

Red Shirts lose to SMU

The AUAA soccer title has again eluded the UNB Red Shirts. For the third time in as many years the Red Shirts have lost closely fought finals, with two of those losses being decided by penalty shots. Such was the case this year as they and the St. Mary's Huskies battled right down to the wire to see who would represent the Atlantic Conference in the upcoming playoffs.

The game was closely played with both teams having several chances to score but failing to do so. The teams showed some excellent soccer skills for the majority of the game as the only damper on the game itself was the occasional chipiness resorted to by both teams. As the game wore on, and the tension heightened, so did tempers. This eventually resulted in one UNB player being ejected from the game near the end of regulation time for questioning the referee's ability to control the game too vigorously.

Despite this and the earlier loss of Pierre El Khaury as a result of an injury, the Red Shirts continued to press with regulation time ending in a scoreless tie.

The overtime began with both teams trying for that quick go ahead goal. St. Mary's had the first good opportunity but was stopped by the UNB goalkeeper. The Red Shirts then began to press themselves as George Wood passed the ball through to Ebenezer Dania who headed the ball into the net past the outstretched arms of the diving St. Mary's goalkeeper. The first fifteen minutes of overtime ended and the teams switched ends to play the final quarter of an hour of soccer.

For the first twelve minutes of the final overtime UNB kept St. Mary's at bay and did not allow them any significant chances. Then with only three minutes remaining in the game the Huskies tied the score when they pressed down the left wing and

crossed the ball into the middle. The cross barely tipped off of the goalkeeper's fingers and onto the feet of an onrushing forward.

The game ended at 1-1 and the winner now had to be decided by each team taking five penalty shots each.

After this phase of the contest, each team had scored three out of five shots and so now it was on to sudden-death penalty shots. UNB failed to score on their next shot while St. Mary's connected on their's. The contest was now over and despite an all out effort which lasted for nearly three hours, the Red Shirts were again left wondering if luck would ever shine on them at a final game. To dwell on the issue of deciding a championship between two excellent soccer teams who have trained hard for two weeks by taking penalty shots would serve only to open an existing wound and will seem like sour grapes from the losing team.

In order for the Red Shirts to get into Monday's final, they beat the Dalhousie Tigers, 4-1 on Sunday's semi-final game. UNB scored first as Robbie MacFarlane lobbed the ball into the net. Dalhousie rebounded soon after to tie the score but goals by Dwight Hornbrook and Ebenezer Dania gave UNB a 3-1 lead at half time. MacFarlane scored again in the second half to put the icing on the cake for the Red Shirts as they coasted for the victory.

In the other semi-final game the Memorial University Beothuks dominated play throughout the game but lost to the Huskies of St. Mary's 2-1 in overtime.

The Red Shirts should prove to be a strong team next year and in the years to come as they retain a nucleus of players from this year's squad and will add several other capable soccer players.

The Red Shirts would sincerely like to express their thanks for the devotion and hard work put in by Coaches Gary Brown and Robin

Hopper and thanks also go to the ball boys Dan Brown, Robin Hopper Jr. and Sean Hopper for the running around they did in organizing equipment and putting up with the players. Adding to the long list of those to thank on behalf of the Red Shirts are Imy Brown, who put up with the moods and appetites of the players; Pierre Harding who did the Public Relations work; Stella Keys who helped enormously with the administration of the team; and last, but definitely not least, to the fans who showed their support all year long. If anyone has been omitted here, it is merely an oversight on my part and by no means takes away from the appreciation of the team.

To sum the whole thing up, as the old cliché goes: "Wait 'til next year!"

Answers

1. Wee Willie Keeler
2. Leo Durocher
3. Muhammed Ali
4. Vince Lombardi
5. Reggie Jackson
6. Billy Martin
7. Yogi Berra
8. Casey Stengel
9. Knute Rockne
10. Brooklyn Dodger and Boston Red Sox fans

Red Bloomers

The 1979-80 edition of the University of New Brunswick Women's basketball team will take to the floor this Saturday for its first exhibition game of the season.

