

RYAN CONFERS REFEREEING AWARD ON COSTELLO

A LETTER

The Sports Editor,
The Brunswickan,

Dear Sir,

Although I am the University correspondent for the Telegraph Journal I wish to take this opportunity to disclaim any responsibility for the account of last Saturday night's basketball game between U.N.B. and the R.C.A.S.C. team from Saint John, which appeared in the Monday, March 22 edition of that paper. As proof I submit the story of the game which I wired to the Telegraph Journal through the local Canadian Pacific Telegraph office, which you have been kind enough to print.

To those of us who know Mr. Doug Costello the co-referee in that game as a brother of the Telegraph Journal's sports editor it will be obvious why a foul refereeing job by the former Saturday night was followed by an equally foul and fabricated account of the game in the Telegraph Journal Monday morning.

Yours very truly,

HARRY W. HOW

Fredericton, March 21 (Special)—In the opener of a two game total-point series for the New Brunswick Intermediate Basketball championship played last night at the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium U.N.B.'s Red and Black Varsity quintet edged a hard-fighting R.C.A.S.C. five from Saint John 38-36 and will thus carry a slim two-point margin into the second contest to be played Friday, March 26 at Saint John.

The game was marked by the violent protests of the U.N.B. cagers and the good-sized crowd in attendance at the decisions handed out by the Saint John referee Costello especially during the second half when time after time he awarded the Saint John five toss-ins directly beneath the U.N.B. cage alleging that the Varsity players had stepped over the line in trying to clear. The majority of these decisions as well as many of the penalty shots which he handed to R.C.A.S.C. were hotly protested by the U.N.B. cagers and roundly booed by the fans. Howls from the audience at these decisions resulted in technicals being called against the Red and Black squad. The Service five in rare shooting form, capitalized on many of these opportunities. Midway through the last half the Saint John referee ruled the star U.N.B. guard Mitton out of the game on fouls and this visibly weakened the Varsity five giving the hard-working Service forwards an easier path to the Red and Black cage. This plus the loss of their classy centre Lockhart, who is out with a wrenched ankle, was enough to take a good deal of the scoring punch out of the Varsity quintet.

The R.C.A.S.C. five with the addition of Seelye to their lineup was a very much stronger team than that which the Varsity squad defeated in an exhibition clash here earlier in the season. Scoring 11 of his team's points the tricky centre was a threat at all times both in close and with his long accurate one-handed lobs. Boyle, a linemate, played nice ball throughout and garnered 17 points to lead all marksmen.

The reshuffled U.N.B. first-string line with Stothart replacing Lockhart at centre turned in a nice exhibition of basketball throughout repeatedly pulling dazzling passing plays to outflank the Service Corps defence and score easily. The guard duo of Mitton and Owens threw up a stout defence around the U.N.B. basket and their long rifle-



Sporting Spotlight

By Doc and Dave



The only lights shining on the sports horizon these days come from the huge Beaverbrook Gym where the Varsity basketball crew are preparing for the invasion of Saint John this Friday night. There is nothing but determination in the air around the team quarters and the knowledge that they must win in Saint John or hang up the running shoes.

This, coupled with the fact that the Costello brothers are to be in Chatham this week-end leads us to predict a decisive win for one of the greatest cage teams the Maritime Provinces has seen in several years. It was too bad that the boys had to get their worst game of the season out of their system on the same evening they met up with the kind of officiating that took place last Saturday night. There is probably nothing we can say about the refereeing that is not already on the sports page.

The Telegraph Journal Sports Page has never caused such laughing around this campus as did the write-up of last Saturday night's game. We will take an extraction from it: "the collegians, displaying all the brilliance that has led to their many decisive victories this season made the Service Corps look like a bunch of High School players for the first three quarters." Whether the little brother was trying to smooth over the refereeing job or not we do not know, but there is one thing we are certain of—the Varsity played their worst game of the year. And if the gang are on in Saint John, the sportdom of that foggy city will really have its eyes opened by the brilliancy and speed of the Varsity attack.

