

Blood, Sweat and Tears

by RUSS IRVINE — SPORTS EDITOR

During the Christmas holidays college athletic contests were highlights both on this side of the border and in the United States.

Basketball was a particular stand-out in the Maritimes over the holidays with the Bluenose Classic being held in Halifax on January 1 and 2. Acadia University, St. Francis Xavier, University of Vermont and Massachusetts Institute of Technology made up the four teams in the competition. The University of Vermont drubbed St. F.X. 110-55 and M.I.T. squeaked by Acadia 60-58 to advance to the final round. The championship title proved a real thriller as at the end of regulation time the score was 61-61 and 65-65 at the end of the first overtime. Vermont struck hard in the 2nd record overtime and walked off with the honours by a narrow 78-70 margin.

Acadia Axemen had what could be considered a very successful American college tour and showed the calibre of good Canadian ball against stiff American competition. In their three encounters they were beaten by St. Peters of Jersey City, New Jersey 67-52; dropped a close encounter to New York University, who by the way were ranked third in the East by Sports Illustrated, and upset Rutgers University of New Brunswick, New Jersey 63-50. Certainly when Acadia Axemen are hosted by the Red Raiders on February 8, Don Nelson's squad will be out to upset this powerful squad.

In another Intercollegiate action M.I.T. walked off with top honours in Intercollegiate International at Montreal by dropping Pennsylvania Military College 69-64. Sir George Williams

Georgians won the consolation final with a decisive 64-50 win over Queens Golden Gaels.

In intercollegiate hockey there was only limited action with McMaster Marlins being beaten in the R.P.I. tournament. U.N.B. was the Canadian competition at this tournament two years ago and they were beaten by R.P.I. for the title at that time.

Talk among the sports editors at the recent CUP conference at Carleton University centered around the two Canadian Intercollegiate finals to be established this year. For years there has been talk of such finals being held in a great many sports, but the initial two are to be hockey and basketball. The two tournaments for the Canadian titles will be held in Kingston and Windsor on March 22. R.M.C. and Queens will be hosts respectively for the hockey competition and Assumption will host the basketball championships. The championship will likely be decided in much the same manner as the N.C.A.A. hockey championships in the U.S. have been done—that of round-robin elimination. There will be four representatives in each tournament; the winner of the Western Intercollegiate Athletics Union; the winner of the Ontario-Quebec Athletics Association; Ottawa-St. Lawrence Valley Athletic Association and our new M.I.A.A.U. winner.

After the Red Devils' successful series with Colby before Christmas I had many people ask me where does Colby actually stand in relation to other U.S. competition. Here are the results of the poll by Hockey Newsletter just previous to Christmas showing the ranking of the squads in both East and West. In the East: 1) Clarkson College, 2) St. Lawrence, 3) Harvard, 4) Boston College, 5) R.P.I., 6) Boston U., 7) Providence, 8) Army, 9) Dartmouth, 10) Cornell, 11) Brown, 12) Colby.

West: 1) Denver, 2) Michigan Tech., 3) Michigan, 4) North Dakota, 5) Minnesota, 6) Michigan State, 7) Colorado College.

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Last year, the ski team suffered the loss of several members through graduation. It is now desperately in need of depth—skiers who are willing to work on and develop their racing ability through patience and practice.

The Intercollegiate Ski Meet requires that a team have a minimum of four members entered in each of four events: downhill, slalom, cross-country, and jumping. Downhill and slalom are generally the more popular, however, it is usually the latter two events which mark the difference between winning or losing a ski meet.

With this in mind, there will be a meeting in the Conference Room of the Students Centre at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 17th, for all those interested in joining the Varsity Ski Team.

Grant MacKenzie, Coach

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For additional information contact Coach Legere.



Alpine form sought after by Red Falcons.

BLOOMERS WIN FIRST GAME

Coach Sylvia Shaw and her Red Bloomers won their first exhibition game of the season over St. Stephen High School in the L.B. Gymn 45-40. Sandy Pomeroy, co-captain, led the attack, sinking the ball for 20 points, followed by Peg Donovan and Sandy Robinson with 12 and 11 points respectively. Sherry Bickle, co-captain, Kilby McClafferty and Lesley Pindar started the game with a man to man defence that gave the U.N.B. squad a 23-12 lead at half time. Coach Shaw substituted frequently in the game and showed team strength and depth in forwards Pat Pickard, Shirley Dale Belmore and guards Gail Golden,

Liz Vermulen and Joan Carson. First string forward Joan Slater was missing from the line-up in Thursday's game due to an ankle injury.

St. Stephen was behind by 20 points at one time in the game but the gap closed with a quickening pace in the fourth quarter. A total of 36 fouls were called in the game, 25 against U.N.B.

Red Bloomers meet the Rotarians Tuesday, Jan. 15th at 7:15 in the Lady Beaverbrook Gym for their second exhibition game and Fri., Jan. 18th, travel to Sackville for an Invitational Tournament. Mount "A" hosts Dal, Acadia, Fredericton Teachers' College, Mount St. Vincent and U.N.B.

U.N.B. meets Acadia in their first game Friday at 6 p.m. Since Acadia defeated the Bloomers last year by one point to break their 53 game winning streak, this game should prove to be a highlight of the tournament.

Best of luck, Bloomers!

Red Rovers Seek Win

The ladies J.V. basketball team meet Fredericton High School Friday, January 18th in the Lady Beaverbrook Gym in their first game of the season at 5:00 p.m. Coach Sylvia Shaw and assistant coach Elaine Ross have had to make several changes in their lineup for the '63 season with the result that Anthea Allen, Sandy Phinney, Madelaine Dill, Mary Rooney, Sally Smith, Alexa Vaughn, Kathy Tonkin and Jessie McVicar will be playing in Friday night's game for the U.N.B. squad. Best of luck, girls!

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