

BUNKER, McLAUGHLIN STAR IN FISTIC TOURNEY

HOOPSTERS AVENGE PREVIOUS DEFEAT

Mitton, Owens Shine

If anyone had any doubts about the greatness of U.N.B.' 1943 cage squad, those doubts should have been dismissed last Saturday night. For on that night the Red and Black Varsity came back as only a great team can to subdue their conquerors of three weeks ago, the power-packed Houlton Flyers, by a score of 44-29.

Checking like demons and controlling the ball two-thirds of the time, the Hillmen uncorked a long-shot attack of their own to run up a 14-2 lead early in the first quarter. The Americans fought back to within one point of tying in the second quarter, but the half ended with the collegians holding a 28-20 edge.

That was as close as the Flyers got thereafter. The play roughened up in the second half, with Varsity adding steadily to their margin and holding the Houlton long-shot specialists with a brilliant defensive display.

Chiefly responsible for U.N.B.'s great comeback victory were guards Ted Owens and Ed Mitton, who turned in superlative checking performances in muffling the close-in attacks of the shifty Flyer forwards. Up front, the top attack trio of Rogers, Lockhart and McClintock went both ways with blazing speed, rolling up a 26-point total. "Big Ed" also shone on the Varsity offensive with eight points. He stuck a hard blow at the Houlton cause early in the game when he sank four consecutive free throws.

The Flyers showed the same passing and shifting wizardry as in their first game at the gym two weeks earlier, but appeared a bit off on their shotmaking. Their chances were limited, however, by the clever zone defence thrown up by the collegians. Anderson and Eike, who accounted for 36 points in their last appearance, were good for a mere dozen this time.

Acadia Coeds Win

The U.N.B. coed cagers were out-lucked once again in an intercollegiate bout, last Tuesday night. This time it was the proud beauties of Acadia University who toppled them in a hard-fought tussle reminiscent of their last encounter with Mount A. If the scoring in the game was to be plotted against the time of play the resulting graph would show the curve of the U.N.B. girls rising steadily in the first half and keeping slightly ahead of that for Acadia. However, the disastrous second half could be represented by a horizontal line for our coeds as their bucket shooting fell off in the final minutes of the game. Considerably, while the curve of their opponents soared up and over. Leading at the end of the first half by 7-4 the U.N.B. quintet appeared to be headed for victory, but could only add one point to their own score in their final half, while allowing the Acadia team to pick up seven points. The game opened slowly, but became more aggressive toward the end with the U.N.B. forward line of Mary Dow, Mary Murray and Mavis Delong showing plenty of fight, but finding their effectiveness neutralized by Acadia's

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Sporting Spotlight

By Doc and Dave

Well, well another boxing tournament over and done with. Congratulations to Mickey Mackay for a fine job in looking after our boxing team during the year, and for promoting such a fine boxing tournament. Congratulations also to Coach Bill Laskey who has been a faithful coach all year. Mr. Laskey has really built up the old fight game in Fredericton and U.N.B., and has helped and coach young hopefuls along to championships. Since the opening of the New Gym such great fighters as Dal Laskey '41, Manzer Bunker '42, Bob McLaughlin '43, and Charlie Bunker '45 have passed through his hands. Many other scrappers of lesser fame than these four have and will come under his handling. Keep up the good work, Sir, and we sincerely hope you'll be our coach for many years to come.

In our opinion the bout of the night was the featherweight finals between Charlie Bunker (U.N.B.) and Robinson (Navy). You all know the outcome—the young Red and Black Champ came through with the goods. Something you all don't know though is that Robinson is none other than the Present Maritime Amateur Featherweight Champion! Surprised? Well get a load of this—Bunk's first opponent, Cazaille was a former well known pro having fought Johnny Greco, leading Canadian lightweight. This fight was Bunk's from the beginning but the second was a bit closer, although the judges awarded the decision to Bunker by a large margin.

Bouquets also go to Captain Bob McLaughlin for climaxing four years of brilliant fighting by decisively outpointing Oliver Geldhart, leading Maritime Lightweight contender in the feature bout. Showing a sparkling left jab, popular "Klisch" Napke went to the finals in the bantam weight class before being decided. "Klisch" is one of the most improved boxers we have witnessed this year. Finnegan, Dohane and Brown, although losing, all put on a rousing exhibition and certainly showed the old U.N.B. fighting spirit.

Last but not least we mention Pat Clair who fought Joe Thibodeau in the semi-final. Pat is certainly an up and coming fighter. He showed he could take it as well as dish it out in his bout with U.N.B.'s former trainer who incidentally would have been better off fighting Gaston or in a three ring circus. This is probably a good place and time to mention a sore spot with us. Why was Pat Clair matched with Joe Thibodeau? This is our only criticism of those running the boxing meet. After all Pat deserved a chance to show his ware against someone who was in his class and who wanted to fight. As it was Joe acted the part of a clown putting on a crowd pleaser but what Pat wanted was a good fighter who was willing to mix it and that's what he should have had.

Sporting Spotlights: Last Saturday night St. F. X. capped the Nova Scotia Intercollegiate Hockey Title from St. Marys last year's camps. The first game in Halifax ended in a 3-3 tie but the Xaverians came through with flying colors on their home ice with a 11-4 victory. This gave them a seven goal margin on the series. Incidentally St. F. X. retained their Nova Scotia Intercollegiate Football Title last fall. Big Tarp Walsh was the star of both varsity squads. Tarp is also a bit of a boxer as old U.N.B. students will remember.

