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U. N. B. DOWNS WOODLAND IN OPENING GAME

Varsity Overcomes Early Lead To Win By 44-38

The poorly conditioned University of New Brunswick basketball squad eked out a 44-38 win over the American team from Woodland, Maine, in the opening game of the year for both sides.

Energetic, colorful Tony Tammam, coach of the visiting team, in his role of referee, kept the fans in laughter with his emphatic gestures and vocal effects. He lived up what otherwise would have been a dull affair.

Woodland center Fountain took the first tip-off from Stothart but the Americans were unable to score. Stothart fouled the Woodland guard but he missed the free shot. It was at the 1 1/2 minute mark that MacDonald, fouled by Robb of Woodland, dropped a free shot to start the scoring. Then George Jardine fouled Melburn of Woodland who sunk his shot to even the score. Stothart had 2 free throws and made both good. Fountain of Woodland took a long pass, dribbled into the key and was good for 2 points on a pop shot. Score was 3-3 and Woodland called a time out. 5 minutes remained in the first quarter. Frost of Woodland took a rebound off his own basket and netted 2 points. U. N. B. sent Lockhart, Wylio, Haines, Blackmer and Atkinson in. Lockhart made a free throw. Robb of Woodland popped a one-hander in from the key. Wylio fouled Melburn of Woodland who got one out of two. Then Lockhart fouled Melburn who missed the throw. Robb and Melburn of Woodland both racked up 2 points and U. N. B. sent in substitutes with 35 seconds left in the first quarter. Robb of Woodland tallied with a lovely one-hand shot from the corner to make the score 14-4 as the whistle went for the quarter.

U. N. B. started the second quarter with Campbell and Gardiner on guard, Demers, Tommy and Stothart up front. Woodland used the same men throughout the game. Campbell drew first blood with a lay-up shot. Tommy hacked Robb of Woodland but he missed his throw. Then Robb took the ball on Campbell's fumble and made sure of his 2 points. Morrison of Woodland pushed Demers but he missed both free-throws. Stothart took a pass from Demers and racked up 2 points. Woodland called time-out at the 2 1/2 mark of the second quarter. MacDonald took Gardiner out. Tommy went into the corner, took a pass from Stothart and got his basket. Then Tommy got 2 more from a mixup in front of his own basket. At this point the game started to get rough but Tony Tammam kept things clean with his sharp whistle. At the 7 minute mark Stothart tied the score on a long pass from Tommy. Stothart held Melburn of Woodland who made his free-shot good. Gardiner, Hanson and Smith came into the game for U. N. B. Hanson scored from a scramble in front of his basket. Fountain of Woodland got the next 2 points and Bill MacDonald netted a shot to end the first half. Score: 29-19 for the collegians.

Stothart started the scoring in the second half. He dribbled into the key, faked a pass, and dropped the ball in for 2 points. At 1 minute and 50 seconds of the quarter Tony Tammam called time out to attend to a cut on the cheek of a Woodland man. Tommy fouled Robb who got 1 point. Stothart dropped a foul shot. Then he made a technical foul good. Frost of Woodland dribbled into the key and ripped the net for 2. Tommy hit the hoop for a couple. Morrison missed a foul shot. Tommy was good for 2 more. MacDonald fouled Frost who missed his throws. Melburn of Woodland split the twines with a 2-hander from away out. Campbell got 2 from the key. Stothart missed a free shot and Woodland took a time out. Frost was fouled by "Wild Bill" MacDonald and got a point. Tommy racked up 2 more and MacDonald decided to push Frost once more. Frost

got his one point. Gardiner took MacDonald out. 2 minutes remained. Frost got 1 free shot out of 2, and scored again from a scramble under the basket. 3/4 time. Score: 31-29 for U. N. B.

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Sportscast

It was pleasing to note the good turnout of spectators at the basketball premiere. The need for more bleacher accommodation along the sides of the floor is obvious. Also more effort toward organized cheering might create a more collegiate atmosphere.

