

VIEW FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

by Tim Lynch

Would you believe that the 5-3-1 Red Devils would have to lose their next seventeen games to equal their 5-20-1 mark of one year ago? Amazing, isn't it? Anyway, last Friday, UNB was about to enter its third straight overtime game due to some third period UPEI heroics. However, veteran Mike Sutherland scored an immense goal to knock the Panthers from the ranks of the undefeated. His goal was definitely the boost the team needed at this stage of the season. Recall, if you will, that the St. Thomas Tommies of two seasons ago lost plenty of games by one goal margins even though they were the superior team in many of those cases. Thus, Sutherland's goal snapped a growing trend of losing close games which can really dishearten any hard-working team. Fans on this campus have longed for a competitive hockey team for some time. We finally have one.

The Red Bloomers opened a few more eyes with their performance on the Island last weekend. The Bloomers handed the Panthers their first loss on home court in four years. UPEI had won the game the day before. Last year, UNB defeated the defending AUAA champions at the Main Gym during the regular season. Two weeks ago, basketball fans on this campus were shocked when UNB dropped a 66-60 decision to Acadia in Wolfville. At this stage of the season, head coach Claire Mitton is perplexed, but surely, she remains optimistic. The Bloomers have proven they can beat UPEI, and you can bet that the top two teams in the conference will be UPEI and UNB when the season has ended.

The Brunswickan Sports Department's contest to name the varsity women's soccer team, if one ever came to be, has been put on hold temporarily. The problem is that not one single entry was received despite the fact that a prize was to be awarded to the person who came up with the most viable name. What's the matter with you people? Are you illiterate, apathetic, or just plain unimaginative?

They refer to it as 'Rider Pride'. It is presently sweeping the Prairies. For the last 23 years, fans of the Saskatchewan Roughriders haven't seen their team win a Grey Cup. That changed last Sunday in what was probably one of the greatest football games ever played. With forty-four seconds remaining in the game, Hamilton wide receiver Tony Champion made a fully-extended over-the-shoulder catch to knot the score at 44. The possibility of overtime loomed. The CBC camera crew then zoomed in on a Mountie guarding the prized Grey Cup. From coast to coast, true patriots hummed choruses of "O Canada" in their minds during a brief timeout. Fervent Canadian nationalism was alive. Dave Ridgway eventually booted a 35-yard field goal with 2 seconds remaining to give Saskatchewan a 43-40 win. Indeed, the fifty-four thousand and eighty-eight patrons at the Skydome were the envy of the rest of the country. For three brief hours on a November 26 night in 1989, Canadians were united by a unique football league. What is so wrong about that?

They refer to him as SMU's "Top Dog". According to Maritime folklore, the only two things he can't do are speak Gaelic and get from Halifax to Dartmouth without using a bridge. Even though SMU lost the Atlantic Bowl to the eventual Vanier Cup winning Western Mustangs, quarterback Chris Flynn's record resounds loudly. For example, he broke his old record of 21 touchdown passes with 30 this past season, and he has now captured the Hec Crighton Award in each of the past two years. Consider the following:

CIAU ALL-TIME LEADERS

Yards Passing	
1. Greg Vavra, U of Calgary, 5 seasons	8,407
2. Dan Feraday, U of Toronto, 5 seasons	7,159
3. Doug Siemans, U of Saskatchewan, 5 seasons	7,153
4. Rod Moors, U of Toronto, 5 seasons	5,972
5. CHRIS FLYNN, SMU, 3 seasons	5,256

Flynn played high school football in Hull, Québec. That explains why he desperately wants to play for the Ottawa Rough Riders. Many people think this guy can save the CFL. He comes equipped with excellent mobility and a decent arm. Even though he has 2 years of eligibility remaining at SMU, some say he may even jump to the CFL next year. However, successful Canadian quarterbacks in the CFL are a rare breed. Russ Jackson was the last glorious Canadian pivot. Vavra and Feraday tried. Flynn, however, is a different story. He will succeed.

