

Chess

by Randy Maillet

This is the first issue of what will be a weekly column. The purpose will be twofold: First, to teach the basic principles necessary to improve ones play and secondly, to showcase the games of local players.

This weeks theme is the importance of the centre. The following game is instructional in how Black gains control of the centre and then uses those squares to aggressively place his pieces or the final assault on White's king.

First of all I will explain how to follow the simple notation used to record chess moves. If 1. Ngl-f3, d7-d5 appears it means that White's first move was to move his Knight (N) at g1 to f3, and that Black replied by moving his pawn at d7 to d5. The letters A to H represent the horizontal ranks of a chessboard and the numbers 1 to 8 the vertical columns (see diagram for example).

In this game Glenn Brown was White, and Philippe Cliche Black. The game was played in the third round of a recent Fredericton tournament.

1. d2-d4, d7-d6 2. e2-e4
White grabs as much space in the centre as possible, a sensible opening strategy.
2... g7-g6 3. h2-h3, Bf8-g7 4. Nbl-C3, Nb8-d7 5. Bf1-C4, Ng8-f6 6. Ngl-f3, CASTLES 7. Bc1-g5, e7-e5 8. Nf3-h4

Up till now both sides were developing their pieces to the centre as quickly as possible. White has not helped his position by placing his Knight away from the vital central squares. A general rule of chess is that pieces are usually exert more strength when centrally located.

8... e5xd4 9. NC3-e2, C7-C5 10. Ne2-f4, Qd8-A5t

Whites King is now deprived of castling.

11. Kel-f1, Nf6xe4 12. Bg5-e7, Ne4-d2t

Black is now clearly winning. Due in large part to his dominating central control.

13. Kf1-g1, Nd2xc4 14. Be7xf8, Nd7xf8 15. Nf4-d3, Nf8-e6 16. Nh4-f3, BC8-d7 17. g2-g4, QA5-d8 18. h3-h4, Bd7-C6 19. Rh1-h3, NC4-e5

In Black's last five moves he has aggressively posted his men on the centre he now owns. White's position is nearing collapse.

20. Nf3xe5, d6xe5 21. Qd1-d2, Qd8-d5 22. Nd3-e1, Ne6-f4 23. Rh3-g3

White's final mistake.

23... Qd5-h1 Mate

The UNB/STU chessclub meets every Tuesday at 6 pm at the Regent Bistro, 81 Regent St. All welcome. For more information contact Randy at 454-8407

Moosehead Athletes of the month

Male

Rorri Currie of the UNB Red Harriers has been named athlete of the month for September. Rorri was twice named UNB's male athlete of the week, captured AUAA athlete of the week two times and once was named the CIAU athlete of the week.

Rorri, a third year science, transfer student, from UNB Saint John is a rookie with the Red Harriers, but certainly does not lack experience. Rorri proved this as he won all three races he competed in and set a new course record in the first

victory at the Bates Cross Country Open Meet.

Coach Rick Hull is extremely pleased to have Rorri on the 1990 version of the Red Harriers as they look to defend their AUAA title and feels, "that this is the year in which the team will attain true respectability at the national level, because an athlete of Rorri's calibre has come aboard. Of course, "Hull added, "Rorri is only one of several runners on the team, but to be successful at the national level you need a big gun and now we have our howitzer."

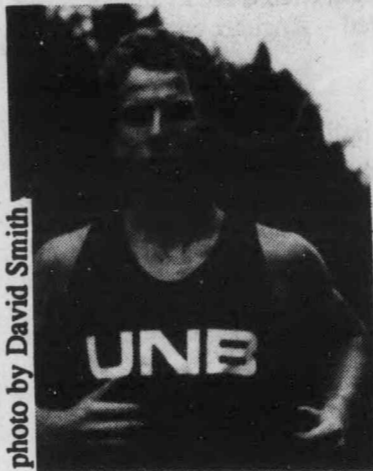


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Rorri Currie



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Nancy Pepler

Female

Twenty-two year old Nancy Pepler, of the UNB Red Sticks has been named UNB's female athlete of the month. Nancy is a senior BED student from Hanover, Ontario.

Red Stick Captain Nancy Pepler has been a big reason why the Red Sticks have been able to push their unbeaten record to 6 and 0 to stand alone on top of the AUAA.

During the month the Red Sticks' captain has not only been a defensive stand out, but has offered some offensive fire power. Coach Donna

Hornbrook is quick to point out Nancy's goal scoring punch is quite an accomplishment from the defensive sweeper position. Nancy's big game came as she led the Red Sticks comeback by firing two goals on September 23 against the stubborn UPEI Panthers. Nancy's third goal of the season also came against the UPEI Panthers as the Red Sticks cruised to a 3 to nothing victory.

First year coach Donna Hornbrook is quite happy with the results so far this season and adds regarding her captain that, "Nancy shows great leadership, and is a positive influence every time she steps on the field."

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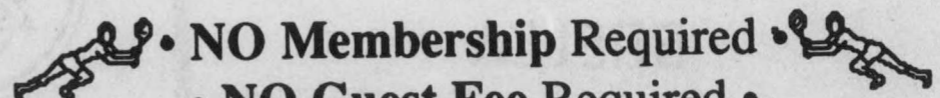
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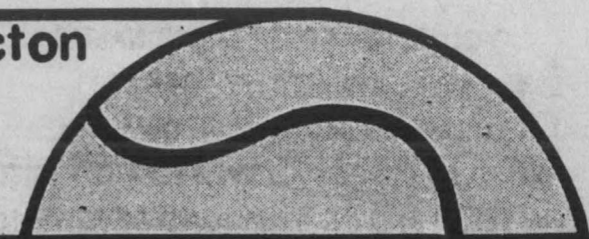
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