

SPORTS

Farewell to Nova Scotia, et al

Atlantic teams out of playoffs

HALIFAX (CUP) — University football teams in Atlantic Canada have been eliminated from the national play-offs — before the season's opening kick-off.

The Atlantic teams are ineligible for post-season play due to a dispute between the regional athletic association and the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union — the national collegiate sporting body.

At a general meeting in June 1982, the CIAU decided to rotate the preliminary round of football play-offs leading to a national championship between the four conferences in the Canadian college football league.

For the Atlantic conference this would mean that the semi-finals would be played away from Halifax — home of the Atlantic Bowl — one of every two years.

Ken Bellemare, president of the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association says that moving the Atlantic Bowl would be too costly for the teams in the region.

"Rotation sounds good on paper, but at times the financial situation will dictate against that," he said.

Bellemare said that if one of the Atlantic teams won the semi-finals in a city like Toronto, they would have to stay there for an additional week to wait for the Vanier Cup — the national final. This could cost a team — even with CIAU subsidies — up to \$30,000 he claims.

Bellemare also said that loss of academic time to the players would be harmful.

The AUAA will not participate in the national play-offs this year — the first year the Atlantic Bowl was scheduled to be played on the road.

Throughout the region, players, coaches, and athletic directors have expressed anger and frustration over the dispute. Acadia University players have threatened to sue the CIAU and the AUAA.

They say their athletic career opportunities will be hindered without access to the play-offs. The players do support the AUAA stance that the Atlantic Bowl should remain in Halifax.

Acadia claims to have lost six players as a result of the dispute.

At Mount Allison University, athletic director Leon Abbott said it was "probably quite accurate to say we lost two or three kids who would have been here otherwise."

CIAU marketing director, John McConachie, said moving the semi-finals around the country gives other regions a chance to promote football locally.

Because of the absence of the Atlantic conference in the national play-offs, McConachie says they "are going to have some problems with the marketing and promotion of the (Vanier Cup) game."

West will take a bye

by Kent Blinston
"We called their bluff," said the U of A representative to the CIAU, concerning the Atlantic conference decision not to play in the football semi-finals.

Director of Athletics for the U of A, Gary Smith, said that the decision to rotate the game out of Atlantic Canada was made at a CIAU meeting two years ago. Despite pressure by the AUAA at this year's meeting the decision stands.

Atlantic teams will not be eligible for the College Bowl this year. They will not be officially ranked, nor will their players be eligible for the all-Canadian team.

"People just got tired of their blackmail tactics," said Smith of their refusal to play. Smith cited another example from two years

ago when the Atlantic conference held out against the CIAU on reducing the number of American players (from 3 to 2) on University basketball teams.

Smith said the decision was made to equally share the travel costs between the western and Atlantic teams who play in the semi-final. Last year the UBC Thunderbirds (eventual Canadian champions) had to play the Atlan-

tic Bowl and stay one week in the east waiting for the final, incurring expenses and missing classes.

This year the western champions will receive a bye into the final. It is unlikely that the situation will be resolved this year.

Next year the rotation returns the semi-final to Atlantic Canada and the CIAU expects the game to go on.

Football scores

Scores for the weekend September 17/18 1983.	
ATLANTIC CONFERENCE	ONTARIO CONFERENCE
St. Francis Xavier 16	Toronto 21
Acadia 14	Western 11
St. Mary's 24	Waterloo 32
Mount Allison 21	Windsor 13
WESTERN CONFERENCE	Guelph 22
Saskatchewan 23	York 14
Manitoba 2	QUEBEC CONFERENCE
UBC 22	Queen's 38
Calgary 19	Carleton 11
	Bishop's 43
	Ottawa 21

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Ft. Sask vs. Hobbema
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