

Letter to The Editor

CONTROVERSY

Rugger, and American football are two vastly different games. They are not to be compared or judged in conjunction with each other. Here at the University of New Brunswick, with a male student body of some thirteen hundred, only one game is given any consideration. Why?

After the new rules came into effect it seemed that the old game of rugger, as we all knew it, had become a listless, dull, whistle-packed game. So with the new type of game being introduced why is it that those that want to play American football are handed a ball and an old vacant lot and told to go to it. Then the rugger season starts and it is supported by about two hundred students, outside of those actively participating, that force themselves to cheer for a team that hasn't had the time or the spirit to round into good enough shape. After three games are played, the season is over and the football season has another four weeks to go before the play-offs. Is the enrollment of this University too small to support two fall sports or is it merely narrow-minded?

American football costs money. But—it also brings in money. The net cost of any American football team to be formed would not exceed the annual outlay for the basketball team. However it seems that the basketball team is the only sport that rates such an expenditure. What that cost entails is uniforms of forty men and the guarantees given to the visiting firemen. But with a colorful game such as football the guarantee is almost certain to be made up by the gate receipts. It only stands to reason that the stadium can accommodate more than the gymnasium.

As for the coaching of any such hypothetical team—Bernie Ralston is quite capable to do that after he has read over the latest modifications of the rules. He would have to draft a set of offensive and defensive plays that the team would learn. That being Mr. Ralston's job it would entail no further outlay of money.

The next thing is—who does this team play against? Well if the surrounding Universities such as Dalhousie, Acadia, Kings, Mount A. have nothing to do with the idea, then it is only reasonable to suppose that we would turn to the States and from that sector absorb our bumps. This would help spread the already good name of the University of New Brunswick further as a great Canadian University.

To develop a team that is going to be of any consequence it is necessary to train. By training it cer-

tainly does not mean just wander out onto the field about a week prior to the first scheduled game and toss the ball around hopefully. All those that want to play football should come down to University about two weeks ahead of the official opening. They will then go through a strict conditioning program and learn the fundamentals of the game and the formations and plays that they will use during the season. Then until the first game is scheduled it will merely be a matter of polishing up what has been learned. The main fault of the University of New Brunswick rugger team was that they had just finished the first stage when the season was upon them, and therefore by the time that they were getting good it was too late, as the season was over.

In such a manner I earnestly hope that the first year of American football, next year, will be a success at the University of New Brunswick.

SKIP DEARDEN,
Alexander College.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The above article has been endorsed by upwards of a hundred students, including many prominent in sport circles. It therefore merits the careful consideration of the entire student organization. The writer is quite correct in suggesting that with our present enrollment we can support two autumn teams. We have the numerical strength at U. N. B. to support everything from lacrosse to bingo, but whether or not we will is a vastly different question.

Keeping an open mind on the subject of the letter, we would point out that a change in student attitude toward sports is even more necessary than a change in the type of game played. For instance, if there had been a good turnout of football material this season, it would not have been necessary to use six men from the track team to fill the gaps in the lineup. There is also need for greater interest on the part of players and supporters in basketball than was evidenced last year. Some definite agreement should be reached on the subject of a permanent indoor rink for our number one national sport of hockey. Then too, any surplus student time and energy could well be devoted toward improving the condition of our track and field, since we are to be hosts for the Maritime Intercollegiate meet next May.

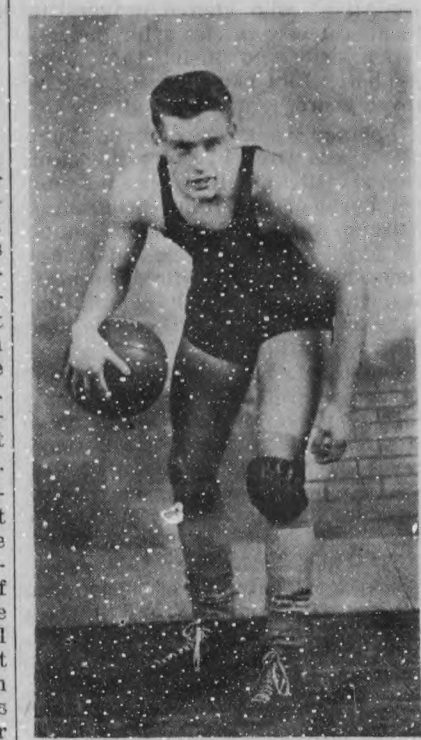
So it can be seen that we have much progress to make in our current lines of endeavour. We must not be hasty in condemning what already exists on the basis of such a brief and possibly unfair trial as was accorded "League" rugby. American football would have to overcome similar problems and prejudices.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

In the first intramural game on Monday night, November 4, Ron Haines' "Reds" defeated Arnold Smith's "Cameels" by a convincing 38-25 score. Haines and Smith, with 13 and 10 points respectively, were high-point men for the victors, while Murchison and Lockhart, with 10 and 9, were tops for the losers.

