

JOCK TALK

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The UNB Red Devils made my prediction of last week look good as they outplayed Acadia during all three periods on Saturday. This overnight success has gone to my head and prompts me to postulate about the forthcoming basketball season, and the future of the UNB Red Raiders.

My "experts" for this analysis included a person who used to coach the Raiders, and a top basketball coach from Fredericton. Their expectations about UNB's chances this year are dreary to say the least. Both told me that they feel that the team will lose to every squad except Mount A and St. Dunstons. Although they feel that UNB might win one of the two games against each of the better teams (St. Marys, "X", Dal. & Acadia), they recognize the possibility of them losing all of these contests.

This "dynamic duo" was quick to point out that the Raiders have virtually the same squad as they did last year except that Dave Hill graduated, and they feel that his loss will be greatly felt. It seems doubtful that any one of the newcomers will be able to fill this gap. There seems to be little doubt that the Raiders are weaker than last year.

But one bright spot remains and it is that Dave Nutbrown is still around! Although he played exceptionally well last Fall, Dave had a miserable slump after Christmas when most of the games against Maritime college teams were played. If he regains that pre-Christmas form UNB will win at least half of those games against the better teams. If not it is unlikely that UNB will go much higher than 5th place. However there is no doubt in my mind that Dave will again lead this team, and I pick them for 3rd place.

A few words now a perennial controversy - athletic scholarships! Mount Allison is about to introduce a scholarship plan while Acadia, Dalhousie, and St. FX have had schemes operating for several years now. Why not UNB? Should we join our rivals or would it be better to do without such scholarships?

The argument supporting them is that athletic achievement should be rewarded just as academics are.

But the other viewpoint is that they result in a "financial war" between universities bidding for the services of the same person. Whatever your feelings are it seems that universities left out will be unable to remain competitive in interscholastic athletics. Is winning worth it? Can we justify a scholarship program on this basis? This university may be forced to investigate the entire problem due to the policies of the other Maritime colleges.



UNB RED STICKS 1968 MARITIME CHAMPIONS

Front Row: (L to R) Sandy Humes, Joyce Douthwright, Lucy Graham, Mary Sedgewick, co-captain, Barbie Roberts, Carolyn Savoy.

Second Row: (L to R) Manager Bev Fry, Nancy Buzzell, Roslyn Schemilt, Diane Shroder, coach, Pat Martin.

Third Row: (L to R) Emoy Joshua, co-captain, Leckie Langley, Anne MacNeil, Ar: Austen, Coreen Flemming, Heather Boby.

Devils stop Axemen

The UNB Red Devils started their season on a winning note Saturday night when they stopped the Acadia Axemen by a score of 4 - 1.

The scoring was spread evenly between five players with Ian Lutes, Karl Parks, Bob Bobbett, and Dave Wisener netting the puck for the Red Devils. Pete Lynch got the lone Acadia marker.

President Colin B. McKay dropped the puck for the opening face off, and it wasn't until the 16:33 mark that Ian Lutes put the Devils ahead to end the scoring in the first period.

Acadia tied it up after Pete Lynch scored on a passing play from Gary Forsythe and Cris Anderson. Karl Parks scored for the Devils after a goal-mouth skirmish and the devils were ahead to stay.

Bobbett and Wiseman got the insurance goals late in the third period to allow the Devils to coast in to the final buzzer.

A near capacity crowd filled the Lady Beaverbrook Rink for the evenly played match.

SUMMARY

1st Period:
1. UNB Lutes (Loughrey) 16:33; Penalties: Parks 2:45;

Boyd 3:56; Middleton 5:50; Sedgewick 15:01; Sheppard 15:01; Loughrey 18:35.

2nd Period:

2. Acadia, Lynch (Forsythe, Anderson) 2:19; 3. UNB, Parks (unassisted) 8:10; Penalties: Cameron 2:35; Sheppard 5:53; Lynch 8:21; Brown 8:40; Parks, Brown 13:36.

3rd Period:

4. UNB, Bobbet (McIntyre) 11:56; 5. UNB, Wiseman (Lutes, Mullin) 13:41. Penalties: Parks, Middleton 3:04; Sheppard 3:55; Burkart 6:44; Parks (misconduct) 9:26; Loughrey, Creaser 10:46, UNB bench 18:38.

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