

Invincible Ironmen are Maritime champions

The invincible Ironmen are the Rugby football champions of the Maritime Provinces. Two years of waiting came to a victorious end at College Field last Saturday afternoon as UNB smashed Pictou 23 - 0 to win the Caledonia Cup. A crowd of hundreds braved the raw November hours and roared their excitement as the Ironmen, in their crested shirts of black and scarlet, surged over, knifed through, and out-punished the green-shirted men of Pictou County. And at the end, the battered but jubilant Ironmen sprinted the length of the stands, the enormous silver trophy raised on high.

Pictou, who have dominated Nova Scotia Rugby for the last three years, came into town expecting to crush UNB. Then, when they read The Brunswickan on Saturday morning, they bared their teeth: before the game, passing through the Ironmen's locker room on the way to their own, they snarled out their intentions of wrecking these so-called all-stars. But UNB were not intimidated by the hulking bodies and the threatening noises; if anything, their own hunger to win was strengthened. Both sides, then, were more than ready for battle when they ran through the gate and onto College Field.

By halftime, UNB led 11 - 0. The Pictou backs, although taller and heavier than UNB's did not tackle as well, nor did they run enough with the ball. They couldn't run, since our backs—and our forwards—were sprinting down on them all too fast: so their outside half or inside centre (hearing footsteps) kicked downfield, hoping that their own forwards would get there to recover the ball and score. But Les Morrow, the Ironman fullback, covered his position too well for that to happen, and, anyway, their scrum-men were not fit enough or fast enough to cover so much ground. The in-fighting among both packs of forwards was constant and at times vicious, especially in rucks and mauls. However, the UNB forwards—Lord, McArthur, Mongey, Neville, Flynn, Milstein, Papenburg, Hobson, and (not least) Sullivan — returned with interest most of what they received; more to the point, they won possession of the ball far more often than the Pictou pack did, and possession is the key to winning Rugby. UNB's first three points came on a penalty kick by Jean-Louis Briaud, who played brilliantly throughout the game. Shortly afterwards the ball flashed out along the line of backs from scrum-half Peter Silk all the way to

