

UNB Ironmen foiled in Cup attempt

The Coveted Caledonia Cup, emblematic of maritime Rugby Football supremacy has eluded the UNB Ironmen at this year. The Ironmen's all but unbelievable perfect record fell last Saturday in Pictou County, when the Pictou Rugby Club, perennial champions of Nova Scotia Rugby, scraped by the Ironmen by a score of 10-4.

The UNB Rugby Club, thought by many to be invincible this year, after defeating all opposition heavily during the regular season, expected Pictou to give them a tough game, but the Ironmen found themselves fighting not one but two battles on Saturday, both involving relatively unfamiliar opposition.

In the first battle, the Pictou Rugby Club fielded an older, much more experienced club than UNB in the final and indeed the majority of the Pictou Club have played together for some eight years. Many of their players have fought for the Caledonia Cup on previous occasions while the entire UNB squad was competing in championship play for the first time. The fact that the Ironmen faced other clubs all year that did not possess the experience of Pictou County was a big factor.

Secondly, adverse weather conditions proved to be a major factor with UNB's play; which throughout the game never reached the high level Rugby that the Ironmen had put together near the end of the season. "Adverse", is to say the least, as gale force winds often gusting over 50 m.p.h. swept across the Pictou field hampering all passing and kicking throughout the game. Players were also lashed with a torrential rain c downpour that persisted all

afternoon. The field, as one can well imagine, was subject to the rain for days previously and had deteriorated somewhat, presenting great bowls of mud for the groping forwards to wallow in.

The Ironmen's game, which all year relied on the forwards getting the ball out quickly to the speedy backs, never did get off the ground; or shall we say it was burried in mud, drowned in rain, and blown into the bay of Fundy. Pictou County, on the other hand, were at a real advantage in that they had practiced under the poor conditions for a good two weeks prior to the championship

and their played showed it. Also with the unbearable field conditions fumbles, misplaced kicks and poor footing resulted and the speed of the game was slowed

somewhat. The Ironmen who had relied on their superb conditioning to wear down opponents with fast continuous play during the regular season, were forced to play Pictou's slower more scrappy style of game, thus giving the Nova Scotia club another advantage.

Pictou County scored all their points, two tries and a conversion in the first half playing with the wind at their backs. The Ironmen carried the play continuously during the second 40 minutes but dropped passes and fumbles at key times hampered their attack and prevented UNB from finishing off their rallies. Tyler Richardson, UNB's versatile flanker, plunged over in the second half for the Ironmen's lone try.

1978 has however, been an incredible year for the UNB Rugby Club. A team record of 34 wins, (1st division and 2nd division squads), and now 1 loss is a record that any club of any sport would proudly boast. The club was young this year, with over 50 players, and is already looking forward to spring '79 when the Ironmen's annual Spring Tour, usually of the Eastern States, is held.



Mens

gymnastics

UNB men's varsity gymnastics team begins competition this weekend, Nov. 25, in Halifax, N.S. The competition is being held at Dalhousie University and will include the host team, UNB, University of Moncton as well as the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Winter Games teams.

The UNB team will be lead by seniors John O'Keefe and Bob Johnson. Junior, Dan Beaman returns to the team after a year with the diving team and Rick Weiler, a freshman from Chatham N.B. is the fourth gymnast making up the team. Coach Eagle, just back from a years sabbatical, describes the team as "small but spirited". Individually the gymnasts are progressing well but as a team they expect to be hard pressed to defeat the powerful Dal team. Included on Dal's team are Shawn Healy, a CIAU medalist in the past, and a former UNB'er Ken Salmon who helped UNB win 4 successive AUA titles and place the UNB team in second place at the 1977 CIAU meet. Salmon is now a physiotherapy student at Dal.

Squash New Brunswick...but why?

FREDERICTON: Squash New Brunswick was officially formed on Saturday, November 18 at a meeting held in conjunction with the New Brunswick Invitational Squash Tournament in Fredericton. Hosted by the Fredericton/

UNB Squash Club at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym.

The executive for the coming year are:
President: Jon Lett (Moncton)
Vice-President: Alan Smith (Fredericton)

Secretary Treasurer: Mohammed Anwar (Fredericton)

Region 3: Rose Selander
Region 5: Ian Black
The main objective of Squash

New Brunswick is to promote and improve the game of squash in the province. It is affiliated with The Atlantic Provinces Squash Rac-

quets Association (APSRA) and the Canadian Squash Racquets Association (CSRA).

Over fifty players competed in the Invitational Tournament. The results were:

The next regional tournament is the Halifax and District Invitational, Halifax, December 1, 2, and 3.

The "other Hockey team

By NANCY WIGH

Hockey season is upon us once again and the UNB Red Blazers Women's Ice Hockey team are in full swing!! UNB's "other" hockey team had a good year last year, competing in the Canadian National Women's Ice Hockey Tournament held in Mississauga last spring and they are looking forward to an even stronger

season this year.

Under the coaching of Howie Myatt, the Blazers have been practising and training in the gym and on the ice since October. Our first games will be tomorrow night at 10 p.m. at the L.B.R. rink and at 3 p.m. Sunday in Woodstock.

The Red Blazers hope you will help support them in their many fund raising activities this season. Hope to see you at the games!!

MEN'S

DIV.	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	CONSOLATION WINNER
A	Nigel Yeo (Fred.)	Ian Black (Moncton)	
B	Mohammed Anwar (Fred.)	John Keddy (Fred.)	Alan Smith (Fred.)
C	Phil Canning (Fred.)	Jim Coles (Fred.)	George Richmond (Fred.)
D	Richard Clark (Fred.)	Tim Margolian (HFX)	Michael Lankin (Fred.)

WOMEN'S

Ginny Doucette (HFX)	Joanne Beckwith (HFX)	Joanne Fellows (Fred.)
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