

NOT A CHEER LEADER



I must apologize for taking a couple of weeks off; I assure my gripe this week is doubly intense.

If you're like myself — and half the country — and you've been swept up in Blue Jay mania, you've no doubt experienced the latest wave of American reactionism.

Since it started to appear imminent that Toronto's finest would walk off with the eastern division in the American League, media from all over the States have been tripping over themselves preparing disclaimers and attacks.

The latest came in the (choke, choke) magazine USA Today. One of their (gag) writers, Dick Schneider, came to Toronto and wrote an extensive article on the Blue Jays; correction, a libelous attack would be more applicable.

To illustrate the man's ignorant rantings, he claims that Bobby Cox is only known for failing in Atlanta with the Braves' rather than taking a last place team, consistently pushing a hundred losses and bring them to one shy of the century mark in wins. I will not waste my time with a rebuttal to this statement; its stupidity speaks for itself.

The claim that Exhibition Stadium is nothing more than a football field cut in half by a fence is another of Schneider's gems. Albeit the CNE stadium is not the greatest in the world, but with any research — something USA Today seems to avoid like the plague — he could have found out that a retractable domed stadium is in the works, and upon completion will be one of the finest in sport.

The absurdity surges on: according to Schneider, the right field wall of the CNE, marked at 330 ft, is really 315 (God save us). This, he claims, provides Jesse Barfield (Blue Jay right fielder) more opportunity to throw runners out at 2nd and 3rd, thus explaining his major league tying 21 assists.

Horsepucky!

Jesse has had more put outs in opposition stadiums than at his home field. Of course, that little tid-bit would, once again, require research.

The last of these I think is the greatest. According to Dick, the American League playoffs between the KC Royals and our beloved birds is an "Incognito Series." He claims that because the Jays haven't any superstars, no one will care about the series. This flies straight in the face of Dick's earlier drivel on Bobby Cox. It's considerably easier to manage a couple of superstars surrounded by dead weight, then try to get the most out of a number of talented players with individual abilities.

Furthermore, since when should the Blue Jays preoccupy themselves with recognition? Recognition paid for thru large contracts with superstars tends to be hollow. If what I've said seems obvious to you, it's because it is. However, due to phenomenally bad journalism on the part of USA Today and others, repeating simplicity sometimes is a necessity.

Admittedly, you'd be hard pressed to find an article as blatantly biased as Schneider's, but there are many that come close. A flood of American papers made sure it was clear to their readers (and anyone who would listen) that their favorite pastime was not being usurped by their infiltrating neighbours to the north; stating that the Blue Jays do not consist of Canadians but rather 22 yankees and 3 Dominicans.

I sincerely hope that we are never as disillusioned as they seem to be implying.

It is unfortunate that the Blue Jays and their fans could not be left to enjoy the success of their team without the unnecessary burden of having to defend themselves against embittered fans and media begrudging us of our moment.

GREY CUP WEEKEND: The Student Society for Mechanical Engineers is organizing a trip to Montreal for Grey Cup Weekend. The trip departs Friday November 22 and returns Monday November 25.

Prices and accommodations will be discussed at an organizational meeting Wednesday October 18 at 12:30 in Head Hall Room H-301.

All persons interested must be present at this meeting and must submit a \$20. deposit. For further information call Reid Richards at 455-2395 (Evenings).

Red Sticks still going strong

by Laura Lee MacLean

Although the holiday weekend was quiet for most, it found the UNB Red Sticks host to UPEI for a Friday-Saturday set of field hockey matches.

It is safe to admit that the Red Sticks were in dominant control of both games. Scores of 7-0 and 10-0 for UNB state the case better than any wads of praise could possibly do.

I feel it is important for the "average" (if there is such an animal) UNB student to realize just what an awesome field hockey team they have right under their noses.

This year's team has gone undefeated in nine starts, and have won fair of those games with a five-goal margin over the opposing team.

It is also a widely known fact that UNB is blessed with a National caliber coach, Joyce Slipp, who chooses to stay in the Maritimes rather than take a more time-consuming coaching job elsewhere. Along with such coaching credit must also be given to the basic determination of the team. You

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The first co-ed recreational volleyball tournament was held October 5 and 6 with an impressive 15-team showing on Saturday; however, the celebration took its toll that night, for only 10 teams participated on Sunday. Congratulations to the Killers, who remained unbeaten throughout the tournament. A good showing from the team Maggie brought them 2nd place, with Graham Ave. United a close third. With the available time at the end of the tournament, the Killers played Maggie in exhibition, with the Killers winning in 2 straight games.

Inner-tube water polo began its league play on Wednesday, October 9. A total of ten teams are scheduled to participate in this fun sport activity. Games are played Wednesday evenings from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Broomball will soon be starting its league play on Sunday, October 27. If you are interested in submitting a team, come to the Intramural Office between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and complete a registration form. A default deposit of \$25.00 is required. The entry deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 23rd at 2:00 p.m.

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Red Sticks in action against UPEI

can't help but notice that attitude when you get players such as Carla Reeves scoring five goals in one game.

This coming Friday will see the Red Sticks off to Saint F.X. and Dalhousie on Saturday ... GOOD LUCK GIRLS!

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