

As Seen from the Bleachers

By the Spectator

Sitting down to prepare our return to sportdom, after a most controversial journey around the campus, we were struck by the thought that this past weekend could easily find a place in the ranks of a columnist's dreams, for here, in the short span of a few hours were unfolded two of the greatest sporting events which this University will ever have the privilege of witnessing. In the first instance we are referring to a contest which will undoubtedly be ranked as the number one Intercollegiate event of the current year, and in the second to a performance which is without question unparalleled in the entire world of sport.

Saturday was the day in mention, and getting it off on the right foot was the job placed in the hands of the Red Bombers. This they did in adequate style with the convincing and long awaited crushing of the St. Thomas aggregation. As we watched the Bombers their spark ignited by Ross Pollock's tremendous run back of the opening kickoff, steamroll with apparent ease behind the mail totting of Willie Schure to a win which left nothing in doubt, a conflict of mixed feelings flashed before us. One moment we were seized with a wave of great enthusiasm, relief, and pride, in the fact that the Bombers had finally hit their stride and were performing in the manner which we had believed them capable of all along, that they were after all a match for the Tommies and that former scores had certainly been no true indication. Then the next minute a spasm of disgust and bitterness swept upon us as we tried our best to reason why the Bombers had waited so long to get under full steam, and why throughout the year they had not been able to pull themselves up to match their capabilities. The ifs and buts to these questions are many but the fact remains, as Saturday's game pointed out, that the Bombers were capable of retaining the N.B. Senior Football title, just why they failed is a question which will probably never be answered.

It is the belief of this corner that despite their late start and tremendous point handicap they would have still pulled an "Esquimo" and walked off with the title if just one simple little thing had happened, not an act on their part or the part of the Tommies, but on the part of the officials. If referee Tyler or one of his subordinates had been awake enough to see George twenty yards offside on his touchdown effort then the story would have been entirely different. This was the play which put the damper on the Bomber's great comeback drive. Had the Tommies been kept from the score sheet, as they should have been, then we believe the Bombers would have rolled even further, just how far we can't say for sure, but we sincerely hold that they would have made it. Nevertheless, even in defeat the Bombers were great, and added more friends to their rooting section by this single courageous struggle against ruinous odds than they would have had they walked unmolested to the gridiron throne. To the Bombers then we extend our most sincere congrats, and join with them in the heart breaking feeling that through some twist of fate the true champions just couldn't unwind until it was too late, and even then it took an official's error to finally knock them from the throne.

The second great event of the weekend from the sporting point of view was the invasion of the world renowned and fabulous Harlem Globetrotters. Before their visit here the name Trotters and their antics were to most of us simply to be awed at from a distance, but to those who were present at their performances on Saturday night they are no longer a vision but a living picture. Their ball handling, shooting, and clowning wizardry, which has to be witnessed to be believed, has now witnessed, and yet even in the light of this the unbelievable mask which enshrouds them still prevails. Yes, one can witness them and still find it hard to believe that such antics are within the realms of possibility.

The story of the Trotters is strictly one of rags to riches and certainly has no equal. From a group of just average colored players, staying in the cheapest of hotels and eating the meagerest meals, they have arisen in the short span of twenty years to a level and calibre worthy of bearing such titles as: "The world's greatest basketball team", "America's leading goodwill ambassadors", and "The finest sports show on earth". The name Trotters has grown synonymous with perfection, the highest of entertainment and the utmost of skill. Collectively they are the Babe Ruth, Howie Morenz, Walter Hagen, Johnny Longden, Joe Louis, Jessie Owens, and Jim Thorpe of the basketball world. They have been acclaimed the world over and have a record which is unmatched by even the greatest of the all time great athletic teams. Their exhibition here on Saturday night can lead one to realize why.

Many people claimed they were disappointed with their showing, that they were not all they were built up to be, that they tended at times to take things rather easy, and that the names of Goose Tatum and Marcus Haines, long recognized as the essence of the Trotters, were missing from the lineup. Let us remember though that they have a year long schedule and a demand for games which necessitates their sending out more than one team, and is it any wonder that Tatum and Haines, along with probably the strongest of the Trotter teams, is sent against the pro and college squads in the U.S. where the opposition is of such a high calibre. They have a record to maintain and need their best in those surroundings. The opposition they would meet in the Maritimes would scarcely warrant their sending a better team than they did, and when the boys are on the go the year round can one blame them if they look on this trip as a sort of vacation.

Perhaps they could have been better, but never the less their performance here on Saturday night will remain as the top sports show of the year, if not of all time—at least it looked that way to the Spectator. . . .

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

December 4th — 11th

- December 4th (Thursday)**
7 p.m. Intramural Candlepin Bowling—Residence vs Fr. Science
9 p.m. Faculty Bowling—Admin. 1 vs Admin II.
- December 5th (Friday)**
7 p.m. Faculty Bowling—Mechanicals vs Arts.
9 p.m. Faculty Bowling—Civils vs Science.
- December 6th (Saturday)**
Basketball—Aroostock State Normal vs U.N.B. Varsity.
Hockey—Commercial League, 7 p.m.; Army vs U.N.B. Alumni Bowling—9 p.m.
- December 7th (Sunday)**
Intramural Hockey:
1 p.m. Engineers 12's vs Science
2 p.m.—Arts vs Axemen
3 p.m.—Residence vs Foresters 34-21's
4 p.m.—Engineers 34's vs Sr. Civils
- December 8th (Monday)**
7 p.m.—Intramural Candlepin Bowling—Rockets vs Fr. Science.
9 p.m.—Intramural Candlepin Bowling—Faculty vs Newman Cl.
- December 9th (Tuesday)**
Five pin Bowling (for schedule & time, consult office)
- December 10th (Wednesday)**
Intramural basketball (for schedule and time consult office)
- December 11th (Thursday)**
7 p.m.—Intramural Candlepin Bowling—Sr. Foresters vs. Resid.
9 p.m.—Faculty Bowling—Science vs Arts.