One of the big reasons for the change in form since the Houlton game was that the attacking lines of U.N.B. were continually disorganized. Not once in the game was either of front lines intact on the floor. All this goes to show the key position held by the injured Jerry Lockhart in the Red and Black's system.

A lot of fans are planning to accompany the Varsity to the Foggy City for the coming game. All we can say is that everyone at the game should get his quota of thrills. To the superstitious Red and Black machine one of the reasons for the blow-up in the second half of last week's game was the failure of Captain Rogers to come out with his usual exhortation as the team goes through the ritual of stamping the feet in unison. "Bung it to the Babies" is the Capt's pep talk and he will surely say it in Saint John.

Sport Flashes: The Coed hoopsters are city champions. To a team that was cracked up to be nothing but terrible, we must say they put up some great fights. Only one decisive defeat is against them—16 points at Mt. A. Two wins over the Saint John "Y" and two heart-breaking losses on the big floor to Mt. A. and Acadia is nothing to hang your heads about. You're really due for "congrats" and they come from this column. — — — Acadia defeated Dal. in the first game of the Nova Scotia playoffs. It might yet be possible for the hoopsters to make up for the defeat of the hockey team while a title is at stake.

— — — Scoudouc and Acks-Acks hook up for the provincial senior basketball. Since our boys hold victories over both these clubs it could be the senior championships we hold as well as any other.

— — — Mt. A. trackmen once more are conditioning themselves once more for a brand new track season. It is rumored that the Mounties are planning an Invitation Meet with all Maritime Universities invited. Just a hint to Track Manager Cyr—why don't you and Howie Ryan get together and see what you can do about track practice with the purpose of sending a team to represent the Red and Black at the Mt. A. meet.

like end-to-end passes to waiting Red and Black forwards frequently caught the Service team out of position. Von Richter, McNeill and Fitzpatrick performed well on the Saint John defence.

For the first twelve minutes of play the R.C.A.S.C. five seemed to have the edge with the U.N.B. team appearing disorganized. Toward the end of the half the Red and Black machine began to hit on all fours and took command of the play. Several scores resulting from a series of perfect passing plays enabled the college squad to overtake the Service Corps giving them an 18-8 margin at the end of the period.

In the final session, the Red and

Black five picked up where it left off in the first half and in the initial minutes of play had increased their lead to 17 points while holding the Service cagers scoreless. Fitzpatrick "broke the ice" for the R.C.A.S.C. at the four minute mark with a long looping basket. Chandler sank one a minute later and Boyle netted three field baskets to lead his team in this quarter. Mitton and Stothart were the big guns for U.N.B. in this frame accounting for 16 points. Mitton was going both ways and Stothart was unbeatable around the net.

After Mitton, lanky U.N.B. guard, was ruled out on fouls just after the

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While Hundreds Cheer

The Beaverbrook Gym was the scene of an outstanding and novel event after last Saturday night's game between U.N.B. and the R.C.A.S.C. of Saint John. The occasion was the presentation by Howard Ryan, President of the N.B.A.B.A., of a special trophy to Douglas Costello of Saint John, as "the most impartial and competent official in the New Brunswick Referees' Association".

LES FRERES COSTELLO

BY TED OWENS

The boys got together Saturday night following the game and so many useful and revealing bits of information were disclosed that it was felt all readers of The Brunswickan as well as all fair-minded citizens in this province should share the facts.

The discussion centred, not on the pseudo-refereeing of one Douglas Costello, but on the basketball set-up of New Brunswick and the hold Messrs. Costello have upon it.

Q. In a few words, who or what is Douglas Costello?

A. Douglas Costello — always speak with reverence and respect when using this name — holds the position of: (1) secretary-treasurer of the New Brunswick Amateur Basketball Association; (2) registered referee with approval of the New Brunswick Basketball Referee's Association; (3) owner, manager, coach, and what-have-you of the Saint John Basketball Club; (4) brother to Ralph Costello, whose positions we will now attempt to detail.