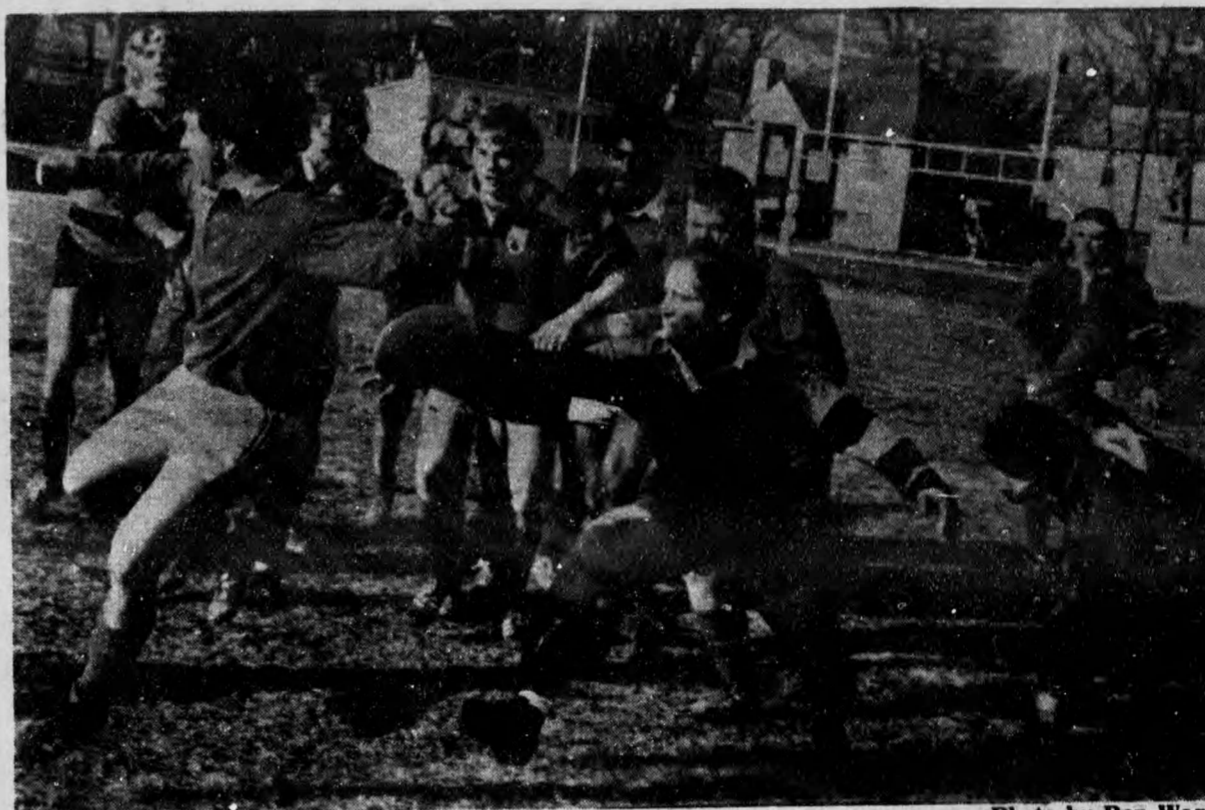


Photo by Ron Ward

The maritime champions UNB's Ironmen are shown in action last Saturday as they defeated Pictou County 23 - 0 to capture the Caledonia Cup. The Ironmen went undefeated for the whole season, and for their efforts also won the McNair Cup, New Brunswick's Championship trophy.

winger Trevor Morris, who speed and moves were too much for Pictou; Briaud missed the attempt

at the convert, but the score was up to 7 - 0 and the smell of victory was in the air. Just before the half ended the other winger, Paul Thrush, scored in the corner: again the angle of the kick was too difficult for Briaud, so as the teams began the final 40 minutes UNB were ahead by eleven points. Morris soon got his second TD by racing through half the Pictou team, and outside centre Huey Dickison, having taken a fine pass—one of many—from Dave Kent, dove across for the last try: Briaud converted both of these, so when the whistle went to end it all, the Ironmen had not only scored 23 points on their over-confident opponents, they had also shut them out: Pictou never came close to

scoring.

So finished the Ironmen's perfect season. And since it is a tradition of Rugby that hospitality and sociability are as customary after the game as crash tackles and hot words are during it, Pictou were treated to a dinner (where UNB were officially presented with the Caledonia Cup and the McNair Cup) and to other entertainments later in the evening.

In a week or so the Ironmen shall hold their annual awards dinner; and no doubt on that evening talk will swing toward the spring tour—towards Scotland, or Ireland, or Texas: the next challenge for UNB's best team.

Red Devils win opener 6-3...

By TERRY MACPHERSON

UNB 6 Acadia 3

With only 18 seconds gone in the first period the Red Devil's net minder, Gord Hubley, allowed a goal by the Acadia Axemen. At the end of the game Hubley's father commented, "Letting in that goal was the best thing that could have happened to him. It got him mad and he played better."

In fact, Hubley was sensational for the rest of the game as the UNB club came from behind to defeat the Axemen in Wolfville by a score of 6 to 3. Friday night's contest was the opening game in the Atlantic Inter-collegiate Hockey League.

Scoring for the Devils were Len Hercun, Gerry Grant, Al Archibald, Mike Kohler (with the winner), Glen Fisher and Larry Wood. The Acadia marksmen were Ken MacLeod, Michel Paiement and Mike O'Doherty.

However, if it was not for the play of Hubley, the Fredericton club would have lost the game in the first period. Hubley turned aside twenty of the twenty-two shots that were fired at him in the opening frame.

Three times the UNB defense allowed a member of the opposition to skate in all alone. Fortunately the Red Devil goaltender was able to rob the Acadia players on all three occasions. Several times he grabbed the puck after a deflection, leaving an Axemen standing in front of the net, shaking his head in disbelief.

