

Ironmen are champions of the Maritimes again!

The most exciting weekend and best season in UNB Rugby history ended in the appropriate sunlight of Monday afternoon as the Second Team upset the Fredericton Loyalists to win the Provincial play-offs and the Clark Trophy. The Caledonia Cup and the McNair Cup will now have company in the trophy case in the gym, and UNB's teams are now the holders of every piece of Rugby silver in the Maritime Provinces.

The Seconds earned their glory by beating two favoured teams in the space of three days. On Saturday they defeated STU 18-9 in a match filled with jarring tackles, suspense, and devastating ball-

carrying. In the first half UNB scored when Phil Wilmer took a well-timed pass from Frank Nevec and burst into the end zone; Bert Papenburg made the conversion. St. Thomas replied before half-time with a field goal to make the score 6-3. Then, early in the second half STU went ahead 9-6 as Dick Yeomans got an excellent TD, which was converted. But the Seconds, showing the spirit that brought them so far so fast in their first season in the League, surged back to win with three unanswered touchdowns; rock-hard Paul Tonner, playing scrum-half in place of the injured team captain, Mike Kelly, scored two, and prop Mike

Johnston got the other on a powerful 30-yard run. The final score was a tribute to the Second Team's stamina, skill, and will to win.

When word of this exploit reached the Ironmen, they were in Halifax drinking champagne from the Caledonia Cup and celebrating their third consecutive Maritime Championship. They triumphed by a 12-4 score over Nova Scotian champion Halifax City. The game was played in gale-force wind which disrupted passing and put extra emphasis on kicking. UNB got the weather advantage in the first half and made the most of it: fullback Barry Ward, at the top of

his form, kicked two field goals and converted the Ironmen's one try, scored by flanker Gary Galloway on a hand-off from scrum half Peter Silk. At half-time UNB led 12-0. Halifax City's only points came late in the second half when MacNeill, their outside centre, took the last of a series of quick, short passes and touched down in the corner of the end zone. But even with the wind at their back Halifax failed to do much, for UNB dominated the last 40 minutes of play as decisively as they did the first half.

It was a forward's game, and a brutal one. Galloway, who used to play football, said afterwards, "I never felt this sore, this beat-up, after any football game." Boots, knees, and fists encourage such observations, and all were used

lay in their fitness and in their relish for hard tackling; whenever a Loyalist attempted to run the ball he was buried; in fact, the Loyalist backs were unable to carry the ball forward even once in the first 40 minutes. The Seconds controlled play again in the second half, although the Loyalists did score once on a first-class passing play. As the final minutes ticked down UNB continued to attack relentlessly.

And then the whistle, and a victory second to none in all the years of Rugby at this University - probably the happiest and most thrilling of them all. For here was a team, some of whose men had never played the game before this season, which improved steadily and came to its peak at the crucial moment. They cannot be praised

Red Raiders to open season

The UNB Red Raiders Basketball team will be on the road this weekend, participating in the two-day Acadia Tip-off Tournament. UNB plays Acadia tonight with the winner of that game meeting the winner of the Unity College-Mount A contest Saturday night. A consolation game will be played Saturday afternoon.

The Red Raiders base their hopes of defeating Acadia on the rebounding of their front line which could be any three man combination of 6'8" Van Ruiter, 6'5" Dave Seman, 6'3" Joe Paytos, and 6'1" Blaine McDonald, forward Tom Hendershot is on the injured list as is freshman-guard Gary Keeling. The Raiders open at Home 8:00

