

RAIDERS END TERM WINLESS

by Kelly Craig

There will be no more Raiders basketball this term. The Raiders have ended the term winless and will not return to the court until January 16, 1990. Last weekend the Raiders dropped two games. Friday night the Raiders lost a humiliating game to St. FX by a score of 94-53. Saturday, the Raiders were looking to redeem themselves. They

did a fairly decent job but still lost 98-91 to St. Mary's.

Friday night UNB hosted the St. FX team at the Aitken Center. The first half was all St. FX. UNB scored only 13 points in the first half. St. FX went into the locker room leading 46-13 at the half. UNB made a good comeback effort in the second half scoring forty points. However, it was not enough. St. FX easily defeated UNB 94-53.

The Raiders still have over a half season of basketball to play. They have 10 conference games and will have home court advantage in most of these games. According to coach Wright, "The tough part of the season is over." That remains to be seen, but UNB will have a complete team. All injured players will be back for the second term. That means Bryan Elliot will be back from his injury. UNB still has a shot at the play-offs.

This term hasn't gone without friction. Recently co-captain Paul Watts has decided to quite the team. Watts wasn't happy with the playing time he was getting. The fact that he also graduates at Christmas and claims these as the cause for his resignation. "We parted friends. It was just one of those things," said Wright.

Coming to the helm in place of Watts will be top scorer for UNB Glenn Read. Read, who was named UNB Athlete-of-the-Week was nominated by his teammates. Nova Scotia was recently suspended from the team.

The Raiders enter into the holidays winless. Next term they will be back after a long break and will be looking for a win. Will they get one? Stay tuned! Next home game is January 18th against the University of Maine Fort Kent. Next league game is Jan. 16, 1990.

This was the worst game this season for UNB. The first half was very poor to say the least. In the second half UNB was again outscored by the St. FX team. Top scorer for UNB was Vinod Nair with only 10 points.

Saturday's game was much better for the UNB team. They lost the game to St. Mary's but only by seven points. At the end of the first half St. Mary's was leading by a score of 53-42. The game ended with St. Mary's winning 98-91. The top scorer

for UNB was Glenn Read with 17 points. Big man Jamie Watt came up with 16 points for the Raiders.

Coach Wright was pleased with this game after the bad performance the night before. The guys played very hard and ended the term off well. St. Mary's was helped by the 32 points contributed to their team by Brian Thompson. UNB has shown that they are capable of winning games, and next term they will push to prove it.



photo by Al Johnston

Roy Coccio launches a shot in action against SMU at the AUC.

REDS FALL TO 3-3

by Tim Lynch

The UNB Reds dropped a weekend decision to the University of Moncton Blue Angels last Saturday in Moncton. In fact, the Reds were swept three games straight. Their record now stands at three wins against three losses.

The Blue Angels were in control of the match from the outset. They won the opening game 15-4 determined to make the match a sweep. Game two saw the Blue Angels victorious by a 15-6 count. The results were not any better in game three for the Reds. They were

downed 15-2 by the superior Moncton team.

At this stage of the season, rookie head coach Mark Thibault believes that his team is where they should be. The Reds have had two victories against St.Fx and a split with SMU to combine with last weekend's performance.

The Reds begin the season early in the new year. On the sixth and seventh of January, the team plays UPEI in Charlottetown for a pair of matches. The following weekend, the Reds play the Acadia Axettes for two games at the Main Gym.

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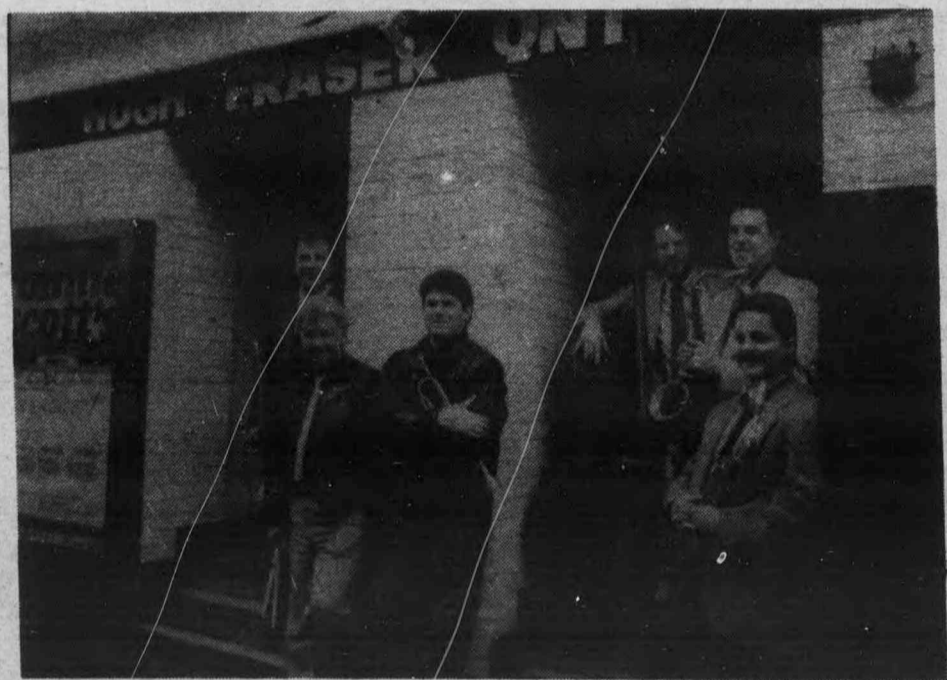
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