

Ruggers keep on ruckin', win two games

UNB's rugby players, coach, and fans had every reason to be pleased last weekend: the players because they enjoyed themselves to the full; the coach because his teams were at last playing the game as it is meant to be played; and the fans because they saw two exciting, high-scoring rugby matches. Mt. Allison was here to play their last two league fixtures against UNB. On Saturday at College Field the first team battered the swamp dwellers 60-4 and at the Raceway on Sunday the second team added insult to injury by winning 36-4.

The first team, the Reds, had a close win over Mt. A in September, and in the Universities Tournament they had beaten them easily enough.

On Saturday they scored in the opening minute of play; at half-time they led 28-4; and by the end of the match their comprehensive destruction of the visitors had become almost embarrassing to watch. Flanker Kris McMillan, No. 8 Frank Nemeč, and winger Pat Lee got two tries each while lock-forwards Joe Paytas and Mark Miles, hooker Reg Belyea, halfback Jeff Mephram, winger Blake Brunson, and fullback Charlie Johnson all scored once. Johnson converted six of the twelve touchdowns.

One thing that makes rugby football a great world sport for players and spectators alike is the fact that every person, forward or back, can, and must, carry the ball. In this game, seven of the Td's

were scored by forwards - and this doesn't happen unless a team is playing very well indeed.

The Red forwards were constantly in support of the backs, were looking for passes, catching them, and running the ball with power. For instance, Nemeč, this season taking over the No. 8 position from the departed Bill Sullivan, and now fully recovered from an injury, smashed through defenders as if they were weaklings. McMillan has come into his own: he, Nemeč, and Larry Lawlor give UNB Red a swift, formidable, high-scoring back row.

Another player who has begun to stand out is Miles; second-row forward is not the most glamorous of positions, but he made the most of it on Saturday, as he broke through three tackles to score, jumped and caught well in lineouts, and did his part to win the ball from breakdowns.

The UNB backfield showed just as much class. Halfbacks Phil Wilmer and Mephram worked together with intelligence and at speed; centres Tyler Richardson and Chris Pare penetrated for good yardage nearly every time the ball came into their hands; wingers Brunson and Lee played their usual fine games.

The most attractive Td of all was scored by Mephram as he took the ball at the Mt. A forty, stiff-armed one man, found a gap, tore through it, then dropped his shoulder and ran right over another defender on into the end zone. If the Reds continue to play with this skill and enthusiasm they'll soon be earning comparison with the championship UNB teams of '72, '73, and '74.

The Blacks had a special reason to win in no uncertain fashion, for they had lost to Mt. A in the Universities Tournament. Like the Reds, they got a try in the first minute of play, and it signalled more big trouble for the visitors. Possession of the ball is of major importance in rugby, and the Black forwards won steady possession from scrums, mauls, and rucks.

The bigger Mt. A forwards took most of the lineouts, but regretted doing so - the ball was no sooner passed to their backs than they



UNB's Ruggers finally got on the right track several weekends ago and currently are on a winning rampage. Last weekend they defeated the Mt. A. squad twice. Photo by Lorne Morrow

received the intimate attentions of rampaging UNB players.

The Blacks were spirited and unified and never let up. They scored eight touchdowns: Charlie Johnson, substituting at out-half for team captain Nigel Campbell, got two, as did the tough winger Geary Howe.

Scoring one try each were winger John Lees, centre Any Bynum, hooker Charlie Debby, and prop Henry Barton. Johnson and scrum-half Ed Janesz each kicked a convert.

Of those who didn't score, No. 8 Pierre Bertrand and inside centre Drew Quantz stood out, Bertrand for his brutal straight-ahead charges with the ball, Quantz for his ability to cross the gain line at speed, take a tackle, and give an accurate pass to the man in support.

The Blacks now have an overall record of 4-7. Tomorrow they travel to Saint John to take on the Trojans. If they play as well as they have for the past two weeks they should win. The Reds' record is 7-3-1. On Sunday at 4 o'clock, either at College Field or the Raceway, they clash again with their arch-rivals, the league-leading Fredericton Loyalists. The first match between the two ended in a 10-10 draw and consequently the Reds are up for this one.

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Synchronized Swimming is being held Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 and on Friday nights from 8:30 to 10:00. Everyone is welcome.

UNB set finishes third

The four-man UNB tennis team finished with a strong third place performance at the Atlantic Universities Tennis Championships held at the UNBSJ Field House last weekend.

UNB's entry, composed of Pat Penny, Robert Jackson, Randy Wilson and Jim Stevenson, reached the finals in three of the six events on their way to collecting 36 of a possible 60 points.

Just four points ahead of UNB was the Université de Moncton, led by this year's AUA single's

champion, Roger Duval, while Dalhousie University once again dominated the competition, winning five of six events and posting a total of 58 points.

In division "A" singles, Penny picked up two points with a fifth place finish, while in "B" singles Jackson earned 8 points in second place, losing a close match to Dalhousie's Stuart Hankinson 10-9 in the final.

Penny and Jackson combined for 8 more points in "A" doubles, losing the final match 10-5 to Jay Abbass and Hankinson.

In division "C" singles, Wilson collected 6 points and a third place finish while Stevenson earned 8 points in second spot in "D" singles with a 10-4 final loss to Dalhousie's Mike Barry. In "B" doubles, Wilson and Stevenson picked up four points with a hard-fought fourth place finish.

Hopefully the team will be able to procure some good winter training facilities in the area, in preparation for the Canadian Intercollegiate Championships early next year.

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