

FLEMMING LEAVES UNB

When Gerard (Moose) Flemming departs for Detroit Tigers' spring training camp February 10, he will be resigning his post as Canadian football and basketball coach at the University of New Brunswick.

The 23-year-old son of Premier Hugh John Flemming gives two reasons for his decision. He has immediate plans for furthering his professional baseball career and future designs on entering the investment business next fall, perhaps in Great Britain.

"Although I enjoy coaching a great deal, I do not feel that I want to make a career of it," Flemming says.

In his two years at UNB, Flemming enjoyed great success as the guiding hand of the footballing Red Bombers and the basketballing Red Raiders.

Bombers won two provincial championships under him, taking the New Brunswick Canadian Rugby Football Union crown for the first time in 1954 and repeating in 1955. Raiders walked off with the N.B.-P.E.I. intercollegiate title in 1954-1955 and are considered to be stronger this winter. Coach Flemming says the UNB hoopsters could well bring home the Maritime title this time.

Rogers To Take Raiders

When Flemming goes south, the Raider reins will be assumed by Doug Rogers, a member of the university's teaching staff and a main figure on the basketball scene here.

Flemming, one of the finest all-around athletes the province has seen in recent years, has been making headlines ever since he enrolled in Rothesay Collegiate School, just outside of Saint John. In addition to baseball, the 6-foot-11, 180-pound charger has been a standout in English rugby, track and field, American football and basketball. Driving play characterizes whatever pursuit he undertakes and his spirit was evident in the teams he coached while at UNB.

The upcoming term will be Flemming's third full one in organized baseball. Graduating from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Me., Moose played two months for Montgomery, Alabama, Greys in the Class-A Sally League in 1953. He hit .250 during the abbreviated semester.

His first full season was 1954 when he was with Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Barons in the Class-A Eastern League. Previous to joining the Barons, Flemming did a spring-training term with Detroit Tigers and connected at a .350 clip for eight outings. With Wilkes-Barre, the New Brunswick lad was chosen league all-star leftfielder, paced the loop in triples and registered a .309 batting average.

Last year, after again training with Tigers, Flemming was sent to Buffalo, N.Y., Bisons of the Triple-A International League.

'Couldn't Work Right'

Says Flemming, "I couldn't get anything to work out right and hitting around .200. I thought I was hitting a little better than my average showed but couldn't find myself until I was shifted to Little Rock, Ark., Travellers of Double-A Southern Association."

After a slow start with Little Rock, a hangover from his International League slump, Flemming rallied to finish the year with a .290 mark. During August, Moose really was clipping the ball, bashing eight home runs.

Little Rock finished eighth but played around .500 ball after Steve Souchock, former first sacker with New York Yankees and Detroit Tigers, assumed the manager's position halfway through the season.

This spring, Flemming will attend a preliminary camp for Tiger rookies and promising farm help in the Detroit chain. The early birds will work out for two weeks under Detroit mentor Bucky Harris before the Tiger regulars arrive and training hits full swing. Flemming expects to officially start 1956 with Charleston, W. Va., Senators in the Triple-A American Association.

On the basketball court, Flemming wore the Blue and White colours of RCS for four seasons, terrorizing the opposition in the Saint John loop. In one game, he racked up no less than 48 points.

As a track-and-fielder for Rothesay, he broke two provincial interscholastic records, for the 440 and high jump. In his senior year, he went to Montreal for the Canadian schoolboy meet and racked up a first and two seconds. The victory was in the broad jump. The seconds came in the 440 and high jump.

Gets AAU Award

Moving to Bowdoin, Flemming received an outstanding honour as a junior in 1952. It was the AAU award for being picked the most outstanding amateur athlete performing in the State of Maine. To earn the distinction, Flemming played American football, basketball, baseball and track.

Switching from English rugby to American football is no easy accomplishment by any standard. But Flemming passed the test with flying colors. He played halfback on the freshman team (in the U.S., you can't ordinarily play varsity sport until your sophomore year because of eligibility rules), then made varsity three years in a row. The first two seasons, he was at halfback, switching to end as a senior. The end position was just what he wanted, and his performances earned him recognition as All-New England end.

The versatile Flemming turned in two terms on the Bowdoin hoop squad and was a member of the starting five. However, in his senior year, Moose decided to give up basketball after the Christmas recess due to pressure of studies.

But it was on the baseball diamond he really starred. He was so adept at the horsehide game that his senior year at university brought the honour of being named All-American centrefielder, a fact which prompted him to accept Tigers' offer for a pro contract.

Flemming's athletic record readily establishes him as one of the greatest New Brunswick-born sports figures of recent years. And many provincial fans are betting Moose is not through making headlines and that it might not be too long before his name starts appearing in American League box scores as leftfielder for Detroit.

TOURNEY NOTES

This year's Ladder Tournament is well under way. All those interested in squash, handball or table tennis, either for the Ladder competition or otherwise, are invited to hand in their names to the Physical Education officer and tournaments will be arranged.

SKATE SKED.

This week's skating schedule is as follows:
Tonight—9:30-11:30.
Saturday—8:30-10:30.
Monday—10:00-11:00.

EYES RIGHT AGAIN!

The Brunswickan's roving cameraman submitted the shot at right after covering last Friday's UNB-Acadia co-ed's basketball. We have given him a bonus. Why? Because he has given us her phone number.



Mounties Here Next Saturday

Hoopsters Take Three of Four; Play Ricker Tonight



In the above action shot, UNB's Don Brannen is seen going up in the air on a left-handed lay-up shot in last Friday night's game against St. Dunstan's University. The fast-moving high-scoring guard made his play on a down-floor break which left the opposition far behind, where they stayed for the whole of the contest.