Their opponent will be the N.S. Senior Women's team which also happens to be all ex-UNB players. So this game will take on a double focus, not only a high calibre senior game but an alumni game.

Former UNB players which make up this team are recent graduates Patty Sheppard, Claire Mitton and Cathy Maxwell, all last year's Red Bloomers. Also making up the team are Ruth Henry, Sylvia Blumerfield, Kim Hansen, Janet Robinson, Cindy Dean, Lesley Nason, and Nelda Robins.

This should prove to be a good match for the young Red Bloomers. Game time is 1 p.m. Saturday, November 10.

Raiders split with Maine

U.N.B.'s Raiders got their first game action over the weekend with a two game set with a surprisingly strong semi-pro team from Presque Isle, Maine. The Maine team was composed of ex-college players led by Brian Palmer from Maine Presque Isle and Steve Condon, who played at Acadia and Maine Orono. This series was initiated last season

with U.N.B. winning the two closely fought contests. Coaches Nelson and Wright prefer this type of pre-season exhibition rather than an inter-squad game to be able to assess the talent and try out different combinations of players.

On Friday, U.N.B. jumped into an eight nothing lead, but the Maine team clawed back to trail

by just two at half-time. After the intermission turnovers began to plague the Raiders. Led by the outstanding play of Condon, Palmer and Terry Weeks, who played at Husson College last season, the visitors built a substantial double figure lead. The Raiders closed the gap slightly but inconsistent play did them in and Presque Isle won by 10, 88-78.

One pleasant fact did emerge from the contest: Cris McCabe appears to be a player. He led U.N.B. in scoring with 17, pulled down 21 rebounds and was forced to play Steve Condon on defense, a substantial task for anyone. The freshman from Yonkers, New York should provide thrilling entertainment for Fredericton basketball fans.

The roles were reversed on Saturday as U.N.B. came out on top 92-83. Plmer was the big gun

for Presque Isle with 25 points. Chris McCabe played his second great game in a row, he held Steve Condon to 10 points (compared to 27 the night before), shot 75 per cent from the field, 100 per cent from the foul line, and scored 19 points. Ted Kicinski found the range in the second half and led all Raider scorers with 20 points. Steve McGinley had an outstanding shooting night, making all six of his field goal attempts and going four for four from the line for a total of 16 points. The Raiders took only 61 shots but made 39 for a 63.9 percentage. That kind of shooting, if it becomes a habit, will win a lot of games on the Raiders' 29 schedule.

Next home action for U.N.B. is against the University of Maine Presque Isle on Saturday, November 10 at 3:00 p.m. This game opens the Northeast College Conference season for the Raiders.