Naturally enough, most attention was focussed on the new members of the team. Tommy though erratic at times in passing, showed up very well. Hanson, in comparatively short playing-time, came up with the leaders in scoring. Campbell, with a fine all-round game, is one of the brightest first-year prospects we've seen. Smith and Garner both showed good natural ability and will undoubtedly improve as the season wears on. The former Junior Varsity players appeared a little over anxious at the start, but they played well and deserve more time to accustom themselves to senior competition.

The game was very ragged in spots, and generally fell below last year's standard of play. However, we can safely predict a steady improvement in team-work, so that with the further experience of Saturday's game with Aroostook and the following Saint John game, the team should be in fair shape for the all-important date with Montreal Y. M. H. A. here on Dec. 7th.

We extend congratulations to the Mt. A. rugby team which finally captured the Maritime Intercollegiate title after a tough struggle with St. F. X.

Hockey shooting drills began in the gym last week under the direction of Coach Ralston. About thirty prospective players turned out, getting their sights lined up and giving the goalies plenty of action. It is planned to play indoor hockey for the remainder of the term and to return early after Christmas for ice practices.

We are in full agreement with "Campus Observer's" letter of last week in getting to work on plans for the future. Organization of intercollegiate league play in all sports is long overdue, as is the formation of a college band, and improvements to the track and field. Rather than forming new committees of people already over-burdened with work, we should seek out fresh talent and energy from amongst the "restless yearlings" at Alexander. Surely there must be a wealth of material in the form of potential "Al Camerons" up there.

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FOOTBALL DEBATE

We wish to acknowledge receipt of a veritable flood of written and verbal comment upon last week's letter to the editor concerning American football. Although Mr. Dearden's proposal to give the American game a trial on the campus has received considerable support, there is also a large and vigorous opposition. Since we have not sufficient space to publish all this commentary in detail, we propose to summarize the main points brought forth on the negative side of the discussion this week, so that they may be weighed in the balance against Mr. Dearden's views.

The suggestion contained in last week's editorial that we should concentrate primarily on making a complete success of our existing sports has met with unanimous agreement. This, however, is not considered to have a direct bearing on the pros and cons of American football, so we will pass on to other points. A major argument is the large capital outlay for equipment necessary for the American game, with no appreciable increase in gate receipts to offset this, and with too short a season to justify such expense. Some expressed reluctance to take up the new game until it is accepted by the Maritime Union, and organized competition is possible with other Maritime universities. It was also argued that a simultaneous change-over on the part of the high schools would be necessary. Then the higher rate of player injuries in the American game was stressed. Another point was that the maximum possible daily practice session of one hour would scarcely be sufficient to develop a smooth working team. Most agreed that football (if well played, could be a good game from the spectators' angle, but unless the precision of play were virtually perfect the results would be disastrous. Probably the most convincing argument for the negative was advanced by a man who has studied both rugby and football under varying conditions in Canada, in the United States and in Britain. He claims very emphatically that football is a game of "pinch-hitters", where only the specialist makes the pass or carries the ball, whereas rugby provides more opportunity for initiative on the part of all the players

In this weekend's main feature at the gym, Aroostook State Normal School will provide the basketball opposition for our Senior Varsity squad. From an enrolment of only twenty three men this school has been able to produce a well-balanced team, all members of which have had previous experience with high school and service teams. Six of the players come from the 1942 Presque Isle High School team which won the Aroostook County High School Basketball Championship. The others have all had a wide variety of experience with school and college teams in Caribou, Oakland and Portland.

As a preliminary match, the Junior Varsity will meet the Newcastle Junior team. This game will get under way at 6.30 and the senior event will follow at 8.00. Tony Tammam, who made such a hit here last week in the dual role of referee and manager, will handle the whistle.

After four weeks of practice the ladies' basketball team is showing great promise. About fourteen players have been turning out for regular drills, eight of whom had experience with the team last year. The first game is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 30th, at Saint John. The opening home game is to be a preliminary to the big Montreal match the following week.

and is a far better team sport.

Now we have only scratched the surface insofar as the debate on rugby versus football is concerned, and we would be pleased to hear further views on the subject from anyone interested. Also we would like to have opinions on the possibilities of soccer, since a member of the Physical Education Department and a number of veterans have championed soccer as a better game than either of the other two. Any such matters affecting general sports policy should be thrashed out now so that plans can be made for next year.

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