

## VIEW FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

by Mark Savoie

Pete Rose is out of prison. Steps are also being taken to ensure that Pete Rose remains out of the Hall of Fame. The current plan is to create a policy such that any player on baseball's permanently ineligible list (*doublespeak for lifetime ban*) also being ineligible for election to the Hall. This would effectively keep Pete Rose out, just as it would continue the Hall's ostracization of Joe Jackson and others banned under Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis's totalitarian regime as baseball's first commissioner.

The justification given for the creation of such a policy is that individuals in the Hall of Fame must perform up to a standard beyond just excellence in the field. They must be exemplary citizens; beyond all suspicion of a lack of integrity, of a lack of morals, of a lack of the qualities that supposedly we want our youth to exhibit. In short, you must be a star off the field as well as on it. This is ironic given the number of non-stars currently inhabiting the Hall. Because of this edict, players such as Wade Boggs will find their entry to the Hall of Fame in doubt because of incidents such as the Margo Adams affair.

My problem with the policy is that the Hall in Cooperstown is meant to be the Baseball Hall of Fame, not the Good Guy's Hall of Fame. To me it seems irrelevant about the quality of a player's life off the field. What should be more important, the only thing that should be considered is what a player did between the lines. Pete Rose was a great ball player. Some (myself not included) say he was the best player of all time. There is no question that on terms of his ball playing he belongs in the Hall. To me therefore, he belongs in Cooperstown.

The baseball Hall of Fame is filled with players of questionable moral character. Baseball's greatest player, Babe Ruth, was a skirt chaser of long standing, and the fact that he was married at the time certainly did not slow him down. He's in the Hall. Ty Cobb was a borderline psychotic at best, a criminal psychotic at worst. He's in the Hall. Gaylord Perry earned lasting fame and 300+ victories on his ability to "doctor" the ball. In short, he cheated. Much like Ben Johnson, he even got caught. He was elected to the Hall last week. Pete Alexander's most famous moment, coming in from the bullpen to strike out Tony Lazzeri of the New York Yankees with two outs and the bases loaded in the seventh inning of the seventh game of the World Series, was done while in the throes of a vicious hangover. In fact, we remember this event solely because he was so hungover at the time. Alexander finished his career tied with Christy Mathewson for the National League lead in wins by a pitcher with 383. He was stopped at 383 because he simply couldn't stay sober long enough to win one more game. He's in the Hall.

All four of these players are in the Hall of Fame for the same reason. They were great players. All four were good enough to deserve entrance to the Hall, and their election is a testament to their capabilities. However, given the Pete Rose decision it is conceivable that they could have been excluded. Once we start making value judgements about a person's character and actions off the field we have left the area of recognizing baseball talent, ability, and performance, but have instead become moral cops. The Baseball Hall of Fame is about baseball, and if a player is a great player, then he should be in the Hall, regardless of whether he's a wife beater, adulterer, axe murderer, or shining example to our youth. The purpose of the Hall is to salute and showcase baseball players. We should do so, warts and all.

## Red Devils unable to solve Blue Eagle Mystery

by Paul Arseneault

A curse put on the UNB Red Devils by the Moncton Blue Eagles continues. The Devils travelled to Moncton Tuesday night to a reopened J. Louis Levesque Arena and came home empty losing 4-3.

The Red Devils stuck to their game plan in the first period playing the speedy Eagles tight, consistently working their way and playing very aggressive on the puck coming out with a 2-1 lead. Two power play goals, the first by Joey McTamney at 8:59, and the second from the stick of Shane Easter at 13:28, a blast from the blue line that found mesh behind U de M goaltender Patrick Cote. Jacques Pinet, who played only 4 games with

Moncton last year, beat UNB net minder Chris Somers at 10:27 to put Moncton on the board.

Moncton turned it up a notch in the second, scoring the next two goals at 11:19 and the go-ahead, a short handed goal, at 14:23. Game star Danny Gauvin and Richard Linteau were the Moncton goal scorers respectively.

The Devils specialty teams continued to play with success. Clyde "The Glide" Simmons at 17:29 cashed in a Tom Gemmell rebound to tie the game at three, a short handed marker.