The Mt. A. Girls Basketball team hung up their sneakers after a very successful year. Two victories over the Red and Black and one over Acadia comprised their wins. Losses—one to Acadia but won on the series. Incidentally this should give them at least the unofficial N.B. Girls Intercollegiate Basketball Title (or do you figure it differently Prof. Mch?). Our girls team wind up their season with a return against the Saint John "Y" in the foggy city this week-end.

Speaking of basketball for this week-end don't forget the big provincial championship game being played in the New Gym on this Saturday night. The speedy Red and Black boys who trounced the local Training Centre 78-13 in the semi-finals are highly favored in this sports corner. Leading the Saint John R.C.A.S.C. into action will be the port city's leading basketball stars, George Boyle and Norman "Rip" Seely. Now that the Varsity quintet have hit the playoff trail we look forward to seeing every loyal supporter at the game.

In the last time out the hoopsters staged the reversal of the year by trouncing the highly touted all-stars from the Houlton Air Base. If the Varsity continued to display this form we predict they will go a long way in the Dominion playdowns.

CHARLIE WINS TWICE; BOBBY WHIPS GELDHART

U.N.B.'s big annual fight show of Wednesday night provided some of the finest boxing seen in the Beaverbrook Gym since the first of the tournaments two years ago. With representatives of all three services and U.N.B. participating, fourteen bouts were run off. Highlights for the college fans were Charlie Bunker's smart win over Robinson, Maritime feather champ, and Bob McLaughlin's decision over Oliver Geldart, twice runner-up for the N. S. lightweight title.

SPORT HEADLINERS



Arnold McAllister

Arnie came to U.N.B. in the fall of '39, from Sussex. He lost no time in proving himself a true son of that traditional hockey town, making the Varsity ice squad in his freshman year. A strong skater and a brilliant stickhandler, he was a standout from the start, and has proved a key man on the strong Red and Black puck teams of the past four seasons. As the popular captain of our fine '43 Varsity, Arnie was a tireless worker and a clever playmaker, pivoting the powerful front attack trio with Marquis and Anderson.

Arnie is one of those rare beings, a "natural" athlete, who becomes proficient in every sport he takes up with a minimum of experience. Aside from his major sport, hockey, he has won letters in both track and football at U.N.B., with little previous training in either field. A brilliant broken-field runner, he has starred in the Varsity backfield for the past two seasons. His achievements in basketball and boxing are also worthy of mention. In the former, Arnie has been a standout for the '43ers in interclass warfare, while Coach Laskey tabbed him as one of his most promising leather-pushers last year. Unfortunately Arnie's associations with the ring game was brief due to its interference with his hockey activity.

Gerry Lockhart Heads A. A. A.

Gerry Lockhart, popular Varsity basketball centre, was elected President of the Amateur Athletic Association in a whirlwind coup in which all of next year's executive for the Association were elected by acclamation. Secretary of the A.A. A. in his Sophomore year, and Treasurer this year, Gerry is well equipped to fill this position from his intimate knowledge of the mysteries of the Association.

Dave Stothart will hold the position of Vice-President, while Cecil Garland will be next year's Secretary. Both of these men are star Varsity basketball players, and the A.A.A. should function with much pep and drive during the ensuing year.

Bunker scored brilliant victories over two highly-touted opponents to gain recognition in the top rank of Maritime featherweights. Showing lightning speed and lovely footwork, he first defeated the fast, rugged Cazaille of the Halifax Navy by a wide margin, and then edged out Robinson of Charlottetown Navy in a spectacular exhibition.

McLaughlin's fight with Geldart was what most of the big crowd came out for, but although no knock-out resulted, they saw a top-notch display of ring science, with Bobby winning a clear-cut decision over the rugged Nova Scotian in five rounds.

In another feature five rounder, bearded Joe Thibodeau of Halifax Navy and Pat Clair, U.N.B.'s hard-hitting novel show. Sailor Joe was apparently content to clown his way through this one, only stopping to hand out a few stiff jolts when Pat got tired of the horseplay and started belting him to all four corners.

Freshman Willis Brown, another welter, went out of his class to tangle with Wallace of Halifax Navy, but put up a courageous scrap until Referee O'Leary stopped the affair in the second round.

Middleweight Ray Finnegan of U.N.B. ran into a murderous right uppercut in the second round of his bout with Gasson of the R.A.F. and went down for the only clean knock-out of the evening. Ray had carried the fight to his opponent up to that point but found Gasson's stand-up style difficult to solve.

Ed Napke, Red and Black bantam weight, went to the finals in his division only to lose a decision to Hebert of Saint John. Ed, showing greatly improved form over last year, had beaten Winsdale of Charlottetown decisively in his first heat.

In the only light-heavyweight fixture of the evening, Campbell, former Prince of Wales fighter, now with Charlottetown R.A.F., proved too ringwise for the powerful but inexperienced Frank Dohane of U. N.B. Frank carried the fight all the way and was given the nod in the first round, but was unable to nail his shifty opponent thereafter.

Arnie leaves us this year much to the regret of the whole student body. In his four years at U.N.B. he has distinguished himself as an executive, as a student, as an athlete and as a man. As for us sports lovers, we're especially sorry to say "so long" to one of the ablest and most sportsmanlike figures of our college days.

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