Ralph Costello—Sports Editor of The Telegraph-Journal; correspondent of The Montreal Standard; secretary-treasurer of the N.B. B.R.A.; a player of the Saint John Basketball Club.

From this information one can see that in order to get anywhere with the cage game in this province you must first have a newspaper with a sport page given over to promoting the cause of the Costello brothers . . . then all you have to do is keep within a few miles of the nearest psychiatrist or insane asylum. After reading the Telegraph's sport page the only way to tell whether you witnessed the same game about which you are reading is to check the date, players, game and location.

All being agreed with these facts the point is "what are we going to do about it?" In order to lift the lid on the basketball pot, which has been emitting such disdainful odors for the past few years, the people connected with the sport must be made to realize that basketball as played here is not confined to the interpretations put on it by the comedy team of Abbott and Costello —oh, I beg your pardon, of course I meant the team of "you-call-'em-and-I'll-write-'em Costello."

MIKE SUCCEEDS MICK

The ruling powers of the sport world, i.e. (H.R. a.a.a.) released the sad news this morning that U.N.B.'s great pugilistic impresario, Mick, has been reduced to a nervous wreck and has had to be removed to a moron mill down river. From his new home comes the report: Master Malcolm is indeed a pathetic sight, his big hulk is wracked with sobs and he was last heard moaning, "Why! oh why has this been done to me? I'm just a poor guy trying to get along in the world. I never did nothing. I don't know nothing. Nobody has nothing

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Mr. Ryan, in making the presentation, expressed the opinion that nothing approaching the calibre of Mr. Costello's refereeing could be found in these Maritime Provinces, and announced his intention of bringing the matter to the attention of the C.A.B.A., that the incorruptible Saint John official might receive national recognition.

In a brief reply to the President's speech, Mr. Costello modestly remarked (and we quote): "I have always endeavoured to officiate with firstly, because that is the only type of behavior which conforms with my ideals of personal integrity absolute fairness and honesty, and secondly, because that is the only standard of refereeing which is tolerated by the fair-minded and sport-loving citizens of Saint John." (unquote)

"Honest Doug", as he is affectionately known in N.B. basketball circles, was almost bending over backwards on several occasions in an attempt to be upright in the game which preceded the presentation. In an effort to avoid any show of favoritism for the Saint John club, he amazed the large crowd of students present by the leniency with which he handled U.N.B. infringements, as well as by the severity he displayed in dealing with rule-breaking by the R.C.A.S.C.

As he left the floor, Costello was met by Manager Bill Thompson, who declared that the visiting official ought to receive \$25 instead of the nominal fee of \$5, a suggestion that was enthusiastically applauded by the large audience. Next Sports Editor Nielsen proposed three rousing cheers and a tiger, which were lustily subscribed to, and Mr. Costello was borne from the Gym on the shoulders of the admiring students.

THE SUPERSTAR

FLASH—Last night a hurried meeting of the A.A.A. took place in the Trophy Room of the Beaverbrook Gym. After a bit of persuasion Bob McLaughlin disclosed the purpose of the meeting. Every ten years the Habeeb Trophy is awarded for the most outstanding U.N.B. athlete in the past decade. The meeting was a comparatively short one with Arnie McAllister moving the trophy be awarded to one of our present day members. You guessed it gang, none other than Pretty Puss MacDonald!!!!

The motion was seconded and passed immediately. So class of '46 stick out your chests and give use

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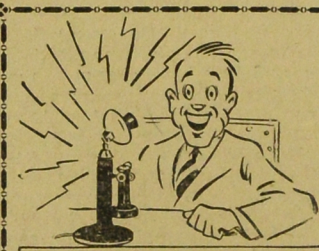
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