

# Ironmen destroy Maine

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The University of Maine at Orono took to the field last Saturday and continued the American tradition of solid play combined with a pre-occupation for tackling high.

The first team match-up for UNB followed along the lines of the flow in regular season games.

The UNB forwards dominated scrums and lineouts but their backfielders were unable to perform the basic duty of advancing the ball. Superiority of fundamentals should have ensured victory, as Dave O'Neil hooked some fine ball and Andy DuPlessis attempted to motivate his side with continual charges.

By half-time, the Ironmen had achieved only a four point shutout, behind scrum-half Laird Meneley's tricky penalty play.

In the glare of the sun the teams kicked possession away, and the game had to be as frustrating to play as it was to watch, especially for hard-working forwards, not comprehending the flighty boots of nervous backs. UNB threats were often self-defeated, with subsequent Maine attacks requiring attention.

The American defense could not be successfully penetrated but pressure from hardnosers such as Danny Savage (also a great host), kept the play in the Maine end. Finally lock Mike Parent scrambled over the line from broken play, and the look on his face as he rose from the pile testified that try was too long in coming.

Typically, the men from Maien were fearless runners, yet they lacked method in their madness. The game was a sloppy battle at times, and overall appeared closer than it should have. UNB triumphed with an 8 to 0 shutout.

The second team tilt proved more entertaining, unfortunately many of the fans gave in to the chilly weather. Maine hoped to receive early pressure by kicking deep, but fullback Dave Pixio on numerous occasions counter attacked like a human demolitionist, and UNB momentum fired on his gains. The Ironmen backfielders dispelled any field condition excuse for their first team counterparts, by combining crisp passes under the leadership of fly-half Greg LaVigne with quck foot-work to keep Maine on the defensive. Winger Brian Donovan used the sideline as one of three players who contributed two tries each, one of these original two were converted by Ken Quigley. Three rangy backfielders built upon this ten point lead as they went into action. Dennis Pataki teamed up with Tony

Wheeler, in flight throughout the game, to provide Rob MacLauchlan with a hole towards the try line. Not to be outdone, Maine native Mike Coulombe rounded out the first half scoring for UNB with a try of his own converted by fullback Pizio.

Maine began the second half down by 20 points, but came out bent on scoring. The Ironmen were forced to rally their troops into a concerted effort to keep the ball in Maine territory. The dynamic duo of hookers Richard Hutchins and John Carr usually saw their efforts go out to the backs, so

"Killer" Coulombe once again drove over the line on a number eight pick-up. Centre MacLauchlan finished off the UNB point total with his second sprint for goal also. The University of Maine managed three points as the time expired, and the Ironmen found themselves winners again, 28-3.

Thank you to Maine for coming up to our province and also to all who hosted the guests, especially in making for another memorable rugby pub. Another season has passed, see all of you fanatics next season.

## Intramurals

### Women's Intramurals

Women's Fall Sports Softball and Touch Football are wrapped up until next fall.

Softball had a successful season with six teams in the league. Congratulations go out to our first place team, the Red Blazers with 10 points. Following a close second were the Fog Bottlers and McLeod House tied with 8 points.

Touch Football was a new sport this year for U.N.B. women and the Intramural Department is pleased to announce its great success. Five teams competed in the league with Vanier Hall victorious with 9 points and the Ready Mixers were second with 6 points.

Women keep up the spirit and make your program a continuing success!

### Women's Intramural Volleyball

Women's Volleyball has successfully gotten underway with the first set of games played on October 22, 1984. Action saw the Vanier Vultures defeating the L.B.R. Rookies 2-0 & the Dunn Diggers defeating Maggie Jean 2-0 the same night McLeod came up with two wins against the No Names and the Vanier Villains won by default.

On Thursday, October 25th - Vanier Vipers won by default - Ziggy defeated Vanier Vultures 2-0

Monday, October 29th - Vanier Vixens defeated Maggie Jean 2-0

- Ziggy's defeated Vanier Vultures 2-1

- Dunn Destroyers defeated Vanier Villians 2-1

- McLeod defeated Second River Rowdies 2-1

Thursday, November - Dunn Destroyers won by default

-No Names defeated 2nd River Rowdies 2-1

-Ziggy's defeated L.B.R. Rookies 2-0

Ginsberg & Wong defeated Vanier Vixens 2-0

### Squash Tournaments

Attention all Squash Enthusiasts — the game, not the vegetable! The 1984 Intramural Squash Racquets Tournaments will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 1984 at the Courts in the L.B. Gym. Competitions will be held for men and women, novice and advanced players. The exact format of the draw will depend on the number of participants. Further information and registration forms are available from the Recreation Office, Room A121, L.B. Gym from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. All players should report to the courts by 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 1984.

