

Iron Men edged in series

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The stiff breeze present at College Field Saturday rarely blew in favour of the UNB Rugby Club, as the 1985 fall schedule began for both A and B sides. As fate would have it, the two teams both suffered heart wrenching defeats by a single point in their respective divisions of the New Brunswick Rugby Union.

The A side as a group that hasn't been together long, but show great potential. They were opponents to the Kings County Lions from the Kennebecasis area near Saint John.

Directly from the kickoff the prospects for victory looked good for UNB, as the line judge marked the lineout point deep in Kings County territory. The subsequent lineout was a prophetic glimpse of things to come for the Ironmen, throughout the afternoon one

royal opportunity after another was squandered. During the first half of this A Division matchup the UNB scrum consistently won good ball, resulting in John Appleby's early charge through a large gap for the first try of the game.

Though the backs carried the ball with authority, they more often than not collapsed as workable unit, just as a chance for glory was at hand. It came as no surprise then that the flow of play turned defensive; a period of kicking back and forth, allowing the grip of Ironmen backfielders to collect more rust.

Kings County put three tries under their belt (two uncovered) as they pulled ahead. Andy Duplessis answered these runs with three points via a penalty kick, but UNB remained behind by a 14-7 count at the half.

The next half started with

some fine ball handling by the Ironmen, who came out determined to regain the lead. Hostilities increased in the scrum, and the UNB forwards made the ball available for some fine team play among the backs. Wing Dave Simon saw his bold dashes down the line go unrewarded, until finally Dave Duffy capped off a good effort by adding four more points to UNB's total. Andy Duplessis' convert brought the Ironmen to within one. The two teams then converted tries, and the second of these added to the drama for the fans. As Bruce Smith's try put UNB within a single point of Kings County once again.

The Ironmen threatened a stubborn Lions defense through sideline runs and in the dying seconds a penalty kick that fell short. The outcome 20-19, Kings County victorious.

The "B" side fell to defeat by a similar score, but the tone of the match was different from the earlier game. Again UNB threatened their rivals; this time the Fredericton Exiles, but the opportunity of an early penalty play 5 metres from the enemy's try line was wasted. The exiles had some experience that haunted the enthusiastic, but easily flustered Ironmen. Brian Donovan showed early drive with various runs down his wing. Coupled with an intense effort by scrum Captain Mike Coulombe and his crew, the Exiles were driven back into their own end. A penalty kick off the foot of fullback Andy Cooper had UNB ahead. A momentary defensive sag allowed an Exile run to cross the tryline, and Cooper was forced to come up with an other successful kick to put the Ironmen in front at the half, 6-4.

The game then took on some of the characteristics of the earlier confrontation. Occasionally during the second half, UNB displayed good passing technique, but thwarted their own cause by kicking away possession or (gasp) dropping the ball. This permitted a series of counter attacks by the exiles, well handled by UNB tackling, in particular, wing John Caissie. The game continued to move back and forth, frustrating sluggish forwards, but allowing backfielders like UNB's Fred Kaustinen to display some fine running. The game needed a winner before time expired, and the Exiles showed more desire in the closing moments. The teams traded penalty kicks, but the UNB attempt was to close the narrow gap, in vain, as time expired, Exiles on top 7-6.

This Saturday the Ironmen host the Moncton Marshawks at 2:00 p.m., College Field, while the "B" side travels to Saint John. Come out and support this entertaining sport.

RESIDENCE VACANCIES

The UNB Residence System has a few vacancies (male and female) for immediate occupancy, as well as in January, 1986.

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Tilley Room 304



ERNIE THE GREEK

Week three of the NFL Season is now upon us and at a glance it seems to provide some top notch action. Among the games to watch for is the match between the 1984 Super Bowl champion L.A. Raiders and the defending Super Bowl champions the San Francisco 49'ers. Other games worth watching are Kansas City vs MIAMI; Cleveland at DALLAS; and the Seattle Seahawks up against the L.A. RAMS.

While there are games you should try to see this weekend, there are also two games to avoid at all cost. Those two being Tampa Bay at NEW ORLEANS; and the match up between Indianapolis and DETROIT. Watch if you must, but I warned you.

Chicago (2-0) over MINNESOTA (2-0) by 3

The Bears defence is playing like they should be, terrorizing opposing offences. Chicago's offence is yet to get on track but that shouldn't matter against the Vikes D.

Cleveland (1-1) over DALLAS (1-1) by 5

The Browns beat Pittsburgh last week, a team that has better defence than Dallas has. Also while talking about defence, just watch those Cleveland linebackers crush the Cowboy's offence.

Houston (1-1) over PITTSBURGH (1-1) by 4

The Oilers offensive line will prove to much for the Steel Curtain defence.

Denver (1-1) over ATLANTA (0-2) by 7

The Falcons have only three decent players. The Broncos have a fairly complete team and in any league or any game eleven beats three any day.

Detroit (2-0) over INDIANAPOLIS (0-2) by 7

The Lions are anything but a good team but the Colts have a nonexistent defence which will allow Detroit to go 3 and 0.

Kansas City (2-0) over MIAMI (1-1) by 2

A match up of two high powered offences which are roughly even. The difference will be made on defence where the Chiefs have a big advantage over Miami.

New England (1-1) over BUFFALO (1-) by 7

The Bills have improved their team from last year, but they are in no way close to the level of play of the Pats.

GREEN BAY (1-1) over N.Y. Jets (1-1) by 3

Who knows these two teams? One week they look like they're heading to the no. 1 draft pick. The next week they look Superbowl bound. Give this game to a more consistent Pack.

WASHINGTON (1-1) over Philadelphia (0-2) by 2

What luck for the Redskins. Houston last week and the Eagles this week; life is grand if you play home games at RFK.

St. Louis (2-0) over NY GIANTS (1-1) by 2

Cardinals have won two tough games against top notch competition while the Giants have split their games against second rate teams.

CINCINNATI (0-2) over San Diego (1-1) by 5

Four years ago these two teams were contenders. Then both teams struggled to keep their heads above water, and now the Bengals have resurfaced.

San Francisco (1-1) over L.A. RAIDERS (1-1) by 4

Game of the week! There will be some extremely fair hitting in this contest, but when the dust settles, the 49'ers will have a win, narrowly.

Tampa Bay (0-2) over NEW ORLEANS (0-2) by 7

Steve DeBerg, James Wilder and Co. can look forward to their first victory. All the Saints can look forward to is the end of the season.

SEATTLE (2-0) over L.A. Rams (2-0) by 8

Eric Dickerson may be back but he may wish he had stayed out after the Seakawks finish pounding him.

Last week 8/14 = 57 %
Season Record 18/28 = 64 %