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Raiders, Devils capture holiday tournaments

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Varsity teams from UNB started the new year off on the right foot last weekend, claiming the championship in two invitational tournaments played in the city.

In men's basketball, the Red Raiders grabbed the title in their own Holiday Classic tournament, scoring an 84-83 victory over University of Southern Maine Huskies in the final. The win was sealed when Mark Newell hit a 10-foot jumper with 19 seconds remaining in the contest. The Raiders advanced to the final by beating University of Maine, Presque Isle 89-78 while Southern Maine upended University of Quebec Trois Rivieres 77-66.

In hockey action, the Red Devils scored a 6-5 victory over rival St. Thomas Tommies to garner the crown at the annual St. Thomas hockey tournament. UNB had earned a berth in the final by beating Saint John Vitos of the provincial senior league 6-4.

Bob Aucoin of the Raiders was named the most valuable player in the Holiday Classic, scoring 23 points in the final game after contributing 25 points in the victory over Presque Isle. His total in the final was even more impressive when you consider he missed all but five minutes of the first half with a sprained ankle.

Andy Hayward, who was named to the tournament all-star team, fired 25 points for UNB in the final with Richard Walker contributing 11 more. Hayward also fired 18 points for the Raiders in their game against Presque Isle.

The Raiders resume their regular schedule this Friday and Saturday with games in Charlottetown against the powerful UPEI Panthers.

In hockey, the addition of three new players—goalie Steve Tattersol, defenceman Jamie Lehman and forward John Gravelle—plus the return of Terry Balcom helped the Red Devils win the event and defeat St. Thomas for the first time this season.

The Devils received goals from six different players in the final. John LeBlanc, Renato Marino, Bill MacDonald, Mark Hovey, Eddie Trail and Charlie Cameron all beat STU goaltender Terry Wickham, while UNB goaltender Dean Frost kept the Tommies at bay for most of the game. STU scored three of its goals in the last nine minutes of the game.

On Friday, Tattersol made his debut for the Red Devils, helping UNB to the win over Saint John. LeBlanc fired three goals and added one assist in that contest, with Charlie Cameron, Peter Thorne and Sean Hastings also firing goals for the Red Devils.

In addition to LeBlanc, defenceman Lehman was also named to the all-star team.

The Red Devils return to action this Saturday with a 2:30 game at the Aitken Centre against Mount Allison Mounties.

"I expect a tough game against Mount Allison," coach Doug MacLean said. "They finished the first half with a good game against Moncton, and they also beat us once during the first half. We're going to need the same effort the players put out in the Saint Thomas tournament."

Blazers ready for second half

By MARY SCOTT
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The UNB Red Blazers womens hockey team is geared up for the second half of their 13th season. The Red Blazers have been playing most of their games in the FYHA Bantam Rep Division, running up a 4-3-2 record before the break. In exhibition play the ladies are 3-1, all against the two senior womens teams from PEI.

UNB will play their first home game this Sunday at 2:00 at the Aitken Centre as they take on the York Arena Bantams; Saturday the Blazers travel to the village of Stanley to take on the league's newest entry.

The Red Blazers should look a bit more like the team that hopes to travel to this year's National Tournament this week as three key players will be rejoining the team. Third-year center Boom-Boom Cox will be back within a week to ten days after sitting out seven weeks with a shoulder injury; Cox had four goals in five games before her November 20th mishap. Right-wing Carolin Boushel will be returning after taking off a couple of months to complete her practice teaching in Moncton, and finally goalie Wendy Dickinson will be back from a term of employment in Woodstock.

How will the return of these players affect the Blazers? "It will give us a couple of veterans up front with some experience, we shuffled eight rookies around in the first term, now we can settle on some set combinations," says UNB coach Mike Power. "As for Wendy, well Sue Keirstead has been spectacular so far, but you never feel comfortable with one goalie."

Admission to Red Blazer games is free. Come out and support UNB.

Express standing not what it appears

By MARK SAVOIE
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After 43 games, the Fredericton Express have amassed only 40 points. At first glance this total is good for third place, only six points out of a tie for first. Granted it is only two points better than fifth spot, but what can be expected when there are only seven points separating the top five teams?

So all is fine for the Fredericton Express?

Not by a long shot! Considering only their division foes, they have played at least three more games than any other team. Front-running Adirondack has played a total of eight games less than the Express and yet they still lead them by six points.

Perhaps the most revealing method of checking the standings during the season is not to look at the points but to look at games over and under .500. When regarding the team this way, the Express drops from a close third to a distant fifth. It is seen that they have a lot more in common with cellar-dwelling Nova Scotia than front-running Adirondack.

The situation is not hopeless. Although way behind Adirondack, they have an excellent chance at catching the Sherbrooke Candiens, who are only one game ahead. Another point that the Express management is quick to mention is that the majority of games thus far have been on the road. This is an excuse. A loss is a loss. You can not get it back. However, it is known that for whatever reason it is easier to win at home than on the road. The Express are hoping that by having so many home games remaining they will be able to start a drive that will push them above and beyond the .500 mark and into a playoff position.

Athlete of the week

(Week ending January 5)

A fine performance in the St. Thomas hockey tournament earned John LeBlanc athlete-of-the-week honors at the University of New Brunswick.

LeBlanc, who played with the national student team over the Christmas break, scored four goals and added one assist in two games as the Red Devils grabbed the title at the annual event.

The Campbellton native is a second-year physical education student. He is 21 years old.

Intramural Athletics for '86

Non-Credit Instruction

Registrations for the following courses have begun:

1.) Noon-hour fitness classes begin Monday, January 13th. Jazz exercize is now offered every day of the week in the Main Gym. To register, come to the registration office, room 121 in the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

2.) Afternoon aerobics classes are offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Dance Studio beginning January 13th. Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays are also offered from 5:00-6:00 p.m. beginning January 14th. To register, come to the Business office between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

3.) Evening Fitness classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. begin January 14th. Registration takes place at the Business office between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. each weekday.

Beginning on Monday, January 13th, one can register for Beginner's Weight Training and Women's Body Shaping. Women's Body Shaping is a weight training class for women only. The class is offered every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. beginning January 21st. The Beginner's Weight Training class is available to both men and women. The class is offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. beginning January 21st. Registration takes place at the Business office Monday, January 13th.

Noon-Hour Skating

Noon-hour skating at the Aitken Centre wil begin on Monday, January 13th from 12:30 to 1:30. Skating is available to all UNB and STU students and all Facility pass holders.

Co-Ed Intramurals

The Volleyball league will begin Wednesday, January 22nd. The entry deadline for registration of individuals and teams is Tuesday, January 14th at 2:00 p.m. at the Intramural office.

A *recreational* volleyball tournament wil be held on Saturday, January 25th. The entry deadline is Tuesday, January 21st, 2:00 p.m. at the Intramural office, room 121, Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium.

Women's Intramurals

Women's basketball will begin league play on Thursday, January 16th. The entry deadline for registration is Monday, January 13th at 2:00 p.m. at the Intramural office, room 121 in the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium.

Men's Intramurals

Men's indoor soccer will begin league play Thursday, January 16th. The entry deadline for registration is Monday, January 13th at 2:00 p.m. at the Intramural Office. Individual as well as team entries are accepted.