Intramural Basketball League

"A" DIVISION	TEAM STANDING					PTS.
	GP	W	L	T	F	
Arts & Science	3	3	0	0	186	92
Falcons	3	2	1	0	138	133
Residence Scrappers	4	2	2	0	174	135
Tarfu	3	1	2	0	123	159
Residence Ramblers	3	0	3	0	109	209
"B" DIVISION						
Chemists	3	3	0	0	129	96
Triple "F's"	4	3	1	0	152	140
Newman Club	3	1	2	0	105	123
Alumni	4	1	3	0	174	162
Jr. Engineers	2	0	2	0	56	95

INTRAMURAL FIVE PIN LEAGUE

Play commenced in the five-pin league on Tuesday the 25th. The "Jones Boys" bowled their way to a decisive victory over the "Okefenokees" to gain a clean sweep of 4 points, by winning all three strings and coming out on top in the total pin-fall.

JONES BOYS

Harrowing	422
Coke	535
Wilson	440
Manson	440
Abnerthy	568
Total	2,405

OKEFENOKEES

Lacate	213
Johnston	193
Lister	140
Gimby	492
Gibson	444
Mack	149
Lohnes	270
Total	1,897

Candlepin League Standings

	Strings	Pts.
Faculty	9	12
Newman Club	12	11
Transits	9	9
Rockets	9	6
Sr. Foresters	9	4
Residence	9	1
Fr. Science	9	1
FACULTY LEAGUE		
Arts	7	19½
Mechanicals	6	13½
Civils	7	13
Science	7	12
Admin 11	7	12
Admin I	6	10

INTRAMURAL HOCKEY

After a two-week delay, the intramural hockey league got rolling last Sunday, and saw eight teams in action. Two wins and two ties were recorded, and it looks like it will be a pretty even league this year. Play was ragged at times, but considering it was the first session of the year, four fast, interesting games were witnessed—practically entirely by players. However, at one time there were about a dozen fans, which indicates some interest, but as play picks up during the season, it is hoped that the number of fans will also pick up.

The league got under way with the Residence Majors facing the Engineers 32's, but after 60 minutes of play, neither team was the victor, as a 3-3 tie was the outcome. Rowe, Walton and Weaver were the marksmen for the Residence boys, and Dee, Breatul and Oblesis kept pace for the Engineers.

The much under-rated Artsmen took the most decisive win of the day by humbling the Senior Civils by a 5-0 count. Underhill and Elliot each hit the twine twice with Thorpe notching the other.

The Foresters 34-21's and the Engineers 12's battled to a 3-3 tie, in which the scoring was evenly distributed between six players. Cross, Prime and McLeod did the honours for the foresters while Ferguson, Mann, and Douglass were the Engineers' point getters.

The final game of the afternoon saw the Axemen and Science tangle, with the Axemen outscoring their opponents 5-3. The Axemen held a 4-1 advantage at one time, and the Science boys came close to knotting the score, as they fired home two fast goals. Boyle was the top point getter, not only of this game but for the day, as he performed the hat-trick. Other forestry marksmen were Elliott and Hyslop. Thompson for the losers netted two goals, while MacFarlane came through with the other. This was the only game of the afternoon in which no penalties were called.

Ron Ketch handled all games with his whistle, and did a very capable job.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING STATISTICS

	G	A	Pts.	Pen.
Bovle (Axemen)	3	0	3	mins.
Elliott (Arts)	2	1	3	
Underhill (Arts)	2	0	2	
Thompson (Sc.)	2	0	2	
Cross (For. 34-21)	1	1	2	2
Mann (Eng. 12's)	1	1	2	
Dee (Eng. 34's)	1	1	2	
Oblesis (Eng. 34's)	1	1	2	
Mockler (Sc.)	0	2	2	
Thorpe (Arts)	1	1	2	
Monaghan (Arts)	0	2	2	2
Cochrane (Arts)	0	2	2	

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STANDINGS

LEAGUE

W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
2	7	1	68	41	25
0	7	4	52	57	24
9	5	5	52	51	23
9	11	2	69	62	20
7	5	5	58	53	19
6	9	5	58	68	17
4	13	2	43	69	10

JUNIOR

W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
6	3	0	99	45	32
3	4	0	64	46	26
6	12	1	53	78	13
2	19	1	50	96	5

W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
2	4	3	71	50	27
11	5	2	88	52	24
11	9	1	101	96	23
9	10	3	90	97	21
8	6	2	59	58	18
8	8	2	64	76	18
7	9	2	76	77	16
5	11	3	59	80	13
3	12	2	38	61	8

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W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
2	3	1	104	59	25
0	4	1	103	61	21
8	5	1	58	52	17
8	8	0	68	53	16
7	8	0	66	65	14
6	9	1	54	74	13
0	14	0	25	114	0

AGUE

W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
11	8	3	96	79	25
11	8	2	71	59	24
8	10	2	63	66	13
6	10	3	58	83	15

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