

Fourth and long Sports commentary

by: Longtime Cowboy fan Jamie Colvin

What does it feel like to always be the bridesmaid? Ask Marv Levy and the Buffalo Bills who have made it to the party three times in a row but never finished off the job. I personally had to eat crow again, because of brash predictions of 3 times lucky for the unlucky Bills. Is Dallas (NFC) that good or a case of Buffalo (AFC) that bad. Considering the NFC has won the previous 8 Super Bowls, one would conclude that the NFC is simply in a class above the 3 time AFC champion Bills. However, the Bills took a page out of Marv Levy's CFL days and turned the ball over a record 9 times - unbelievable! Not to mention that their number one quarterback Jim Kelly goes down and out early for the remainder of the game - unlucky!

One would have thought that after playing in the big game 2 times, the Bills would be calm, cool and collected as they had been for the previous 3 playoff tilts. Instead they looked totally out to their element. Turning point in the game was 1st and goal and a chance to take control of the ball gem and the Bills offence looks more like a high school team and gets stopped cold by the Dallas goal-line defence - culminated by a terrible fourth down pass, or prayer that Kelly lofted into the end zone. Right there you could feel the momentum swing away from the Bills.

The NFL's youngest team, Dallas, looked like a bunch of wily vets as they shut down the Bills offence and easily moved the ball through a once tough Buffalo defence. This team if spared the plundering of free agency could be a dynasty; they certainly have all the tools.

For Buffalo will it be 4 times lucky? Not a chance! Change is needed. For proof of this one would only have to look at the Blue Jays of old. Always in the hunt but never over the hump. A complete housecleaning was needed and Gillick spared virtually no one. Gone were Cox, Williams (managers). Gone were big mouth's Bell and Barfield who went south in September. Gone were McGriff and Fernandez for two players that the Jays now revolve around, namely Cater and Alomar. With this complete new cast the Jays shook their choker label and are now World Champions.

I can only hope Buffalo ownership will look at the example set by their neighbors to the north and begin a rebuilding program that will be painful at first, but soon forgotten when they become Super Bowl Champions several years down the road. Without some housecleaning there will be many long and painful seasons in the not too distant future.

Cliff Fletcher is active again. The Leaf boss is determined to make the buds a team to be reckoned with. His most recent trade is another Fletcher gem. He has traded the costly, and now expendable Grant Fuhr, for a proven NHL sniper in Dave Andreychuk who will complement Gilmour and company nicely on the power play. Fletcher also broke Toronto tradition by not trading first rounders away. He in fact obtained Buffalo's first pick and struggling goalie Darren Puppa while giving up Fuhr and a third rounder. They now have 2 first rounders in the upcoming draft which is said to be the best one since 1979. Fletcher also had 2 first rounders last year and with this influx of young talent, the Leaf stock continues to rise. Look for the Leaf power play to be in the top 7 in the league and this will ensure the Leafs a playoff spot, and perhaps a first round upset. By unloading a huge contract in Fuhr, who incidentally would probably not have been protected in the expansion draft, the Leafs slash a \$ 1.6 million salary and this could allow them to make another deal before the trading deadline. Its great to see hockey making a comeback in Toronto.

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Campus Recreation Serving the Campus Community

Intramural Sports Co-ed Sports

Registration began on Jan.26 for a co-ed basketball tournament on Saturday Feb.20. Registration deadline is on Tuesday Feb.9, teams can register at the recreation office at the L.B.Gym. Register soon!

Women's Sports

Registration for Indoor Soccer began on Jan.26 and the deadline was Tuesday Feb.2. Teams will play on Monday and Thursday nights. Schedule is available February 5 at noon in the Recreation office.

Men's Sports

Congratulations goes out to the KV Clowns for winning the inaugural UNB Red Raider 3 on 3 Intramural Basketball Classic held on Sunday, Jan.24th. In the championship final, the KV Clowns defeated The Warriors 11-7 and 6-4 in the best out of three final. These two teams played a highly competitive final series which was a fitting way to end a fun-filled and exciting tournament. Twelve teams in all took part in this first ever tournament. All teams proved to be worthy opponents for each other. Many thanks go out to Mike O'Pray and Mooshead for donating the mugs and poster; and also to Valley Graphics for providing great t-shirts for participants, finalists, and champions. Members of the UNB Red Raiders also deserve many thanks for officiating all of the games in the tournament, it was greatly appreciated. For all participants in the tournament, many thanks, and we look to see you at next year's tournament which will be bigger and better!

Members of the winning team: Bryan Elliot, Ian Jones, Shawn Miller, Doug Malcolm

Men's Intramural Basketball Payoffs

Congratulations going out to the Psycho Warriors for capturing the intramural men's basketball championship on Sunday, January 17th. In the best out of three final, the Psycho Warriors defeated a formidable Law Lords team, 2 games to 1. In game 1 the Law Lords won 49-40. In game 2 the Psycho Warriors came back with a convincing 59-42 victory. In the third and final game, the Psycho Warriors squeaked out a hard fought 30-28 victory. Both teams proved to be a good match for each other and this made for an exciting final series. Thanks goes out to all of those who participated, hope to see you again next year.



Members of the Winning Team:

- Doug Malcolm
- Ian Jones
- Greg Rutledge
- Mike Small
- Shawn Miller
- Bryan Glliott
- Mark Fleming
- Greg Potten
- Shawn Dickson
- Craig Potts
- Charlie Cook

Is Campus Recreation meeting your need?

The primary purpose of the Physical Recreation & Intramural Program is to give all students who attend UNB and STU an opportunity to participate in physical activity, both structured and unstructured. The program is made up of five separate components: 1) facilities and services, 2) non-credit instruction, 3) intramural sports, 4) sport clubs and 5) memberships.

We need your help in determining if students' recreational needs are being met. Please answer questions below and return to the Recreation office.

1) Are there activities or services that YOU would like to see offered or provided within the Physical Recreation and Intramural program?

Explain:

2) Do you have any special requests or special needs that you feel the program should accomodate or consider?

Specify:

Information about you the respondent:

Living On-campus or off? _____ Gender: _____

Full-time or part time student? _____ Mature student? _____

Degree or program? _____ Any special need? _____

Active in any Association on campus? _____

Participation level in the program: Frequently Sometimes Seldom Never