In the second and third periods, the rest of the Devils played the kind of hockey they are capable of. Firing in five unanswered goals they overcame a three to one deficit and went on to win.

Team manager Dave Morell claimed that "in the first period they forgot everything they had ever learned... but in the last two periods they started checking, as well as looking before they got rid of the puck."

An elated Red Devil Coach, Bill MacGillivray stressed the point that "it was great that the team could come back especially when playing away from home."

First period: 1. Acadia, MacLeod (O'Doherty, Thiel) 0:18; 2. UNB, Hercun (McCarron) 9:13; 3. Acadia, Paiement (Baldwin) 18:50. Penalties: MacCarron UNB 4:09, Baldwin Acadia 5:58, Bell UNB 13:54.

Second Period: 4. Acadia, O'Doherty (MacLeod) 5:19; 5. UNB, Grant (Nagge) 7:15; 6. UNB, Archibald (Fisher, Gill) 14:18; 7. UNB, Kohler (Wood) 16:16. Penalties: Bailey Acadia 4:25, Dunville UNB 9:45, McCarron UNB, MacLeod Acadia 11:59, Bell UNB, O'Doherty Acadia 14:39, Shipley UNB, Titcomb Acadia 17:51, Archibald UNB, Walker Acadia 18:43.

Third Period: 8. UNB, Fisher (Bell) 1:50; 9. UNB, Wood 19:32. Penalties: None.

Shots on Goal

UNB	6	12	14	32
Acadia	22	9	10	41

Writer's Comment

There was another fact that was brought to the attention of this writer, while watching the first period of that game.

The rule regarding fighting in this league is not only ridiculous but dangerous. Presently if a player is involved in three fights in a season, he is thrown out of the league.

Now hockey in this country is very much a contact sport and consequently, tempers inevitably flare. However, under the present structure, a player cannot afford to get into a fight, to release his tension.

As a result this leads to other methods of retaliation. Dangerous methods such as spearing, slashing and high sticking are now being employed with great regularity in this league.

The league officials should allow the players to fight. If a player knew that he would only be given a five minute major penalty, he would be now willing to drop his

stick and gloves.

Experts agree that it is virtually impossible to serious injure someone while fighting on skates. In most cases, the fight consists of a lot of pushing, holding and the odd wild punch. It is a lot easier to seriously injure or even maim a player with a high stick, than, with a lucky punch in the nose!

By TERRY MACPHERSON

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Shots on Goal

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SMU	17	22	23	62

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Second Period: 3. SMU, Quinn (Joudry, Murphy) 0:28; 4. SMU, Monette (Moore) 1:12; 5. SMU, Turner (Grady, Haskins) 5:02; 6. SMU, Monette (Moore) 16:32; 7. UNB, Gill (Kohler) 18:47. Penalties: Bell UNB 3:24, Quinn SMU 3:28, Shipley SMU 3:28, 19:38, McCarron UNB 6:18, Moore SMU 6:04, Dmytruk 8:43, McFall SMU 18:09.

Third period: 8. SMU, Doherty (Moore) 1:06; 9. SMU, Moore (Monette, Joudry) 1:41; 10. SMU, Quinn 10:10; 11. UNB, MacDonald (Kohler, Hercun) 13:56; 12. SMU, Mullins (Quinn, MacFall) 14:20; 13. SMU, Murphy (Quinn, Mullins) 14:28; 14. SMU, Nowlan (Cochrane) 15:59. Penalties: Nowlan SMU 3:02, 8:38, Bell UNB 8:38, Abass SMU 10:01, Grady SMU 17:38.

Beginner's slalom on Sunday

By LORNA PITCHER

The UNB Sports Car Club will be holding a beginners Slalom Sunday Nov. 18 in the TC-STU traffic circle area. The slalom will be held in

connection with Days of Yore, and is intended to interest novices in the sport. Registration fee is only 50 cents, where it is usually \$2.50.

The club is also running the

Sunday games and outing for the Fall Festival Committee. They hope anyone interested in driving competitively or just having a good time around the bonfire will show up Sunday at 1 p.m.