

UNB hosts SMU Saturday

Red Raiders win one, lose one in weekend action

Action last week saw the UNB Raiders basketball fortunes go from good to bad as they severely trounced Ricker, a tough Northeast College Conference contender, then suffered a disappointing 90-85 loss to UPEI.

The loss on Saturday was especially painful as the Raiders lead the whole game by as much as 16 before being edged out by the hungry Panthers in the last minute. In defeating UNB, UPEI clinched their first AUA play off berth ever. The Raiders, on the other hand, are now officially out of contention, although they've been more or less out of it ever since the wipe out in Halifax three weeks ago. By the time this story goes to press, there will be only one game left on this year's schedule, a home court battle with St. Mary's tomorrow night. Hope you all can make it.

The UPEI contest last Saturday was an example of why the Raiders are such a heart breaking team. In the first five minutes of the game they ran up a big score over the islanders, shutting off Art Laffin completely while throwing up a tough man to man defence.

Fredericton's Willie Young, now starting for the Panthers, did not materialize as a scoring threat, and high scoring reserve guard Mark Vickers was apparently saving his stuff for later in the game.

UNB's Gary Young was mainly responsible for the big lead, sinking 18 in the first half, a record for this year's team. Dave Seman also played exceptionally well in the first half, picking up offensive tip ins and even managing to hang onto a few of Randy Nixon's inside hand offs. They left the court up leading 49-44, after shooting a phenomenal 70 percent from the floor.

In the second half Blaine MacDonald came on strong but fouled out in the late minutes of the game with the Raiders still up by 10. That was when the problems began.

Without Blaine to defend against Laffin and with Joe Paytas suffering from the flu ("I couldn't" he casually remarked, "even stand up yesterday, so how am I supposed to guard the number three scoring leader in Canada today?") Laffin went to the hoop and wound up just a couple of points below his average. Vickers also began to play well, getting

most of his twenty four points in the later stages of the game. Two Vickers layups, in fact, gave UPEI the game in the last thirty seconds.

The final score was 90-85, with UNB's Gary Young leading all scorers with 26, followed by

Vickers with 24, Laffin's 22, and Blaine MacDonald's 18. Tom Kappos of PEI lead the rebounding with 10.

On the lighter side of things, blowing Ricker off the court by 20 helped convince both Coach Nelson

and the team that this year hasn't been a total loss. UNB kangaroos Blaine MacDonald and Randy Nixon made use of the extra-springy Northern Maine hardwood floor to pull numerous sky-shots, with the whole team capitalizing on Ricker's defensive mistakes to pull away in the opening moments of the game.

Kip Brown hit three consecutive jumpers to incite the UNB bombardment and then everybody

got into the act. Nixon had 17, Young 14, MacDonald 13, Seman 12, Davis and McCormack each had 10, Paytas 9, Kip 8, Leigh-Smith 3, and Tim Ingram added a foul shot to make it 93-73. Earl Lewis had 22 for Ricker, but he didn't play much defence so they don't really count.

Don't forget the SMU game tomorrow night as it will be your last chance to see the Raiders in action this year.



TWO POINTS IN THE AIR - a jumper goes for the basket as UNB heads for a loss against the Mt. A Hawks, 75-79.

St. F. X. captures volleyball tourney

Red Rebels place second in AUA meet

By RODDY MACKENZIE

The UNB Red Rebels came within four points of capturing the Intercollegiate Men's Volleyball championships held last weekend at Mount Allison University. The Rebels were edged out in the final match of the tourney, 16-14, 16-14, by the St. F.X. squad from Antigonish, who went undefeated in the eight team round-robin tournament with a 7-0 record. UNB finished second at 6-1, while defending champion Dalhousie placed third with a record 5-2. The X-men will now represent the Atlantic conference in the CIAU nationals at Winnipeg this weekend.

In their other matches, the Rebels downed Saint Thomas 15-4, 15-7 and Mount Allison 15-13, 15-6, both on Friday night, while on Saturday they dumped University of Moncton 15-4, 15-5, beat Acadia 18-16, 15-4 and won over Memorial University of Newfoundland, 15-4, 15-17, 15-2.

Then, in what Rebel's coach Mal Early described as one of the best displays of volleyball play by any UNB team ever, the UNB squad easily handled their arch-rivals, the Dalhousie Tigers, 15-10, 15-6. This set the stage for the Sunday morning meeting between the top two ranked clubs, the Rebels, and St. F.X.

St. F.X. finally emerged victorious, but the difference between

the two teams was practically nil, as spectators were treated with an excellent match. Volleyball was at its best and it was simply a matter of two finely polished clubs fighting a see-saw battle in which there inevitably had to be a winner.