In the second game Barry King's "Tigers" defeated Doug Wylie's "Blacks" by a lop-sided 34-13 tally. King with 13 and John Gibson with 9 points, led the scoring parade for the Tigers while Church with 13, was high man for the "Blacks."

Games scheduled for Nov. 8, 11, and 15 have been postponed.



DAVE STOTHART
Captain of Basketball and Track

Boxing News

By Frank Dohaney

The gym is seeling much use these days as the late fall weather turns everyone to thinking of the indoor sports for the winter. The onlookers leaning over the railing of the catwalk see men's basketball, women's basketball, badminton and gym team workouts on the main floor, but only a faithful few ever visit the drill hall down stairs to witness or participate in another of the major sports on this campus—Boxing.

This fall the workouts are designed to teach the fundamentals of boxing to any beginner who wishes to learn. The weekly workouts, from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, are capably handled by Amby Legere of our enlarged physical education staff. Frank Dohaney, Maritime Intercollegiate Light-heavyweight Champ is help helping as student instructor.

Last year the Maritime Intercollegiate Boxing meet was held at U. N. B. Our boxing team came through with four wins out of the seven final bouts but lost the meet because we did not have an entry in the 112-lb. class. Let's not have this happen again.

The turn outs so far have been good, but we still need fellows in the 112, 118 and 127 lb. classes especially. No team has been picked yet, and anyone wishing to try out for any of the weights will be welcomed. Those with previous experience are wanted to turn out so that a conditioning program can be worked out for the Xmas Holidays.

Varsity practices will start immediately after Xmas. An elimination meet is planned for the latter part of January and then probably a home and home bout with some of the "Foggy City" mittmen as a tune up for the Maritime Intercollegiate meet. This meet will be held in the enemy's camp, St. F. X. at Antigonish this year. Turn out now and get in condition. They won the meet last year on our floor; let's take it this year on theirs.

particularly in the experimental stage. But whatever our decision, we must be prepared to support all teams through thick and thin. When we can do that, and only then, the game will be a success, be it football or rugby, tic-tac-toe or Junior Math.

Sportscast

The Ski Club is to be congratulated upon making such an early start on organization and preparation for the winter's activities. Officers have been elected, plans made, and considerable energy displayed in cutting out the Royal Road course. We sincerely hope there'll be more snow than we had last winter.

Intercollegiate football is still deadlocked, with Mt. A. and St. F. X. having to replay their final match for the Maritime crown. The winner will have to be good to trim Caledonia for the McTier Cup. They play a rugged game in Cape Breton.

We extend a vote of thanks to Mr. R. B. VanDine for his interest and generosity in donating player awards for our major sports teams. We greatly appreciate his unfailing support of athletics at U. N. B.

We note from Montreal papers that three former U. N. B. players are members of the McGill rugger team which defeated Toronto Varsity in a two-game series. They are Eric Bell, scrum-half, Gordon Simpson, stand-off half, and Blake O'Brien, forward.

It is possible that the drill hall at Alexander could be used as an indoor rink. The dimensions allow for a playing surface of 150 x 80 feet, if arranged diagonally. This may be considered a trifle short by some, but would certainly be an improvement on any outdoor rink.

The Badminton Club has a half-dozen racquets and a good supply of birds available. A tournament is scheduled to be held on Saturday, Nov. 23, to determine what combinations will be used in future matches with other clubs.

The basketball season should prove a greater attraction than last season from the fan's viewpoint. Our Varsity team will probably produce a standard of play very similar to that of last year's smooth-working, fast-breaking squad. But the improvement will come in the opposition, which for the most part will be of a much higher class than that provided at any time in the history of U. N. B. Our three-year winning streak has become just a little monotonous, so we won't worry over an upset, provided we get close games with lots of thrills and spills. Let's have a big turnout on Saturday and lots of college spirit all the way.

Hockey Team Makes Plans

Hockey manager Charlie Mallory announces that the Saint John Forum ice surface is being booked for a preliminary U. N. B. practice for three hours Sunday morning, Nov. 24. It is planned to select about thirty candidates from those turning out for the shooting drills currently being held in the gymnasium, and to give them an opportunity to show their wares on skates. From this session at the Forum, Coach Bernie Ralston will be able to select a smaller group to return for early practices during the Christmas vacation. An effort is being made by the temporary rink manager, Alex Baptist, to have the college rink ready for use at an earlier date this season.

Apart from the fact that we still



"BUD" STUART
Captain of Hockey

lack a good indoor rink, hockey prospects are exceptionally good. Nine players from last year's and previous teams are on hand, including our captain and star forward, "Bud" Stuart who has played a consistently fine brand of hockey throughout his college career. In addition, it is only reasonable to assume a certain degree of truth in the rumors that there are several really outstanding players amongst the new students.

The intercollegiate playoff series has already been arranged, though dates have not been settled.

A Home-and-home series between U. N. B. and St. Thomas.

B Home-and-home series between St. Dunstan's and St. Joseph.

C Home-and-home series between Mt. A. and winner of B series.

D Final between A and C series winners.

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