### Co-ed Sports

Co-ed Basketball and Ice Hockey teams are reminded to pick up their schedules from the Recreation Office. Play begins this weekend in both sports.

### Badminton

Congratulations to all participants in the Intramural Badminton Tournaments. In the Singes Division, Chris Turner defeated Mike Bastarache 15-5, 15-12, to capture the Championship. Richard Keleher defeated Wong Hooping to win the Consolation Division. In Doubles, Yung Liauw teamed with J. Tay to defeat Michel Fortin and Richard Keleher 15-2, 8-15, 15-7. Fortin and Keleher became the Consolation Winners by defeating

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## A SPORTING CHANCE !!!

*This week I have a special surprise for all you readers. Mr. Jeff Whipple, known for his coverage of basketball around the campus has decided to put down some of his thoughts concerning the controversy over the UNB Red Raiders. At this point, I must say that though my forte is not basketball, I tend to agree with the opinion expressed in the following article. So without further adieu, take it away Jeff...*

I like Don Nelson, he is one of the highest calibre as a person, the kind of guy you would like to have as your father, but after he reads this I am afraid he won't count me as one of this friends.

For close to thirty years now, Don has been head coach of the UNB Red Raiders. For all but one of those years, the RAIDERS have come up dry at the AUSA Championship well. That, in my mind, is simply not enough success in a school that is the second largest in student population and overall the most successful in athletics in the conference.

Face the facts, collegiate sports is a business. People can rant and rave all they wish about not falling into the style of "winning means everything", translated to mean winning fills the ever shrinking coffers, attitude that exists in American athletics. But lets face it, money and lots of it, is being poured into athletic programs in universities across Canada as well and the people whose money this is, namely the students and the fans in attendance, deserve more than one champion every quarter century.

And that's where you, Don, come in. In your hands, and only your hands does the responsibility for producing that winner lie. You stated in your pre-season newspaper articles that this will be a survival season, but no team in any sport at any level should be in that situation. If this is not a winning season then it should be at least classed as a competitive rebuilding year. But the faces in camp now will never mold into the nucleus of a champion, even with the addition of some top notch American talent. This, as I fear may start to become a popular attitude, will be a year of existence, to hopefully be forgotten with the past seasons of mediocrity.

People say, well all the program really needs is that one big player, the Scott Devine, to turn the program into a winner. But no, it won't do, and even if there was that one player who could turn the program around, he has to be found. Being head coach is a year round job and requires a very aggressive recruiting program on the part of the head coach and his staff.

But you admitted yourself that you feel that recruiting American players is a lost cause. You also state that you can win without them. To clear up the latter statement, in my short time as a member of the media, I can't remember one AUSA champion that hasn't had at least one American as an integral part of their team. I just don't believe that a team made up of New Brunswick high school all-stars can compete for a championship in the toughest conference in the country.

A successful program needs Americans, and its your job to find them for the program. Getting out there into the streets to see the kids, selling them and their families on UNB has, at this point in time, got to be the number one priority behind restructuring a winning program.

This requires a lot of hard work and effort by you and your staff. You know what they say about time breeding stagnation. I just hope it may not be too late for you, Don Nelson to turn this program around. Its in your hands, Don, and if the weight is getting too heavy, maybe its time to let someone else carry the torch. Thirty years is a long time.

Give us a winner before its really too late.

I just hope that after this, Don, you will still be able to face me at the home opener. I am only speaking what a lot of people have been saying behind your back for years.

I really do like Don Nelson.....

### Basketball, Men's Intramural, Thursday, November 1

Teams	G	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
TAIL CHASERS	4	4	0	0	280	144	12
HOSERS	3	0	3	0	91	202	3
HILL STREET BLUES	4	1	3	0	206	192	6
M.S.S.	5	0	5	0	207	399	5
COURT RUNNERS	5	5	0	0	244	153	15
CHEM. ENG	4	4	0	0	271	166	12
PISTONS	4	2	2	0	258	177	8
MAGGIE JEAN	4	0	4	0	143	233	4
BEAVER EATERS	5	3	2	0	238	272	11

Note: The Tigers (no name) team has officially folded. All games schedule with them have been cancelled.