Despite ending their collegiate season on a disappointing note, the Rebels still had a fine season, with their only defeats being at the hands of the champion X-men.

Pineau, Cuthbertson and Bell to Nationals

Born's Wrestling Bears finish second

By TOM BEST

Born's Bears perhaps better known as the UNB wrestling team, captured second place in the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association (AUA) wrestling championships held last weekend at St. F.X. UNB wrestlers took top spot in three weight divisions. Dalhousie captured first place in the meet by virtue of six first place finishes, with 38 points compared to UNB's 26.

For UNB George Pineau took the 109 lb category, and Rick Cuthbertson won the 167 lb bracket. Rod Bell brought home the bacon in the heavyweight category.

The Bears also took two seconds and an equal number of thirds.

They completed their home-and-home schedule in first place and in January, they travelled to Laval University where they put on a strong showing and gained some valuable experience.

The Rebels were co-favourites heading into the collegiate tourney and almost made it to the Nationals. Losing closely to the St. F.X. team may have been a great disappointment but the X-men do

have an outstanding club and it could have gone either way.

With their 1975-76 collegiate schedule completed, the Rebels will now work towards winning a berth in the National Seniors at Moncton, March 5-7. The qualifying tournament will be held next weekend at the University of Moncton Physical Education Center, with the winner representing the region in the Nationals a week later.

Second place finishes came from Dave Niles in 142 lb and Ian MacMillan in the 190. Pete Boutlier in 126 lb and Brian Guadet in 158 lb finished third in their divisions.

The Bears literally received a bad break when Steve Saunders, fighting in 150 lb broke a rib in the early rounds of the meet. Despite the handicap, Saunders finished in fourth spot.

Les Gowan, brother of Brunswickan journalist Derwin Gowan, rounded out the squad but finished out of the running while competing in the 177 pound class.

Coach Jim Born was pleased overall with his squads performance. He felt his boys had the proper attitude in that they

"wanted to win". Born was especially pleased with the members of the team who have only several years experience at the sport. Since all of the members of this years team will be returning next year, Born feels that the chances for UNB to take the AUA title will be good.

With the regular season over, many of the team members have discontinued practice although several are training for the New Brunswick Open Championships slated to be held in the near future. Successful competitors in that meet will be eligible to participate in the Atlantic and National championships.

Varsity basketball bulletin

In men's and women's varsity basketball action Wednesday night at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym, both teams played host to the visiting Mount Allison varsity squads.

The Red Bloomers dumped the Angles by virtue of an 83-20 score. The Red Raiders were not so fortunate as they were edged by the Hawkes 79-75.

Sylvia Blumenfeld led the Bloomers with a 14 point performance followed by Kim Hansen with 13 and Joyce Pedersen with a dozen. Top point getter for the Angles was Judy Watson with six points.

Gary Young's 25 point performance paced the Raiders but to little avail. Ross Quackenbush hooped 23 points to be the top scorer for Mount Allison.

Friday the 13th was not a day for the UNB Red Devils weekend they hosted the Da Tigers in their last home game their Atlantic Universities Conference schedule at the Beaverbrook Arena.

The Devils were defeated visitors by a 4-3 score overcoming a 3-0 deficit to back and tie the game in the period. The loss left the UNB with a win-loss record of 1-1.

The scoring offense of the was paced by the six coming off the sticks of

Beaver for AU

The UNB Beavers swimming and diving teams, stronghold of the Atlantic City Athletic Assoc. Conference titles, are competing this weekend at Acadia AUA swimming and championships.

Two weekends ago the finished their regular season against the University of winning by a strong margin.

The Beavers continued throughout the season enabled them to capture first conference standing with record prior to the championship.

Coach Gary Brown feels chances in the AUA's as good as they have defeated closest rivals Acadia and in previous occasions losing its only meet to Acadia competing without a full

This year has been a adjustment for the Beavers Beavers and the conference many new faces and quality of athletes present greater team depth and national ratings for the conference.

Maritime

Over the weekend, the brothers were instrumental winning all three titles Maritimes Open Team Championships, held in February 14. Twelve entered in the tournament from Nova Scotia, two from UNB, and one from

N.B. Under slated

UNB's Scuba Club will Feb. 27 and 28 in Fredericton the 1976 New Brunswick water Olympics.

Scuba clubs throughout province have been invited part in the competition with registration Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Sir M Pool of the Lady Beaver Gymnasium.

The public may attend day's competition from p.m. when the McNamara will be awarded to the team. Bronze, silver medallions will also be awarded the first three positions.

UNB's club headed by president Debby MacFarlane