The game turned in to a twenty minute duel, Moncton fired seventeen shots at goaltender Somers, the only one at 6:11 by Danny Gauvin crossed Somers's goal line. The Devils

pressed for the tying goal. Sophomore coach Mike Johnston pulled goaltender Somers with 1:32 remaining but fell short.

The goaltending duo of Scott MacDonald and PEI native Chris Somers continue to put together strong performances for the Devils. Somers stopped 38 of 42 shots keeping the Devils close, especially in the third. Moncton's tender Patrick Cote also turned in a strong performance stopping 29 of 32, including a point blank attempt by captain Murray Nystrom with less than 3 minutes remaining in the final frame.

Referee Bob Simonds was kept busy by calling twenty-eight minors, fifteen to UNB and one high-sticking major to U de M.

## Sports Shorts

by Frank Denis

### Raiders drop two

The UNB Red Raiders men's basketball team dropped a pair of games last weekend in Nova Scotia. On Saturday the Acadia Axemen thumped the Raiders 84-58 and on Sunday the St. Mary's Huskies gave UNB their sixth straight loss by beating them 103-84. In Wolfville, Ted Byrne led Acadia with 28 points while Duff Adams was UNB's top scorer with 9.

Against St. Mary's Craig Isley and Vinod Nair each had 13 points in their team's losing cause. Brian Thompson replied with 28 for the Huskies. The Raiders again travel out of the province this weekend for a pair of games. They face the UPEI Panthers tonight at 8 in Charlottetown and again tomorrow at 2 pm. Their next home game is a week from tomorrow when the Memorial Seahawks make the long journey to the LB Gym or "the Pit".

### Red Blazers annual tourney set for this weekend.

This Saturday will see the UNB Red Blazers women's hockey team hosting their 17th annual hockey tournament. The Red Blazers will have two teams entered in the 4 team competition. The other teams consist of senior women's teams from Charlo and Saint John.

Action gets underway tomorrow at noon with UNB's #2 team taking on Saint John. At 1:45 pm UNB #1 will play Charlo. The two losers will face off against each other at 4:30 pm in the consolation final while the two winners will decide the championship at 6:15 pm to conclude the one day tournament.

Admission is free to all games and students and hockey fans alike are encouraged to spend some of this Saturday at

the Aitken Centre.

### Football inflated again at St. FX

On November 30th of last year, the board of governors at St. FX University announced that in order to cut costs they would abolish their football program. What began immediately following the announcement was a furious and desperate campaign to spare football and what was initially thought to be a long shot, the campaign has worked.

Last Sunday the same board of governors voted unanimously to restore the program. The decision was made after St. FX students and alumni put together a financial package that is generating \$5 million in donations and a \$25-a-student annual fee that would be to fund football and other athletic programs.

## MOOSEHEAD Varsity Schedule

### Friday, January 18

Basketball(W) Husson at UNB  
Main Gym 7:00pm  
Basketball(M) UNB at UPEI  
Volleyball(M) DAL Classic

### Saturday, January 19

Basketball(M) UNB at UPEI  
Volleyball(M) DAL Classic  
Swimming UNB at MTA  
Wrestling Guelph Open

### Sunday, January 20

Hockey UNB at Mt.A  
Volleyball(M) DAL Classic

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## Intramurals

### Badminton Tournament

The Winter Men's and Women's Intramural Badminton Tournament is being held in the Main and West gyms tomorrow (and Sunday if necessary). All interested players should register in the Recreation Office between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. today. Post entries will be accepted at the tournament between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m. Competition will be held in Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles. Different levels of play will be offered depending on registration. All players should report to the gym by 9:45 a.m.

### Noon Hour Skating

Is this snow putting a cramp in your fitness program? Why not try SKATING indoors. FREE skating is offered to all UNB/STU students and Recreational Facilities Members Monday through Friday from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Children may accompany their parents between 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays only. Skating is occasionally cancelled for special events. Watch for signs posted at the rink or call 453-4578. Don't just think about becoming active - DO IT.