HELP THE BEAVERS HELP THE FOOD BANK

On Saturday, December 2nd, members of the UNB Varsity Swim Team will be at Sobeys in the Fredericton Mall, Village in the K-Mart Mall, and the Village Store on the corner of Smyth St. and Dundonald St. from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They will be collecting items for the Fredericton Food Bank. Please support this undertaking as the holiday season approaches.

Any students in residence wishing to make a donation may do so by contacting any member of the UNB Beavers.

REBELS SPLIT AGAINST MONCTON

by Mark Savoie

Not only have the UNB Rebels failed to prove that they are capable of claiming the AUAA Men's Volleyball title from the Dalhousie Tigers, but they have also yet to prove that they are even capable of making the playoffs. Last weekend the Rebels split two matches with the UdeM Blue Eagles, bringing their record to two wins and five losses. This leaves them six points behind UdeM for the second and final playoff spot.

The first match was taken by UNB 3-1 with game scores of 13-15, 15-7, 15-8, 15-7. In the first game the rebels climbed to a 12-7 lead, before lapsing into the same sloppy style of play that hurt them in Dalhousie the week before. However, after dropping this game the Rebels surged to easy wins in the next three games to take the match.

The Rebels looked impressive during this match. Sophomore Claude Cullinan was playing his first match since returning from illness, and starter Mark Thorne was back after a recent bout with food poisoning. The Rebels had dominated UdeM after the aberrant first game and looked to be by far the superior team, Coach Paul Belanger could not help but be pleased.

He stayed that way for two more games. The Rebels took the first two games of the next match against UdeM last Sunday handily, before blowing this lead to lose the match 3-2 (10-15, 7-15, 15-7, 15-12, 15-12). The Rebels began this match where they had left off the night before;

