

Rugby woes

Play again this weekend

by The King

Saturday Oct. 18 saw the Ironmen return to the playing field after a much needed Thanksgiving rest. Injury has proven to be the Ironmen woe, and an ally to Ironmen foe. O'Brien's leg is plastered in a tranquil white, Robichaud's arm hangs in the balance, a sling acts as a comforter. Gillis' elbow has been rejoined and many other nagging bruises and bangs have taken their toll. But alas here we do not make excuses and on to the games at hand.

The first XV of UNB hosted the Tars of Halifax for a 3 pm contest. The UNB team knew well and good that they must take advantage of the long travel and expected unfitness of the Tars. But, as has been the case all year the Ironmen did not show up for the first 20 minutes of the first half and subsequently the Tars scored 20 quick damaging points. The character of the Ironmen came shining through and with ferocious rucks and determined running UNB pulled to within one point of their adversary. The second half began anew, Tars 20, UNB 19; anyones games! And although extraneous circumstances exist, they play themselves out equally among both parties, but the second half, dominated by UNB, saw no points scored. Excellent field position went by and "bye".

UNB just could not punch the ball over the try line. As has been the case, too little too late, and another one got away. Final tally on the day: Tars of Halifax 20 - UNB RFC 19.

The second team traveled to Rothesay to challenge the Lions of Kings county. Now, a was mentioned, injury has taken its toll and the depleted ranks are evident, but as is the norm, the Ironmen stand in the face of challenge and played with heart and soul. Kings county brought much more experience 2nd weight to the playing pitch, (one tips the scale at 300 lbs). UNB played determined all day and threatened the Lions den throughout but alas they could not cross to score and saw the Kings county team take the laurels on the day. Final score was 19-0, and that hurts. The second XV now need some luck and a decisive victory to help themselves into the playoffs.

Both teams see action this weekend when the second team hosts Mt. Allison at 1 pm and the first play the Loyalists at 3 pm. As well, the Trojans of St. John will be entertained on Sunday by the first team, all games go at College Field and we extend a warm invite to you all. Maybe what we need is a rousing cheer to ignite our sputtering flame! Onward lads to the playing field, heads held high, hearts on fire - lets kick some ass!

Rowing on the Charles

- UNB Rowing Team members medal in Boston

by Umas Forsythe

Last weekend Ed Winchester and Peter Bance competed in the Head of the Charles Regatta, the largest Regatta in the world. The Charles was host to 4000 athletes with participants coming from a dozen countries, namely Germany, England, C.I.S., and Canada.

As the lone UNB entrants, Ed and Peter competed in the Men's Light-weight Doubles.

UNB has had a longtime success in this event in the past couple of years and this year was no exception. Ed and Peter finished third by 5 seconds behind second place Durham Boat Club. The winners were from the Boston Training Center, home of the US national team.

Coach Kim Norris was pleased with the results, but added that they would have probably done better if he had

let them train longer this year then the six days they had.

The only other entrant from New Brunswick was the Youth 8 crew who finished 23rd. This crew was comprised of rowers from across the province.

The whole rowing team will be on the road in the upcoming weeks with regattas in Brunswick, Maine and Saratoga Spring, New York.

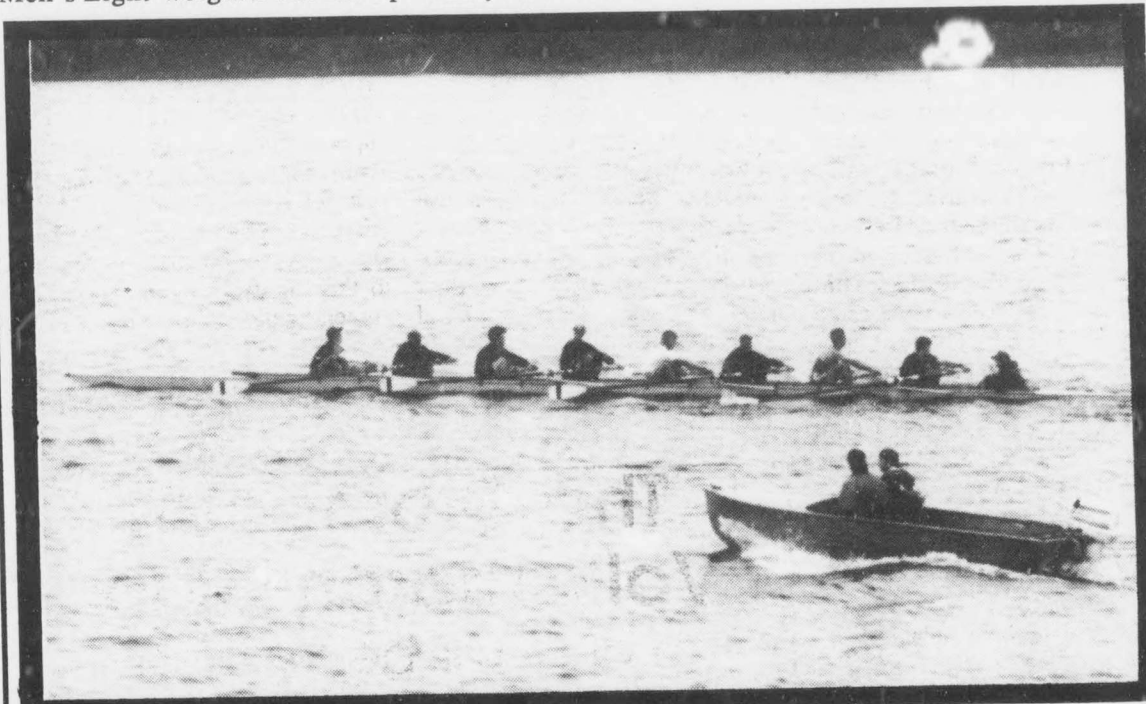


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The UNB Varsity Men's Eight Crew winning the first Canadian Atlantic University Rowing Championships. Both the Men's and Women's Eight Crew's finished first ahead of DAL.

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