Tuesday evening with the University of Maine at Presque Isle, winners of the 1974 Northeast College Conference Championship. UNB split with UMPI last year. Next week UNB also plays host to St. F.X., 7:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The following is the Raiders' schedule for this season:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
NOVEMBER 15 (Fri)	At Acadia (Tip-Off Tournament)	
NOVEMBER 16 (Sat)	At Acadia (Tip-Off Tournament)	
NOVEMBER 19 (Tues)	PRESQUE ISLE	8:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER 23 (Sat)	St. F.X.	8:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER 26 (Tues)	At Maine Machias	7:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER 29 (Fri)	At Mt. A.	8:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER 30 (Sat)	At U. of Moncton	2:00 p.m.
DECEMBER 6 (Fri)	At U.P.E.I.	8:00 p.m.
DECEMBER 7 (St)	At U.P.E.I.	2:00 p.m.
JANUARY 7 (Tues)	At Ricker	7:30 p.m.
JANUARY 10 (Fri)	N.B. HOLIDAY CLASSIC	7:00 p.m.
JANUARY 11 (Sat)	N.B. HOLIDAY CLASSIC	1:00 p.m.
JANUARY 17 (Fri)	MOUNT ALLISON	8:00 p.m.
JANUARY 18 (Sat)	NASSON	3:00 p.m.
JANUARY 22 (Wed)	RICKER	8:00 p.m.
JANUARY 24 (Fri)	MOUNT ALLISON	8:00 p.m.
JANUARY 25 (Sat)	UNIVERSITY OF MONCTON	3:00 p.m.
JANUARY 27 (Mon)	At Presque Isle	8:00 p.m.
JANUARY 31 (Fri)	At Memorial	8:45 p.m.
FEBRUARY 1 (Sat)	At Memorial	2:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY 7 (Fri)	U.P.E.I.	8:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY 8 (Sat)	U.P.E.I.	3:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY 19 (Wed)	MAINE MACHIAS	6:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY 21 (Fri)	At Mount Allison	8:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY 22 (Sat)	At St. F.X.	3:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY 28 (Fri)	AIAA Playoff	
MARCH 1 (Sat)	AIAA Playoff	



Photo by Terry Flynn

The Ironmen are going through another endurance test in their way to another Caledonia Cup victory last Saturday.

with abandon by the Nova Scotians in rucks, mauls, and sideline pile-ups; they did not lose graciously. But they discovered it was useless to attempt to physically intimidate the Ironmen, as their prop who opposed Peter Cullen can attest - if he's recovered yet. Of those playing their last game for UNB, Les Morrow should also be singled out. His defensive skills and his brilliant punts to touch brought his three years with the Ironmen to a typically outstanding conclusion.

And on Monday afternoon the Ironmen were back in town lining the Fredericton Raceway field to cheer on the Second Team. The Seconds' adversaries, the Loyal-

ists, have been a Rugby power in New Brunswick since the early 1960's and have always given UNB their toughest opposition. They're a big, experienced, aggressive fifteen and went into the game as heavy favourites. But at half-time the Seconds were ahead 8-0, and the Loyalists were reeling. The two TD's were scored by backs Gordon Douglas and Phil Wilmer. Douglas, showing terrific acceleration, broke tackles to go in from 20 yards away. Later, Wilmer intercepted a Loyalist pass and sprinted 45 yards for his score. UNB was winning most of the set scrums and holding their own in rucks, mauls, and lineouts - but their prime strength

enough. Each man who took to the field against STU and the Loyalists deserves a paragraph to himself, but space allows special celebration of only two names - halfbacks Mike Kelly, who led and inspired the Seconds all season, and Jeff Mepham, who was the best player in Monday's match, punting superbly, giving well-timed passes, and tackling with the impact of a man twice his size. With a second team like this, the UNB RFC can look forward to the coming spring and next fall with high hopes.

Finally, here are some statistics of interest. The Ironmen, whose record this year was 15-0, have now



Photo by James Walker

The Ironmen "B" Team captured the Clark Trophy over the weekend, to bring yet another trophy to the team!

won 37 games in a row during the last three fall seasons, a record no doubt unmatched in Canada. In those 37 games the Ironmen have allowed 89 points while scoring 843 themselves. This fall the Second Team had a record of 9-4; they scored 125 points and gave up 50. No other UNB team can match the Rugby Football Club's success, and, for the information of those in high places, few other teams - if any - encourage as much participation: forty-six men played this season; they didn't warm a bench, they didn't stay behind while the rest of the team travelled, they didn't get cut - they played.

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