

## VIEW From The Cheap Seats

By Mark Savoie

I was given the opportunity to travel to Winnipeg to watch the women's volleyball CIAU championship. While the Lady Reds were not extremely successful, the trip was definitely a positive learning experience for a team which had no members whom had been to this level before. Next year, with the exception of Monica Gaudet and hopefully not Carala Mason, the entire team will be back at the CIAU championships, and will undoubtedly perform better.

While I was travelling with the Lady Reds I was impressed with one of their demonstrated skills. After the tournament was over the team took over an entire bar. The other patrons almost had to ask for permission to enter the dance floor. What was really impressive was the two players from the team who took eventually every shot on one of the pool tables. The gentlemen of Winnipeg were putting up their quarters just for the honour of having the ladies play for them.

Despite being a member of the media and thus supposedly neutral, I elected to eschew the media box and instead sat behind the UNB bench, cheering them on and waving my UNB scarf. As such I was the only visible UNB fan in attendance, although there was at least one other who cheered quietly.

The great and wonderful thing about the University of Winnipeg's gymnasium is that they sell beer and other refreshments for the people in the stands. The fans aren't even required to consume their purchases in the lobby, but may instead do this in the seating area. Even at the court level seats. For one such as I, used as I am to the primitive drinking laws of New Brunswick, this came as a shock. I'm used to the five or six security checks it takes to get a beer out of the Colter Room at the Aitken Centre.

Of course, because of TSN's place as centre of the universe I was unable to sit behind the Dean's bench for their third and final match of the tournament. This was because TSN's demanded and received one full side of the gymnasium in order to set up for their broadcast of the final between Winnipeg and Calgary. But this is only a minor inconvenience. Much more important was TSN's insistence that #1 Acadia play against #2 Lethbridge in the CIAU hockey semi-finals. Since the other two semi-finals were from Ontario, this meant that the Toronto sports network was guaranteed an Ontario team in the final. It delegitimises the CIAU to cave in to television demands of this nature. Pitting Acadia against Lethbridge in the semi-final would be akin to Major League Baseball, so as to ensure that they do not meet in the World Series. I still expect that this will eventually happen.

Watching HNIC last weekend, I saw Ron McLean interview Bob Goodenow of the NHLPA. As far as labour relations and professional sports are concerned I am of mixed feelings. While I agree that professional athletes are not chattel and should not be treated as such, I also do not feel that championship winning teams should be decided entirely by the pocket book and market size. Yet this is the attitude of Bob Goodenow. He evinces sympathy for small market cities such as Winnipeg and Hartford. His considerations are entirely of a business and financial nature, he not realising that the human element is last fans will cease to care about the game, and the NHL and NHLPA will cease to exist. Ultimately, an unforgiving attitude such as his is bad not only for the NHL but also for his clients.

To top off his unforgiving attitude is his willingness for the players to go on strike for the playoffs. Should the players do so then they are being very financially astute. The way the NHL works is that the players make money during the season and the owners during the playoffs. Thus, by choosing this time to for on strike the players seriously damage the owners while taking very little damage themselves. However, they are also holding the average fan hostage. The playoffs are the part of the season which the fans care the most about. If the players were to go on strike during the season, thus taking a loss themselves, then I would be more forgiving if it lasted into the playoffs. But if they strike just for the playoffs, then I have no sympathy for their plight.

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of the pool she kept the team positive when some of the swimmers were getting down."

MacWhirter improved her lifetime best time by eight seconds enroute to a promising fifth place finish in the 200 m freestyle. She also won both the 100 m and 200 m butterfly consolation finals, putting her in ninth place overall, and took second in the consolation

final of the 50 m freestyle.

Brian Woods, Stephanie LeBlanc and Pavlor Crutcher also had strong meets for the Reds. Woods managed a third place in the 200 m backstroke consolation final and a seventh place in the 30 m backstroke consolation. LeBlanc took third in the 50 m breaststroke consolation and eighth in the 100 m consolation, while Crutcher rounded out the women's

results with a seventh place in the 800 m freestyle consolation and an eighth place in the 400 m consolation.

Iona Allen and Iain Tennent were the only athletes to register results from the Commonwealth Games Trials. Tennent notched a 4th place in the 50 m butterfly while Allen placed 5th in the 200 m IM. Both swimmers set new UNB records.

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