

IT'S BACK

A SPORTING CHANCE!!!

by REGAN LEGASSIE

Yes, folks, it's really me back from the depths of despair, more commonly known as summer in New Brunswick. In case you're wondering where I've been, it took a while to recover from that dreaded summer sport known as work! Now that the formalities are over with (and I'm glad to see you again too), it's time to set about ruining another perfectly good academic year by presenting an "educated look at the world of sports", both on the local and the professional scenes. Since this is my first column of the season, how could I possibly do anything but the dreaded Personal Ponderings? Now that I've elicited a massive course of obscenities from all those who remember what these columns were like last year, read on and see what's stuck in my craw this week.

First of all, congratulations are in order to a couple of teams and an honorable mention goes out to another one. Last weekend, the Men's and Women's Cross-Country teams participated in the AUSA Championships and the ladies walked away with all the marbles again this year (that's six in a row now), while the men finished a respectable third. Congratulations to Coach Joe Lehman and his troops on a job well done. Also last weekend, the UNB Red Sticks Field Hockey team walked off with the AUSA Championship, proving once again that whatever a man can do a woman can do better - and I mean that sincerely. So let's hear a big cheer for Coach Joyce Slipp and her charges who are presently off in Ontario (Toronto to be exact) competing for the National Championship. Good luck, ladies, and bring us back a National title. Keeping with the topic, the honorable mention goes out to the UNB Red Shirts who turned in another strong soccer season but ran into some tough luck last weekend, losing out in the semi-finals

of the AUSA soccer championships. The Shirts were the underdogs all season long and proved once again that they are a force to be reckoned with in the League.

The AUSA Hockey season also got underway last weekend and unfortunately for the UNB Red Devils, things didn't exactly go according to plan. The Devils handily downed the St. Mary's Huskies 9-3 on Saturday, but Sunday they lost a close 3-2 decision to the St. Francis Xavier X-Men. According to Coach Doug Maclean, "We missed all kinds of good opportunities" and ran into a hot goaltender. The Devils get another chance at their second win this evening when they travel to Sackville to take on the Mount Allison Mounties. The Mounties always give the Devils a good game in the Gardens (that's the Mount Allison Gardens, by the way) so it should provide the rookie coach with an excellent opportunity to make some minor corrections to the game plan and come away with a win.

Jumping to the world of Pro sports, boy am I glad the World Series is over. Don't get me wrong here, I have nothing against baseball, but I just can't seem to get excited over an event whose sole purpose in life is to pre-empt the latest episode of Dynasty. Of course had the Blue Jays made the Series it might have been a different story, but you must admit that Joan Collins is awful hard to pass up for a bunch of grown men trying to beat the stuffing out of a little white ball. Had the Jays made it, though, I guess I would have to include George Bell trying to beat it out of everybody else but the ball.

Well, kiddies, that about does it for this week. I hope you'll be sure to tune in next week when we present another in the series entitled "Legassie Raves On". But seriously though, keep those eyes peeled for sports and who knows, you might even see something... WITH A SPORTING CHANCE!!!

UNB Red Devils split first two

By Ian Sutherland

The hockey Red Devils started off their regular season last weekend with a split of two games at the Aitken Centre.

The Devils started the weekend with a 9-3 victory over St. Mary's Huskies, but dropped a tough 3-2 decision to St. Francis Xavier X-men on Sunday. UNB travels to Sackville tonight for a contest against Mount Allison Mounties. Next home game for the

Devils is Saturday, Nov. 9 when they host rival University de Moncton Blue Eagles.

John LeBlanc fired three goals for the Red Devils against St. Mary's, while Peter Thorne fired two. Single markers belonged to Bill MacDonald, Mark Jeffrey, Mike Kelly and Paul Murphy.

On Sunday, UNB fought back twice to overcome one goal deficits, only to have the X-men take the victory with a goal with less than two

minutes remaining in the game.

David Goodland and Eddie Trail fired goals for the Red Devils in that game.

Along with the split, Coach Doug MacLean also was pleased with the goaltending work of rookie Dean Frost, who stopped 28 shots against St. F.X. and 25 against the Huskies. He also made splendid saves in the two games, including two on clear-cut breakaways.



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