SPLIT AT SAINT JOHN

SAINT JOHN — While most UNB students were enjoying the events in the Winter Carnival, the Red Raiders participated in an Invitational Tournament held here last Saturday, where they picked up the Consolation Award.

In their first contest, the Hillmen went down to defeat at the hands of Sir George William College of Montreal by a 97-82 score. John Gorman, after setting a fast pace and picking up 11 points in the first quarter, suffered a badly sprained hand on being ridden into the wall on a scramble. The extent of the injury is not known at press time.

Shortly after the beginning of the second half, UNB received another set-back when Milligan, along with Bryant of the opposition, were ejected from the game following a rather violent disagreement. Brannen and Rheinlander rift later in the half via the foul route, while the opposition lost no one. A total of 71 fouls were called, 24 against the Montreal team. UNB made good on 24 of their 42 free shots, while Sir George William connected on 21 of 29.

In its second game, UNB runs off its next game to-night, journeying to Houlton, Me., to play Ricker College in a North-east College Conference contest having no effect on the N.B.-P.E.I. intercollegiate chase. Raiders' next effort in their attempt to retain the interprovincial crown will be next Saturday, evening at Lady Beaverbrook Gym when Mount Allison University of Sackville is the visitor.

Sir George William 97—UNB 82
SGW—Mikalachki 24, Thompson 15, Bryant 12, O'Connell 11, Garpey 5, McCaffrey 6, Hawkes 12, McKaye Bob and Elder Dial of Saint John.

"Two of the Best Years of My Life" - Moose

Coach Flemming leaves February 10th for spring training with Detroit Tigers. Although Moose previously stated that he did not intend to play pro ball any longer, he has decided to give it another whirl.

In his own words, Flemming states: "I hate to leave the University; everybody has been great from President Mackay right down to the boys. When I was first offered the job, I did not know what to expect, having had no contact whatever with the University. But the work here has been most enjoyable, mainly due to the terrific co-operation I have received from the football and basketball squads. Without this co-operation, the titles won would never have been accomplished.

"Team spirit was good. This can be seen from the good showing of the football squad, even when injuries and bad breaks riddled all our hopes. When things went bad, the players just dug in deeper and moved, putting everything into the game. I just wonder what kind of team we would have had if there had been no injuries to the squad. The Bombers made all the sacrifices I asked, giving me the utmost co-operation, and I consider them tops.

"Their play is indicative of the effort they put into practices. Their football was always best in the final quarter, proving that they must have worked to be in shape to be able to drive in the final minutes. All in all, it was great to coach them.

"The same goes for the Basketball team. The team has come a long way as can be seen from the score sheets. Again this is due to the effort the boys have put into their practices and games. The co-operation and spirit of the team is tops, and the improvement of which I speak is bringing a good deal of respect from the opposition. Without a slump, I am certain that the team will have a fifty-fifty chance of copping the Maritime title, under the excellent guidance

of Doug Rogers. I wish them the best of luck.

"When I first came here, I understood that student spirit was practically unknown on the campus. From my point of view, this is a great error. The rapidly expanding spirit of the whole campus is amongst the best I have ever seen. This co-operation has made my stay here most pleasant. Another asset in my work was the willingness and thoughtfulness displayed by the other members of the physical education office, the faculty and President Mackay.

"I think that with the new buildings, the wonderful sports facilities, and the spirit of everyone here, the University will soon become one of the foremost in the country. I see no reason why it should not do so.

"I certainly consider these two seasons in UNB's sports department as a great experience for me, and one which I will never forget. I wish to personally thank one and all for all they did to make these two seasons what they were, and

College Basketball Conference engagement.

Up until the last half-minute, Raiders had swished the twines in every one of their 19 free throws. Then Ron Manzer, shooting the 20th and 21st, hit the back rim with both attempts and had the bounce away to break the spell.

Raiders received their 21 gift heaves on 10 Washington personals plus a technical foul. Jim Milligan scored six without a miss. Bob Wightman came up with a five-for-five showing, John Forbes and Don Brannen both made good on four. Manzer's two misses were his sole attempts for the evening.

Putting on a tremendous show, Brannen potted a total of 20 points for the game's best individual scoring effort. The flashy Raider tallied 13 field goals to supplement his perfect foul-line stand. Les (Bud) Rheinlander took second spot in the pitching derby as far as Raiders were concerned, registering seven swishes from scrimmage for 14 points. Jim Milligan hit for three two-pointers in addition to his half-dozen foul shots for 12, the only other twin-figure performance by a Raider.

Walter Norwood was tops for the outclassed Washington quintet, hitting for eight baskets and five foul tosses for 21. Both Keith Sternberg and Eldridge Elkhorn posted 12.

Referees Ed Cameron and Bill Ritchie called a total of 25 fouls, tagging Raiders with 14 personals. Washington's foul-shooting was well off UNB's sizzling pace. The Maine hoopsters could make good on but 11 of their 22.

The victory gave UNB a split on the squad's games this NECBC season. Washington won the opener at home, 84-83.

The contest was close for 8½ minutes as Washington performed at a near walk, attempting to slow down UNB's fast-breaking style. But with the score 12-12, UNB erupted to push through 10 unanswered points in the next three minutes to lead 22-12. Raiders never were caught again, leading 40-26 at the half. The second 20 minutes saw Raiders outscore Washington 41-27.

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St. Dunstan's—Morrison 2, Ledwell, Swift 2, Kelly, Lake 6, Farmer 2, Fearon 6, McConnell 2.
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