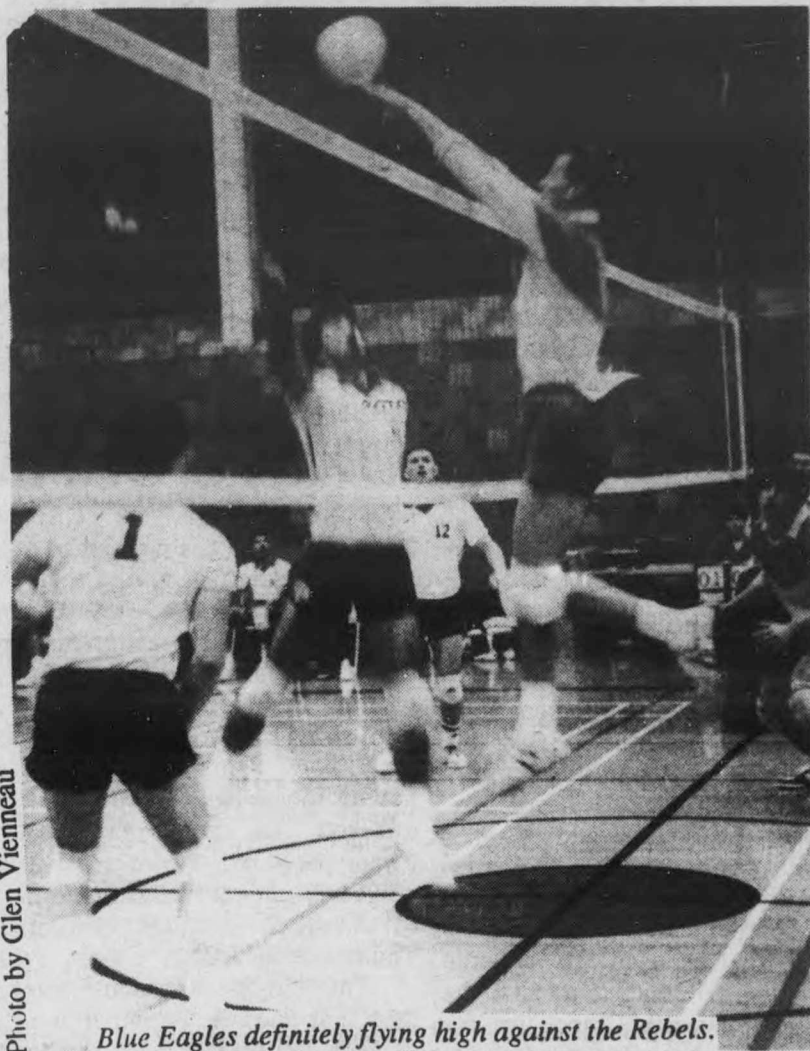


Photo by Glen Vienneau

Blue Eagles definitely flying high against the Rebels.

totally dominating Moncton. But after they had cruised to an easy 2-0 lead in the match they seemed to feel that they had it won and lost their intensity level. As a result Moncton was able to take the next game, and after that the Rebels discovered that once the momentum is turned it's not always easy to turn it back again. The end of the story was that UdeM was able to sneak out of Fredericton with a split; a split that was essentially a Christmas gift from the Rebels.

Belanger's mood after this match was not pleasant, and it will become far worse should the Rebels not easily defeat

cellar dwelling Memorial this weekend down at the Main Gym. Game times are 8:00 p.m. Saturday and 1:00 p.m. Sunday. The Rebels should win these two matches easily, as they definitely have the superior team on paper. But they had the superior team on paper against Moncton last weekend as well. The problem, as they found out, is that the game is played on the court and not on paper.

The Brunswickan would like to take this opportunity to apologize to Geoff Colter for not even coming close to spelling his name right in last week's issue.

RAIDERS AT TORONTO

by Kelly Craig

The UNB Red Raiders joined seven other teams this past weekend for a league tournament in Toronto. Despite some good basketball on the part of the Raiders, they lost all three games that they played. The Raiders finished up the tournament in eighth position.

Thursday was the first game for the Raiders in the tournament. They played the host University of Toronto team. Toronto totally dominated this game and ended it 108-76. Coach Wright was not pleased with this game. "It should have been closer", said Wright. UNB and Toronto are not that far apart on paper as teams. Therefore, this should have been better.

UNB's second game was much closer. They played the University of Regina and lost this game by only nine points. Regina is a good team and was at the CIAU's last year. UNB made quite a few fouls and

Regina capitalized on them at the free throw line. The Raiders, however, failed to capitalize on their free throws. Thus, Regina won 95-86.

The third game was a battle for seventh place. UNB lost this game to York University by 98-87. Again, not a very high point difference for UNB. This shows that UNB should be able to hold its own in the AUAA conference.

The Toronto tournament was won by McMaster University. They defeated Toronto 87-78 in the final game of the tournament.

UNB's defense has been a continual disappointment for the Raiders. In order for UNB to become a dominant force they must tighten up their defense. With an injury to key rebounder, Bryan Elliot, UNB has to count on their offense. UNB's offense has been outstanding so far this season.

The injury to Elliot was definitely felt by the team this past weekend in Toronto. Unfortunately, Elliot will not be returning to the team until next term. The injury to the

knce has kept him from practise and will keep him out of this weekend's games.

This Friday night UNB will be playing the best team in the league. St. Francis X-avier will be coming to the Aitken Centre for a match up. St.Fx definitely has a height advantage with a 6'9" aggressive inside player in Richard Bella.

The UNB team is looking forward to this game. They desperately need a conference win and a good showing against St.Fx would definitely boost morale.

Saturday the UNB team once again play hosts. This game will see St. Mary's take on the Raiders at the Aitken Centre. St. Mary's has a young team as does UNB. An advantage for UNB will be the fact that the Huskies haven't played in the Aitken Centre. This game has a realm of possibility for UNB's first conference win.

Friday's game will be played at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday's game is set for 3:00 p.m. These are UNB's last games before the Christmas break.