

CLUB SPORTS

Ironmen forging ahead

by Ashes and Bones

On Tuesday the fourteenth the Ironmen 1st XV, coached by Bob Cockburn, opened their season with a dramatic 10-9 win over the Fredericton Loyalists.

Whereas the loyalists had been playing together throughout the summer and brought a smooth running team that knew its own strengths and weaknesses to the match, the Ironmen had been practicing but for a week.

While such returning veterans as captain Kevin Kerstens, Chris Irwin, Ian Johnstone, Matt Thorpe, and John Beggs had played together in the past, the faces of Welsh recruit Dylan Ashpole, Quebec flanker Andrew Lauchlan, former All-Canadian defensive back Mark Greatorex were being branded as Ironmen for the first time.

The Loyalists opened the scoring with a conversion in the first five minutes of the game and then added another to go up 6-0 midway through the first half. The Ironmen refused to be daunted and after a tenacious goal line stance that lasted at least five minutes they slowly advanced up the field.

Rucking and mauling the ball ferociously they drove the Loyalists back until they could not help conceding a try in the dying seconds of the half. Unfortunately the convert attempt failed and the Ironmen trailed 6-5.

The second half began much like the first with the Loyalists quickly opening the scoring with yet another conversion. At this point the superior fitness of the Ironmen showed itself as they mounted another offence culminating when captain Kevin Kersten after quickly taking the ball on a penalty kick and driving into the Loyalist Pack, passed off to Dylan Ashpole who dove into the end zone for his second try of the game.

This try would prove to be the winner for though the Loyalists fought on with determination, coming a few yards short at times of scoring the winning try, they were unable to breach the Ironmen defence. The Loyalists final chance to win came when awarded several penalty kicks their kicker drifted the ball inches wide on each occasion.

The 1st XV were unable to rest on their laurels as the following Saturday they played the Caledonia Cup Champion St. John Trojans. The Trojans have in recent years been the most dominant rugby force in the province and so the young, relatively new Ironmen team were faced with a daunting task.

The much bigger and stronger Trojan pack took immediate control, but it was not until the end of the first quarter that they managed to break through UNB's fearless defence. The first half saw 2 further tries by the Trojans with the last coming on the stroke of half-time.

The 2nd half opened up with the Ironmen maintaining their spirited effort. However, clever tactical rugby resulted in overlaps on which the Trojans capitalized. Against the run of play, a back move by U.N.B. enabled right-winger Ian Johnstone to cross the line, bringing the final tally to 35-5.

That same day the Ironmen 2nd XV travelled to U.P.E.I. Panthers for their opener in the recently created University League. The weather was terrible, the way the Ironmen like it. Rain poured down from the heavens and wind gusted mightily across the pitch. Undaunted, even encouraged, the U.N.B. squad lead by Captain John Croucher charged the field.

Amazingly 10 rookies started for the Ironmen. This lack of familiarity proved costly as the Panthers quickly scored a try to lead 5-0. However, the determination of the Ironmen made up for the lack of veterans. Not to be denied they slowly gained control of the match until Captain John Croucher set up a beautiful try for Pack Leader Jeremy Battye to tie the score at five apiece.

The Ironmen maintained their momentum coming into the 2nd half. Several times their lack of familiarity proved costly as they were unable to anticipate each others' moves and thus missed scoring the winning try.

UNB continued to press, but an overanxious attack in the final 20 minutes proved fatal as the

Panthers stormed back up the field to score a conversion and take the lead 8-5. They scored a converted try minutes later on a miss communication in the backfield to win the match 15-5.

The most noticeable feature of all three games was the spirit which the Ironmen showed throughout the entire eighty minute matches. Whether behind or in front they never cease to try their hardest and would like to prove this to you as tomorrow on College Field the 2nd XV continue the U.N.B. rivalry with S.T.U. at noon followed at 3:30 by the 1st XV against Kings County.

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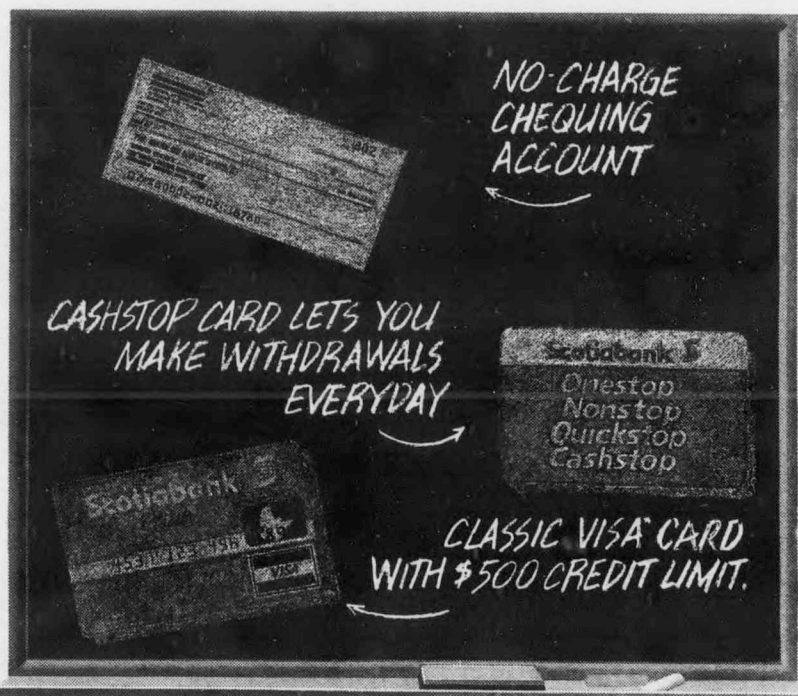
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