

# Red Raiders win thrice, now have 6 wins, 1 loss



UNB's Steve Ruiter (42) lets go a hook shot in last Tuesday nite's action against Mt. A while MacDonald (35) and Paytas move in.

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Basketball spirit is slowly infusing many of us on the UNB campus as the Red Raiders extended their pre-Christmas Holiday 3-1 win-loss record to a 6-1 win-loss record as a result of this past week's AIAA action here at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym. The Raiders captured a pair of games from the UPEI Panthers last Friday and Saturday. Tuesday nite, in an overtime thriller, the UNB squad outscored Mt. Allison Hawks 10-6 in the overtime period to win the game.

Last Friday nite, Dave MacMullin paced the Raider quintet with an outstanding 23 point performance. The contest, viewed by about 450 fans started out slowly, but by the half UNB led 45-22.

The Raiders received fine efforts from Amos and Hendershot as well as MacMullin during the first half of the game. Coach Nelson's earlier optimism in MacMullin's ball handling ability and control was confirmed. Dave was setting up plays, picking off rebounds, and playing very aggressively. By the end of the game, all eleven players on the UNB team had scored at least two points. Seman, Hendershot, Paytas and MacDonald played strongly on the boards, grabbing 31 rebounds between them during the game.

Unfortunately, Ken Amos received an ankle injury, which has temporarily sidelined him from action. Hopefully, he will be back in top form to play Acadia a week from now.

Saturday afternoon's contest against UPEI proved to be rather uneventful for the fans, except for a couple of highlights, as the Raiders walked away with a 93-67 victory. Blaine MacDonald almost equalled his 28-point scoring spree that he had on the Island against the Panthers in early December by netting 25 points here. The other highlight, which reflected poor ball handling on our part was the fact that we had 48 turnovers — that's right; we lost possession of the ball 48 times! This is something we definitely have to improve on.

First half action was very slow and frustrating to watch. We were

not shooting very well from the floor, but did capitalize on the free throws, sinking 18 for 22 shots from the charity stripe. MacDonald and Hendershot picked up 12 points and 13 points respectively. At the half, UNB led 48-35. Ray Gallant, who played a fine game for the Island squad picked up 14 points in the first half en route to his 21 point total.

The second twenty minute period proved somewhat more interesting as Dave Seman and Blaine MacDonald for UNB fought aggressively on the boards. Seman exploded for five baskets to go along with his first half seven points to total seventeen. He also tied Van Ruiter's record for total number of rebounds in one game; he collected eighteen. MacDonald, using what has come to be his patented drive to the basket, hooped another 13 points to give him a game total of 25 points. He grabbed down 14 rebounds.

Again, it must be pointed out that UPEI's weakness was their inability to work the ball inside. Phil Connolly and Ray Gallant collected most of the Panther's points, most of which came from shots made outside the key. The hapless Panthers now have a 0-9 win-loss record.

The spirit of the Raiders going into last Tuesday nite's game against the Mt. Allison Hawks was one of optimism; yet we were uncertain of how well we would perform, since three of our regular starters were missing from action. Ken Amos, who had sprained his ankle quite badly in the first game last weekend against UPEI, was still sidelined. Dave Seman, unfortunately, had the measles, and is not expected to play for a while. Van Ruiter received an eye injury also in UNB's first meeting with UPEI. He was unable to see out of his right eye and later diagnosis revealed a detached retina. He has gone up to Montreal for an operation, and Coach Nelson feels Ruiter will be out for the rest of the season. In any case, we wish him the best of luck, and hope that all goes well.

Action started at a fast pace, MacMullin sinking the first two

baskets for UNB, and before we knew it UNE was leading 8-2. However, the fast moving Mt. A team quickly made up the deficit, and ended the half eight points ahead of us. Late in the second half, UNB tied the game and went on to win in overtime 79-63.

Since we were missing three of our regular starters, Coach Nelson was faced with a difficult decision as to whom he could use. MacMullin, Paytas, MacDonald, were obvious choices, as was Hendershot. Ken Albee came off the bench also to start, and Nelson was not to regret the decision, as Albee went in to play a superb game defensively and offensively.