Interresidence news

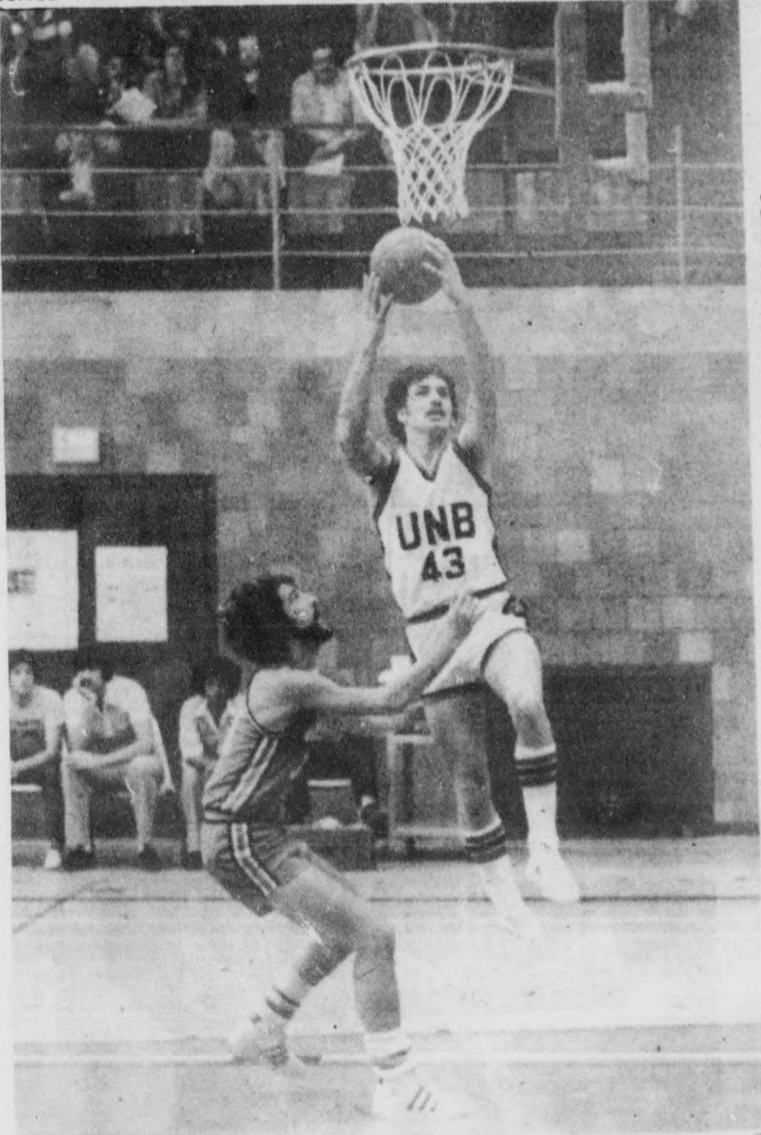
The Inter-Residence Soccer season culminated with Aitken House taking top honours in both league and play-off lpay.

Aitken advanced to the finals by beating a surprisingly strong MacKenzie team 1-0, while Bridges took Neill House in a very close contest by the same score.

Aitken went on to win the finals by beating Bridges 3-0. The score was not really indicative of the play, which was very equal with the edge slightly in Aitken's favour. M. Whalen opened up the scoring for Aitken with a corner kick that went straight into the net at the surprise of Bridges. Near the end of the half T. Feeney put Aitken ahead 2-0.

Bridges came out quickly at the beginning of the second half, but Aitken would not fold. C. McGee added the final tally that put the game out of reach.

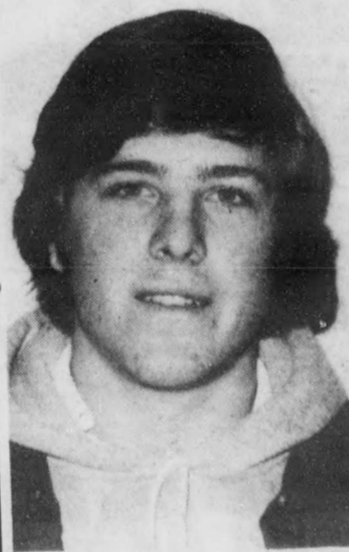
Congratulations to Aitken and all the teams involved in Inter-Residence Soccer.



Roberto Florean goes to the hoop for two in the second exhibition game against Maine.

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Athlete of the week



David Bluteau

The Red Devils hockey team opened their AUAA season showing a much improved lineup, including this weeks athlete of the week Dave Bluteau. The 1st year Civil Engineering student from Montreal was selected as a game star on Saturday when the Devils defeated Acadia 5-3 and again on Sunday in their 7-2 loss to St. Mary's. The 5'11", 185 lb. defenseman played solid hockey both offensively and defensively and also led the Devils in scoring on the weekend with 1 goal and 1 assist. If his first weekend of play in the AUAA can be used as an indication of things to come, Dave Bluteau certainly has the potential to be one of the outstanding defensemen in the league.

There is no Female Athlete of the Week