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JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY

VIEW From The Cheap Seats on collegiate sports
By Mark Savoie

Kudos to the British Columbia Lions for their thrilling 26-23 victory over the Baltimore CFL _____ to win the Grey Cup. My only complaint was that the play that moved the Lions into the field position that enabled their final two field goal attempts was not a catch. An associate of mine has charitably stated that the official was blocked out and thus not in a position to make the call. I, however, am not known for my charity, and I think he just out and out blew the call. I will stop short of my original reaction watching the play, which was: 'oh oh, Canadian official, Canadian call.' For those who wonder what type of impression this will leave with Baltimore fans, try to remember how Canadian fans reacted in the 1985 ALCS when the American umpires made some equally impossibly brutal calls against the Toronto Blue Jays and in favor of the Kansas City Royals. Yes, there were Canadians blaming these calls on American nationalism, just as I'm sure there are Baltimoreans blaming this call on Canadian nationalism.

Baltimore's success does not come as much of a surprise. As an American team they were not required to meet any quotas for Canadian athletes, and as such were able to stock their team with American football players. The real surprise is that the Shreveport Pirates, Las Vegas Posse, and Sacramento Goldminers managed to stink out the joint to the extent that they did, given the advantages given them. Let's face it, the American football player is intrinsically superior to the Canadian football player. It's not simply a matter that the pool of players is so much larger; the average football player in the States is quite simply better. Bob Vigers, the cross country/track and field coach at the University of Western Ontario who got through university on a football scholarship in the States, once commented that Western's pride in their football team was ludicrous considering that there were a couple of dozen high school teams in Ohio that could beat them easily. The point is that the enculturation of the male American youth towards football is much greater than it is for the Canadian youth. And why should there be? There is no place for the young Canadian football player to go in his sport other than the minuscule chance of making the CFL. This is especially true given that the so called skilled positions are invariably imports from the States.

For the American athlete the route to a career in professional sports usually runs through university. Virtually all American prospects for the NBA and the NFL come from the university ranks. An increasingly large percentage of American baseball players are drafted out of university. Even hockey, where the junior leagues of Canada are trying to retain their tenuous hegemony upon the draft, is seeing the American university as a much more frequent option.

The reason why American athletes opt for the American university as their route to the professional ranks is obvious; American universities offer athletic scholarships. In Canada, only Simon Fraser University offers athletic scholarships, and this university is not affiliated with the CIAU. It is the CIAU's policy not to offer athletic scholarships of any kind. It is time for that policy to change.

Granted, the NCAA is proof of the abuses that can exist within a scholarship system. However, there can be little doubt that abuses also run rampant in the CIAU's present system. Therefore, a moralistic stance against athletic scholarships is puerile. The bottom line is quite simple. Athletic scholarships provide athletes with a safety net should they be unable to make it to a professional career. If an athlete prepares for a professional career in any other fashion, then the failure to realize that career is disastrous. A junior hockey player who does not make the NHL is up the creek without a paddle, since he now has no realistic hockey ambitions remaining, but does have a sub-standard high school education with which to apply to university. Athletes who do go to university, which many more would do if there were athletic scholarships, still have acquired an education even if they fail in their athletic pursuits. Of course, this assumes that the athlete actually takes advantage of the opportunity of an education.

Once an athletic scholarship system is established the level of play of recruits will increase dramatically. Where this increase will come from is the increased importance that will be given to coaching at the grass roots level. Furthermore, players on the FHS football team will have a further incentive to excel at their sport in order to get a free ride through university. This will also be true of all other high school football teams. In fact, it will be true for all teams in all sports where an athletic scholarship is a possibility. Ultimately, this will result in an overall increase in the ability of Canadian athletes. Hopefully, this will eventually allow Canadian athletes to compete on a level equal to American athletes, thus eliminating the need for Canadian quotas in the CFL and making the future dominance of that league by American teams impossible.

The American athlete is not intrinsically superior to the Canadian athlete. Hockey is proof enough of that. What the Canadian athlete needs is an opportunity. That opportunity is slipping away in hockey because of the unacceptability of junior hockey as an option in the face of the competition of the States' athletic scholarships. If the CIAU were to establish athletic scholarships the gains would be across the board for Canadian sports. Improved performances would be seen at all levels, not just at the university. The really dramatic improvement would come in the team sports and in the popular Olympic events which are competed in at the university level.

Club Sports

Scuba and Taekwon Do

Scuba

Open pool time next week will only be Sunday December 4 from 8:00 to 10:00 pm at the Sir Max Aitken Pool. This will be a "dive for five Event." That means you try scuba for only \$5.00 and you get to swim around the pool with the bear on. You will also be accompanied by an instructor. All you need is a swimsuit, \$5.00, and wool socks for your feet. We sop up the rest. This will be the last pool time scheduled this term. We will be starting up again January 8 and 9, 1995. This Basic Scuba Open Water I Course is tentatively set for January 15, 1995. The clubs will be participating in open water dives over the break. Some of us are dedicated to the sport 12 months of the year. Just a reminder scallop season opens up

January 10. Don't forget to get your licenses for \$5.00 and get up to 100 meters/day. Can't beat that price in the supermarkets. For more information please contact Kevin Johnston 472-3103.

Taekwon Do

The UNB/STU Taekwon-Do hosted its first Invitational Tournament last Saturday, November 26. Congratulations to Club members Andrew Lawrence (Silver in orange belt sparring), Mike Hanselbacher (Gold in blue belt sparring), and Kevin Keys (Gold in red belt patterns). Training sessions will begin again when classes start in January. Times are 7:00-8:30 pm Monday and Wednesday, and 4:00-6:00 pm Saturday at the LB Gym Studio. Everyone is welcome. Interested



Taekwon-Do action Photo Mark Bray

persons should contact Shane Oates (457-2060), Dale Roach (457-3002), or visit the club in action.

Men's Volleyball

Men's volley Reds split with Seahawks

The UNB Varsity Reds mens volleyball team split a pair of games with the MUN Seahawks in their season debut in the three team AUA league. On

Saturday the Reds won 15-10, 15-13, 13-15, 15-11. The Seahawks rebounded on Sunday to defeat the Reds 6-15, 15-7, 15-6, 15-4.

The Reds will see action this weekend against the Dal Tigers Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 1pm both at the LB Gym.