reporter is a reporter is a reporter. And that is just what he's supposed to do. Report what happened during the course of the event, for ALL parties involved.

Granted, if an individual is writing for the BRUNSWICKAN, covering UNB sports, then that individual should be aware that the students, his audience, will be interested in UNB's performance during the game. This should be told but not at the expense of boring the reader with a lot of rah-rah-ism.

I don't believe there is a single athletic team or club in this university (or anywhere for that matter) who can honestly say they play the best they possibly can each and every time they take part in their particular sport. Even if a team wins every single contest they take part in for a full season, they still can't say that they continually put forth their utmost effort.

No team, can, nor can any individual, and any writer who says they do is not accurately reporting what happens.

H.L. Stevenson sums up what the art of reporting is all about when he says:

"The reporter is a stand-in for people who cannot witness an event, whether it is distant or just down the block, whether it occurs in the dignified surroundings of a courtroom before relatively few spectators or in a stadium filled with noisy thousands. It is an awesome responsibility."

Here and now I want to make it clear that I appreciate what the people on this campus who accept that responsibility and write sports articles for the BRUNSWICKAN do for me and for you, the students. But I do not think it is too much to ask them to try to be objective. If not that, then at least try to be objective about their relative lack of objectivity.

The BRUNSWICKAN is a student newspaper for the students, yet that does not mean it should sacrifice quality for a lot of garbage rah-rah-ism. The BRUNS is one of Canada's top university newspapers because it does its best to remain objective.

Criticisms or comments are more than welcome on this or any other aspect of the BRUNS Sports department. Just send them on in to Room 35 of the SUB.

Be a straight shooter. -J.J.

Ironmen's efforts pay off

The UNB Ironmen defeated the Fredericton Loyalists 8-6 to win the New Brunswick Rugby Championship last Saturday.

The Loyalists, who have the reputation as UNB's perennial rivals, had defeated the Ironmen on two previous occasions this year.

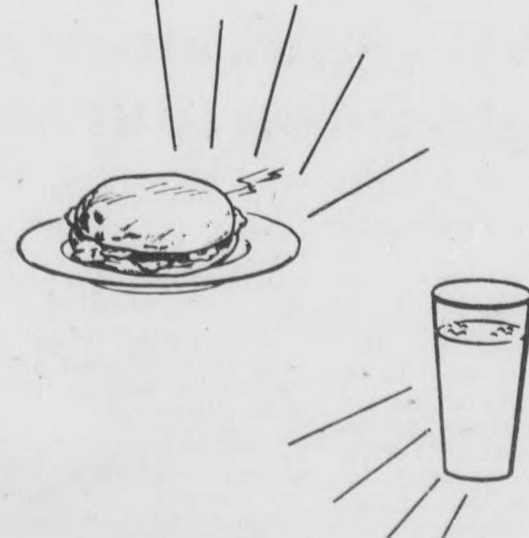
Planker Larry Lawlor took a pass from Jim Neville after five minutes of play to give the Ironmen a 4-0 lead. The score at the half was 8-6 in favor of the Ironmen by virtue of lawlors touchdown, two field goals by Mike Robinson and a try by Mike Burden.

No scoring occurred in the second half which was terminated early when the Loyalists walked off the field. Apparently, the referee had made several controversial calls against the Fredericton team which resulted in their leaving the game.

Friday, November 28, all 55 men of the Rugby team will meet in the Lady Beaverbrook Gym at 5:00 p.m. for a team photo, followed by the annual awards presentation.

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By JO-ANNE JEFFERS Sports Editor

Two wins in a row was something the UNB Red Devils had difficulty doing last year, but a lot more could be in the offing this season. Saturday night's game is an indication of the things to come. In their first home game of the 1975-76 season, the Red Devils picked up a 4-3 win over the Dalhousie Tigers at the Beaverbrook Arena.

A two goal performance by Grant paced the win. Singles registered by Len Hercun and Charlie Bird.

The game was not without hazards for UNB. Hercun, who has been averaging a goal a game in the first three contests of the season, was injured in the minute of play of Saturday's game. He suffered a separated shoulder and underwent surgery Sunday. The injury will be out of action for approximately six weeks.

The Axemen's offensive success came from Greg Thiel, who scored from Oxford and Geoff Saunders, who scored three Acadia goals were scored in the final frame. During the course of the game, UNB netminder John MacGillivray faced a total of 26 shots on goal. Hume handled the puck stop duties for the Axemen, halting Devils drives.

UNB coach Bill MacGillivray was pleased with his team's performance but was not overly impressed with the way they hauled it off particularly with the way they relinquished a 4-1 lead in the second period.

"They (UNB) slowed down when they had the lead," MacGillivray stated. "You have to continue to force the play with a lead. They were falling back when forechecking was needed."

"In my opinion," MacGillivray commented, "The rookie, Grant Perry played the best game anybody on the ice tonight."

Playing in his first intercollegiate level hockey game, Perry assisted on Hercun's tally in the second period, carrying the puck down the ice and to the front of the net before Hercun rapped it into the crease for the goal.

Grant opened the scoring just seconds into the game when he converted a pass from Devils captain Doug MacDonald. MacDonald originated the play deep

Bloomer Alumnae

November 14, the Red Bloomer met the Alumnae in a fast-moving competitive game. Despite the talented number of the Alumnae team, the Bloomers were victorious by a 71-59 score.

Ex-Bloomer and captain of the Canadian National team, Joyce Douthright and visiting national team player, Joanne Sargeant, both very fast women, made the game an exciting one.

Marilyn (Watts) Somerville, last year's Bloomers team captain also made her presence known with her excellent outside shooting. Lynn Kirk, Dawn Wishart and Jan Reichert were the other ex-Bloomers on the squad.

High school players Anne Ingraham, Jane Benson and Carolyn Gammon rounded out the team numbers. Lesley Nason, one of this year's coaching staff and a veteran of four years play at UNB coached the team.

Douthright led the scoring for the Alumnae with 24 points in a