Once the Raiders slipped behind in the first half, they did not seem able to mount any sort of strong offensive. Positional play was practically non-existent, and we were held to only nine baskets. Nelson felt that, "... first half action by the Hawks was very quick; their tempo of play was much faster than I have seen before; they played strongly defensively and rebounded well. We have to give them credit for that ..."

The Raiders returned to second half action with about 750 enthusiastic fans cheering them on. The ball game became much tighter. From an early second half 11 point deficit, UNB fought back with tremendous perseverance, never giving up. Paytas, MacDonald and Hendershot combined forces grabbing 35 rebounds, an impressive figure. With 3 minutes and 40 seconds left in regulation time, the Raiders went ahead. The noise of the cheering fans was so loud at times that the sound of the timer's buzzer and referees' whistles could not be heard. At the final buzzer, although the ball had changed possession several times, the score stood tied at 63-63.

A five minute overtime period was called; UNB performed superbly with Hendershot and MacMullin combining for 8 out of our 10 points. MacMullin displayed wonderful ball control in leading the Raiders to the victory.

Coach Nelson commented later, "... it was a real team effort; where we were shorthanded, a team effort was necessitated and our boys never gave up. I must say we were fortunate to win, and must give Mt. Allison credit for playing a tough game... Ken Albee played an outstanding game for us as did Paytas and MacMullin..."

Regarding UNB's play in the second half, it must be noted that three players, Paytas, MacMullin, and Hendershot were all playing with four fouls. Psychologically, this can affect the players, knowing that their next foul means they are out of the game. However, they played excellently under the pressure and certainly deserve credit. Another strong point in the game was the fact that MacDonald and Albee were able to work the ball in close to the basket, rather than shooting from outside the key, a position where Ken Amos usually plays and shoots well from. Unfortunately the Raiders sank only 17 out of 33 foul shots; had we been better at the line, we might have won the game in regulation time.

An interesting highlight of the game was the number of hook shots taken by the players. UNB sank several, and the crowd went wild every time we sank one. Steve Ruiter, who only played for a couple of minutes, but played well, took one shot — a hook, and made it!

Surely, such action is a real treat for the fans! Well, this Saturday nite, the Raiders seek yet another win in AIAA action. They host the St. Francis Xavier X-Men at the

Lady Beaverbrook Gym at 8:00 p.m. One more win would assure UNB a playoff berth in the Championships at the end of February and extend their present record to 7-1. Hope to see you there!!

NOTE: The January 26th game between the UNB Red Raiders and the University of Maine Machias, here, has been cancelled due to the energy crisis. All University of Maine campuses are taking an extended holiday, and will not return to classes until January 28th. Arrangements are being made for a possible rematch later in February.

### Summary

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### UNB Players

Ken Albee	12
Brian Troy	0
Dave MacMullin	10
Clem Pelot	0
Joey Paytas	16
Blaine MacDonald	15
S. Ruiter	2
Tom Hendershot	16
Barry Russell	2

Foul Shots ...17 for 33

Personal fouls against ...21

### Mt. A Players

MacLeod	4
Keenan	10
Campbell	4
Corby	3
McClements	6
Smith	17
Bedard	15
Cooney	10
Foul Shots	...13 for 24
Personal fouls against	...31



From the UNB bench, Coach Nelson reacts to an out-of-bounds call. Injured Ken Amos and Assistant Coach Dick Slipp sit at extreme left of picture. UNB won the game in overtime 79-63.

## Varsity Schedule

18 Friday	Swimming	UNB at Dalhousie - 7:30
18 FRIDAY	HOCKEY	DALHOUSIE at UNB - 9:00
18 & 19 FRI. & SAT.	VOLLEYBALL (M & W)	INV. TOURNAMENT at UNB
19 Saturday	Swimming	UNB at Acadia - 1:00
19 SATURDAY	BASKETBALL (L)	St. F.X. at UNB - 6:00
19 SATURDAY	BASKETBALL (M)	St. F.X. at UNB - 8:00
22 TUESDAY	HOCKEY	STU at UNB - 8:00
24 THURSDAY	BASKETBALL (M)	ACADIA at UNB - 8:00