

Ironmen hope to kick the sh-- out of Pictou Co.

The Caledonia Cup game for the Rugby football championship of the Maritime Provinces will be played tomorrow on College Field; kickoff time is 2:00. The UNB Ironmen come into this match following the best performance by any team in UNB athletic history.

Their opponent, the Nova Scotia champion, is the Pictou County Rugby Football Club. Pictou wear an all-black uniform, have a mean, heavy pack of forwards, and are renowned in Maritime Rugby for muscling their way to victory. This is the third successive year

in which both teams have been paired for the Caledonia Cup game. In 1971 UNB travelled to New Glasgow and lost a bitterly-fought game played on a field of cinders in pouring rain. And last year Pictou pulled out of the Cup match on the morning of the game, when they refused to come to Fredericton because — or so they said — they'd heard an adverse weather report on a Nova Scotia radio station; in fact, the conditions were fine here. So the Ironmen have one old score and a major disappointment to settle when the whistle sounds the opening kickoff tomorrow.

The team wants all the fan support it can get. There is no charge at the gate, and this is bound to be a battle worth seeing from start to finish — especially if it is the Ironmen who are presented, when it is over, with the huge silver Cup.

Here are the players from whom the starting team will be selected:

Garth Lord: Hooker. 5'10" 177. Played for the Kats in B.C. Toured Ireland with them last spring. Probably best hooker in the Maritimes.

Mike Burden: Hooker. 5'9" 172. Thrives on contact. Has reflexes nearly as quick as Lord's. His fourth year with the Ironmen.

Peter Asser: Prop. 5'11" 175. Probably the best-conditioned man in the province. Has played for TMR RFC in Montreal.

Ian McArthur: Prop. 6'1" 185. Very strong. Plays for Montreal Irish.

Bert Papenburg: Prop. 6'1" 200. A fullback also. Fine place-kicker. Captain of Tracy RFC in Quebec.

Jim Neville: Lock. 6'3" 190. Harrogate RFC and Toronto Irish. Very experienced; jumps well and has good hands in lineouts.

Terry Flynn: Lock. 6'2" 195. Second year with UNB. Makes some memorable tackles. Played for Northwestern RFC in B.C. last summer.

Lorne Drake: Lock. 6' 200. Has come on fast in this, his first year of rugby.

Bill Sullivan: No. 8. 6'3" 200. Scores often, catches well in lineouts, hurts the man he tackles. Has the potential to be a great player. Psyched up for this game.

Rick Hobson: Flanker. 5'7" 160. UBC; Univ. Waterloo; Brantford RFC. A devoted player, does right thing at right time.

Sam Milstein: Flanker. 5'9" 162. Hostile. And a fine all-around player.

Paul Thrush: Flanker. 6' 185. Versatile and fast. A leading scorer. Plays for Montreal Barbarians in the spring.

Peter Silk: Captain. Scrum-half. 5'6" 156. Univ. of London. Plays his position with classical skill. Watch for his dive-pass.

Killer Kelly: Scrum-half. 5'4" 126. As hard as nails, and one of the two best at his position in the province — the other being Silk.

Bruce McLeod: Outside half. 5'11" 165. Intelligent and a leader. Plays a vulnerable position courageously.

Jean-Louis Briand: Outside half. 6'1" 160. Univ. of Paris. A beautiful player to watch. Gives a perfect pass, kicks well with either foot.

David Kent: Inside centre. 6'2" 200. Swift, tough, hard to bring down. Devastating tackler.

Huey Dickison: Outside centre. 5'9" 155. Fredericton Loyalists. Has made three spring tours with UNB (Boston, Montreal, Virginia).

Last year's Most Valuable Player.

Trevor Morris: Wing. 5'6" 145. Saint John Trojans. The best winger in New Brunswick.

Eric Miles: Wing. 5'5" 185. Powerful, good moves, good speed. Played for the Loyalists.

Les Morrow: Co-captain. Fullback. 5'10" 155. Trinity College, Dublin. A superb all-around player.

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