

Redsticks finish fourth in CIAU's

By MARK SAVOIE

The UBC Thunderbirds made it two in a row for the National Field Hockey Championships at Chapman Field last Saturday, with a 2-1 come from behind win over the University of Toronto Blues. They won on the strength of goals by Lisa Lundell and Jody Blaxland, both in the second half, to complete a brilliantly executed tournament.

The UNB Red Sticks, on the other hand, were shown that though they're the class of the East, they've got a lot of catching up to do before they can lay claim to the national title. After all, en route to their fourth place finish they lost to the Victoria vikettes by scores of 4-1 and 3-1, and lost to UBC by a score of 2-0. Their sole win was a questionable 2-0 victory over the University of Waterloo Athenas; a game which even coach Joyce Slipp admitted they had no business winning. But they won (which is all that counts) on the strength of the sturdy netminding of Marleigh Moran and the heroic defensive efforts of Janice Morrison, who on more than one occasion stopped sure goals when the game was still very much in doubt.

One must credit the U of T Blues, however, as they overcame a great deal of adversity in their drive to the final. First, they would tie with the Dalhousie Tigerettes and then lose to UBC, because of a record identical to Dalhousie's they

were forced to play a sudden death tie-breaker the next day, with the winner going to the playoffs. They pulled off a victory in the tie-breaker, and then later in the day managed a 1-0 upset over top ranked Victoria, before losing to UBC in the final.

UBC had entered the tournament angered at their number four ranking, feel-

ing that they were a better team that the experts believed. And they indeed proved that they were, although it will forever remain a mystery as to what would have happened if Victoria had not been upset by Toronto. It would have been a close, exciting game had UBC faced Victoria, seeing as how the two teams had tied twice during the

regular season, with the other game being a one goal decision.

Victoria had a simply awesome team, with forwards Eiko Tabata and Joan Denroche being impressive, and Moira Hill showing herself to be the Mike Bossy of field hockey, with four of her team's ten goals. On the defensive side of the field, Sara Ballantyne prov-

ed to be a dominating figure, acting as leader of the defence and carrying the ball upfield herself when necessary as well. But they lost their semi-final to Toronto, and so had to settle for third place after beating our Red Sticks 3-1 in the third place game.

Dalhousie finished fifth with a 1-0 victory over Waterloo.

Ironmen defeat STU

By B.D. RUSSELL

The faces of UNB reflected the dreary skies early Saturday morning, as St. Thomas University came straight at the Ironmen III team with their own brand of rugby. This resulted in a converted try and a lead of 6-0 for STU, but thankfully served to rouse those members of UNB still in the land of nod, including the inexcusable fly-half who had kicked the ball to an advantageous position for the opposing side.

Finally, UNB diligently began the road back to an even game before the half ended by giving Andrew Cooper two opportunities for penalty kicks, which he made.

The Ironmen had a strong wind in their faces for the second half, but played a much better game. The forwards won the ball consistently for the backs, who at least used the open field.

With John Carr hooking for UNB, wing Dennis Pataki and centre Rob

MaLauchlan were given the chance to exploit STU's gaps. Pataki struck for a try early in the half after efficient team passing set him up, and MaLauchlan finished off his series of powerful runs with a four point contribution as well. With fullback Cooper making good on both conversions of the tries, and adding another penalty kick for a game total of 13 points, the score became 21-6 UNB.

As time ran dry, poor Ironmen tackling resulted in a further 4 points for St. Thomas, whose able placekicker converted their try. The game ended thus, Ironmen III victorious over STU by a score of 21-12.

The game was highly competitive and entertaining, both clubs giving their all. Ironmen number 8 Michael Parent (whom we will mention in this article to keep his ego at a bareable level) played as strong a match as did Flanker Ross Robinson. Hope to see all of you rugby enthusiasts next season.

Devils win 2

By IAN SUTHERLAND

University of New Brunswick Red Devils answered their critics on the weekend, picking up Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference victories over St. Francis Xavier X-men and Dalhousie Tigers.

The two triumphs put the Devils' record at 2-2 for the young season, and atoned for a double loss in Nova Scotia on opening weekend. Overall, UNB now has a 9-2 mark. UNB started off the

weekend with a 4-3 decision over the X-men at the Lady Beaverbrook Rink and then scored four unanswered overtime markers Sunday for an 8-45 win against Dalhousie.

Paul Murphy scored the eventual winner Sunday, beating Darren Cossar just 17 seconds into the overtime frame. Mark Jeffrey counted two goals and added one assist in the victory with Tom St. James also notching a pair. Singles went continued on page 24

Letters to the Sports Editor

Dear Sports Editor:

Every week the UNB Physical Education Department chooses their Athletes of the Week. I believe this is a much earned honour and very representative of all varsity sports. I would appreciate your newspaper's allowing me to bestow such an honour on somebody who is neither a varsity athlete nor student.

The person I speak of is Bob Cockburn, head of the English department and the coach of the UNB Ironmen Rugby Club. Every Fall season and Spring Bob gives to the club a vast amount of his time and energy. As all coaches know it takes time and patience to teach and prepare athletes to play competitive sports.

Bob's dedication and love for the game of Rugby creates a respect amongst his players that is time-tested and well earned. The most important contribution Bob makes to our club is his emphasis on fundamentals and team play. His greatest energies are put into young

players and learning Rugby. This quality is appreciated by anyone who has played the game of Rugby at UNB. Last weekend the Fredericton Exiles Rugby Club won the Maritime Championship on College Field.

As I watched Bob on the sidelines during the game I saw his intense desire to see the Exiles win and the Caledonia cup back in New Brunswick. Players on the Exiles such as Ian Smith, Mike Arthur, Ron Desaulniers, Dave Banks, Blake Meldrum and Derek Snow had all "learned" the game while playing for Bob at UNB and contributed greatly to their teams victory by playing fundamental Rugby, the kind Bob emphasizes as a coach. In closing I would like to say that Bob Cockburn's dedication to Rugby is greatly appreciated by not only UNB players but any man who has had the honour to play for his.

The players and Alumni of the UNB Ironmen Rugby Club

Rebels open season

The UNB Rebels men's volleyball team opened up their regular season in impressive fashion. They travelled to Halifax to take on the Dalhousie Tigers last weekend and came away with two outstanding victories. Friday night they won games of 17-1, 15-13 and 15-13 over the Tigers and Saturday the Rebels lost the first game 15-11 but rebounded and took the next three games by scores of 15-7, 15-6 and 15-4. The losses by the Tigers were

their first in three years of AUAA competition.

Don Pierce and Mark Colpitts led the Rebels onslaught over the Tigers with outstanding hitting from the outside with Mark Healy and Thad Barnes giving strong performances from the middle, both in a hitting and blocking role. Keith Raynes played a strong defensive and blocking game when called upon, but the play of better John T. Hooper was inspiring. Playing in pain due to pulled back muscles he led the

Rebels with a wide variety of bets, using his outside and middle hitters effectively.

Hitters Tony Van Buskirk, Eric Renshaw, John Esty and better Paul Robinson played well when called upon by head coach Rex Boldon. This weekend the Rebels are back in Halifax playing in a AUAA tournament. The Rebels home opener is November 25th against Memorial University of Newfoundland, so come on out and catch the Runnin Rebels in action!!

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