

Winning Redsticks weekend

The Red Sticks posted shutout wins over SMU and St. F.X. last weekend to finish the season with a 9 - 0 - 1 record for 19 points, tops in the league.

Saturday's game against St. Mary's Belles saw Carla Reeves score two, and Joan Robere net one to give a 3 - 0 win.

The first goal came when Reeves put a penalty stroke just under the crossbar to give the SMU keeper absolutely no chance. Two more attempts on net in the next five minutes from Deb Fullerton and Cathy Whalen almost put the game away early, but both just missed wide.

Soon after, Joan Robere who played an excellent game from her right forward position, tipped a hard shot in front by the SMU keeper to put the Sticks up 2 - 0.

Early in the second half, off a short corner from Brenda Guitard, Deb Fullerton again came close as the ball bounced off the crossbar and out. Reeves made it 3 - 0 soon after when she picked up a Robere cross, and bounced the ball in off an SMU fullback.

Sheila Bell, who played in both weekend games, posted the shutout on the strength of several key saves at the end of the first half when she came diving out to kick the ball away from a charging SMU forward, and again minutes later to kick the ball towards the sidelines.

Bell again played strongly on Sunday, most notably a diving catch off a penalty stroke by a St. F.X. forward.

Cathy Whalen scored both goals to lead UNB to a 2 - 0 win over the X-Ettes. The first came when Michelle Ives crossed to Carla Reeves who one timed a shot which the St. F.X. keeper saved with her right leg. Whalen, positioned



Carla Reeves lunges forward to get at the ball.

Photo: Eric Drummie



Everyone surrounds the net after Deb Fullerton shoots.

Photo: Eric Drummie

perfectly, whacked the rebound past the keeper as she fell in the slippery mud around the net.

Her second goal, again off a rebound, was shot to the lower corner to round out the scoring.

Michelle Ives, who set up the first goal and played strongly throughout by dribbling the ball well and passing across frequently, just missed her chance to make the score 3 - 0 when the St. F.X. keeper went to her knees to stop Ives' penalty stroke.

The Red Sticks are now gearing up for the AUAA's to be played here this weekend.

Splash! Splash!

The first ever U.N.B. Splash contest was held last Thursday. The easy winner was 240 pound Stephen 'Beans' Lodge from Jones House, with 76.5 points. His second splash impressed the judges so much that he received perfect tens from all of the judges. Second place went to Lloyd Depres who scored 69.5 points, and third went to the most creative splasher, Steve Gillis, with 67.5 points. Special mention also goes to T.J. Jellinik, our lightweight, who put in a good effort despite his obvious size

disadvantage.

The splashes were judged mainly on the size of the splash, but the style, sound, and soaking of the judges were also taken into consideration. None of the judges were dry by the end of the contest, and the ceiling of the Sir Max Aitken Pool probably has never been as wet as it was after the contest.

This contest was just a warm-up for bigger and better yet to come. Watch for the next splash contest to be held near the end of November.

The Media Bowl is tomorrow at 2 p.m. Warm up begins at noon in the usual place. Bunnies, prepare to be humiliated. We have several secret weapons, and we won't be scared to use them.

BUNNIES!

Prepare to be crushed, humiliated, and defeated. Prepare to have Bill "Boom Boom" Traer laugh at you. Prepare to have "Fast Ernie" Dunphy intercept you. Prepare to have Mark "Is it like Rugby?" Stevens steal the ball. Watch out for Steve "Wot, I like 'ed smashin'" Griffiths, Jeremy "Junker" Earl, Chris "cruncher" Nakash, Todd "the Trasher" Daley, Robin "Wreck-em" Daniels, Mike "Masher" Robichaud, Eleanor "Terminator" Stunden, Alan "Ripper" Robichaud, John "Scruncher" Stillwell, Richard "Dump-em" Doucet, Ron "Castrate-em" Carver, Steven "Smasher" Seabrook, Stephan "Killer" Comeau, Herb "Basher" Barton, Pete "Nuke-em" Thompson, and more! HA HA HA!!!

Eat Turf

Ironmen clinch playoff berth

The need of a single win in a two game weekend schedule (Oct. 17 - 18) to capture a playoff position in the New Brunswick Rugby Union, the UNB Ironmen A side brought it down to the wire.

The Ironmen dropped Saturday's game 19 - 3 to the Oromocto Pioneers RFC; there was never a doubt that Oromocto's well-divided pack and suprisingly quick backs came to play, and play they did. They consistently beat the Ironmen to the ball, and UNB's normally physically dominating pack only got it together very much too late. The game might well have been lost in loose play as Pioneer rucking was a dominant factor in their win.

The Ironmen backs who have been a question mark all year long seldom have had the same back line from week to week, and a game that thrives on consistency this could be a fatal flaw. Several new bodies placed in the three-quarter line this weekend allowed UNB's backs to enjoy some of their most successful field time thus far in the season; scoring is the

next logical step.

Flyhalf Ketterling was good for UNB's only field goal attempt late in the first half.

Second half play saw surges of offensive assault only to be stopped short consistently, and penalized more often than not; valuable field position was lost time and again.

Expert synopsis of the game might yield some facts that the Ironmen should bear to mind, firstly that rucking must be perfected and second phase attack started immediately, and quite simply the backs must score on given opportunity. More importantly the backs must gain and defend hard won ground.

Far from being the truly important game, Oromocto's rape of UNB can luckily be deemed inconsequential due to the fact UNB needed to beat last year's NB Champions Fredericton Loyalists to assure playoff attendance. Honourable mention goes to Bob Parent for his intense leadership throughout the losing match, and to the backs for their offensive and defensive

doggedness.

Possessing arguably the most experienced set of players in the province (although missing perennial greats George Walls and Terry Dobsen), the Loyalists are a power to be reckoned with on any given day.

The Ironmen started Sunday's game at slackened pace operating well below their fitness level trudged through the first half giving up 4 points to the Loyalists. A late Loyalist try at the 20 minute mark of half number two (8 - 0) seemed to initiate a little life into the somewhat tired Ironmen. The Ironmen retaliated on an unconverted try by Mike Parent, and minutes later from a penalty on the 8-metre line by Peter O'Flaherty. The two point conversion by Ketterling gave the Ironmen a 10 - 8 win and a playoff slot.

The Ironmen "A" play Saturday, October 24, at 2 p.m. on College Field against Oromocto Pioneers in their final league game. Ironmen "B" plays in Woodstock on Saturday.