

Express lacking muscle

by MARK SAVOIE

The Express got their season off on a sour note last Saturday night, with a lackluster 3-2 loss to Springfield. Despite heavily outshooting Springfield in the game, the Express were unable to capitalize on their chances. Much credit for this, commented André Savard, has to go to Springfield's netminder, Finnish native Karri Takko. But most of the credit had to go to Springfield's patience and discipline, as they simply waited out the Express and made the fewer mistakes. Not a very exciting strategy, but it seems an effective one.

Early in the game the Express were flying all over Springfield, but were unable to

keep up this pace throughout the game. In fact, after the ten minute mark of the first period, the flow of the game was controlled by Springfield. For the Express to be successful this season, they are going to have to maintain control in order to allow their high-velocity attack room to maneuver.

Unfortunately, the Express victorious at the 20th Annual Codfish Invitational hosted by the University of Massachusetts have yet to find a player who is willing to be the enforcer such a team requires. For example, the Canadiens in the late seventies had Larry Robinson and before him John Ferguson. Of course, today's Edmonton Oilers have Dave Semenko.

Mike Stevens led the team in penalty minutes during the exhibition season and engaged in a fight in the season's first game. However, at 5'11" and 195 lbs. it is doubtful how much respect he will get from opponents as an enforcer, should he or coach Savard opt that way.

Lady Harriers in Boston

by TAMMI RICHARDSON

The UNB Lady Red Harriers cross-country team was again at Boston. The UNB girls successfully defended the title they won last year in bringing home the coveted Codfish Bowl.

Over twenty teams from all over New England were represented. Michelle Cormier again did UNB proud as she finished in second place with a time of 19:56 over the 5 km course. Lynn Poole also ran very well, finishing third in 20:12. Team captain Tammi Richardson seems to be coming back from her bout with the flu. She finished 6th in 20:24. Rounding out UNB's team score of 55 was Terry Lee Damon, finishing 17th in 21:09, and Gina Spear, finishing 27th in 21:41. Dawn Hare was 48th in 22:43. Coming second to UNB in overall team points was Westfield State College with 77, followed by Fitchburg State with 94.

The next race for the UNB women will be next weekend when they defend their AUSA title at home in the UNB woodlot.

Athletes-Of-The-Week (Oct. 7 - 13)

Two cross-country runners and a field hockey player are being honored as athletes-of-the-week by the UNB Athletic Department for the week ending Oct. 13.

For the men, runner Peter King finished seventh in the 20th annual Codfish Bowl in Boston. The men finished fourth out of 25 teams in the event, with King improving his finish of a year ago by 50 places. He is a fourth-year physical education student from Saint John.

"Peter has set a standard for the rest of the team to aim for in order to return the AUSA championship to UNB," Coach Joe Lehmann said.

For the women, runner Lynn Poole shares the honor with field hockey player Carla Reeves.

Reeves, a second-year education student from O'Leary, PEI, scored nine goals in three games last week as the Red Sticks remained unbeaten in AUSA competition. "Carla is becoming a serious scoring threat and is definitely very dangerous with the ball," Coach Joyce Slipp said.

For runner Poole, her third-place finish helped the UNB team win the Codfish Bowl for the second straight year. More than 20 teams and 100 runners competed in the women's race.

"Lynn's dedication to training and determination in racing has set an excellent example for the other members of the team," Lehmann said.



Ahab, the Arab

Last week around 2 p.m., Saturday, Ernie the Greek's body was found violently beaten when it washed up on the south side of the St. John River. Foul play is suspected.

On a moment's notice, Ahab the Arab filled in for our fallen comrade and will continue to do so throughout the NFL season, or until he starts screwing up like the Greek did.

Ahab went a miserable 8 for 14, the third in a row and fourth for the year.

Cincinnati (2-4) over HOUSTON (1-5) by 8

Boomer Esiason and the Bengal offence will put a lot of points on the board. Good thing, for the Bengal defence will allow a lot as well.

Dallas (5-1) over PHILADELPHIA (2-4) by 5

Dallas always finds a way to win and the way this year seems to be through a bruising defence, a defence that could set an NFL record for sacks this year.

N.Y. Jets (5-1) over NEW ENGLAND (3-3) by 5

The QB position will be the difference; Ken O'Brien is now living up to his potential as a star, while Tony Eason's performance this year is far below what he is capable of.

PITTSBURGH (2-4) over St. Louis (3-3) by 5

Simply put, Chuck Noll will not allow the Steelers to lose their fourth game in a row.

MINNESOTA (3-3) over San Diego (3-3) by 8

The Vikes have lost two in a row, and both games they could have won. This week, the Vikes will play just as well but this one won't be close, as Minnesota will win going away.

San Francisco (3-3) over DETROIT (3-3) by 4

The 49'ers will win this game, but they will have to correct the small mistakes they are making if they hope to repeat as Superbowl champions.

New Orleans (3-3) over ATLANTA (0-6) by 9

Bums crew is doing something right and they should be rewarded with their 4th victory. The Falcons look destined to win the no. 1 draft pick.

DENVER (4-2) over Seattle (4-2) by 8

The Seahawks have been turning the ball over too often and will pay for that type of mistake this week.

MIAMI (4-2) over Tampa Bay (0-6) by 9

Hugh Green must be glad to be on a contending team again and will show his joy as he helps to crush his former team.

Washington (3-3) over N.Y. GIANTS (3-3) by 5

CHICAGO (6-0) over Green Bay (3-3) by 8
The way the Bears are playing, an undefeated season is within reach. They would not want the lowly Packers to blemish their record.

Indianapolis (2-4) over BUFFALO (0-6) by 7

The Colts have made vast improvements over the past few weeks and should prevail with ease.

L.A. Raiders (4-2) over CLEVELAND (5-1) by 2

Bernie Kosar had a successful debut last week against the Oilers, but the Oilers' defence does not have Mike Haynes and Lester Hayes on the corners.

KANSAS CITY (3-3) over L.A. Rams (6-0) by 1

The Chiefs are at home, and Eric Dickerson is disgruntled because the Rams won't renegotiate his contract, meaning a Kansas City victory with the winning margin being provided by a Nick Lowery field goal.



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