

Ironmen are the toast of the coast

by Hunter Gavin

For the third consecutive season, the UNB Ironmen RFC are the champions of the East Coast. In yet another memorable season, the UNB wrapped up their 2007 season with a hard-fought 14-13 win over the Dalhousie Tigers on Sunday afternoon in front of hundreds of fans at College Field.

UNB entered the match with a 7-1 record on the year, while Dalhousie—the top team from Nova Scotia—rolled into Fredericton with a perfect 8-0 record.

The game started out slowly, as the teams fought not only for field positions but also against the frigid winds swirling around the field. Dalhousie pressured the Ironmen for much of the first half, but could not capitalize on numerous opportunities in the UNB backfield.

The Ironmen managed to put together a sustained effort later in the half, which peaked with UNB fly-half Cameron Ough picking off an errant pass in the Dalhousie backfield and running it back for a try. The conversion was good, giving the Ironmen a 7-0 lead.

Dalhousie managed to cut the lead to 7-3 with a long kick to end the first half.

The second half began with the Ironmen controlling the play, dominating Dalhousie all over the field. The exception play eventually paid off, as UNB was able to push a ball over the line for their second try of the match. The conversion put the Ironmen up 14-3, and they looked to be in control.

Dalhousie made the game interest-



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The UNB Ironmen pulled out a 14-13 victory over Dalhousie on Sunday afternoon, claiming their third consecutive Maritime University Championship. The UNB B Side was also in action, dropping the opening match of the day 25-23 to the Cape Breton University Capers at College Field.

ing, however, scoring two tries late in the second half, including one with less than a minute left to play.

UNB managed to keep Dalhousie's play to the sides, however, leaving two very long kicks into the wind for the Dalhousie kicker. Both attempts proved unsuccessful, and UNB escaped with a one-point victory.

Roy Hickey, coach of the Ironmen, explained the team's feelings quite simply, "It's great."

Hickey said the UNB side was confident going into the game, but were facing somewhat of an unknown battle

with Dalhousie.

"We didn't play [Dalhousie] during the season, so they were somewhat of an unknown to us. We knew they'd be good, but we knew that we were good enough to beat them," commented Hickey. "Their centers were particularly strong, but we didn't get away from our game plan."

Sticking to the game plan was difficult at times, as injuries were a concern for UNB. The efforts of certain players through injuries, however, were a key to the Ironmen victory. Hickey pointed especially to the effort of Derek Weaver,

who he said "played very well through a very tough injury."

While Hickey celebrated the "three-peat" for the Ironmen, he acknowledged that Dalhousie's late flurry had indeed put the game into question. The effort of the Ironmen in keeping the play to the outside was crucial in preserving the win.

"I was happy to see our boys made them score [their last try] in the corner, because it meant that the kick would be long," explained Hickey.

"When [Dalhousie] was lining up for the final kick, I was thinking it would

be really tough for us to lose in that position."

The Ironmen 'B' side was also in action on Sunday, dropping a 25-23 decision to the Cape Breton University Capers at College Field.

Aside from claiming the Maritime University Championship, the Ironmen took home another award this weekend. Cass Conkin was named as an All-Star in the New Brunswick Rugby Union's Premier Men's Division. Conkin, a native of White Rock, BC, was the only member of the Ironmen to take home an individual award.

WOMEN SPLIT WEEKEND



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The UNB Varsity Reds women's hockey team went 1-1 on home ice over the weekend, pulling their record on the season to 2-5-1. The Reds lost 3-1 to St. Mary's on Friday night, with UNB's lone tally coming from Alexis Laird. On Saturday night, UNB put together an impressive effort to drop the Mount Allison Mounties, 3-1. Laird scored her second goal of the weekend, with Christine Hartnoll and Sarah Belmore also scoring for UNB. Terri Ryerson picked up the win, making 18 saves in the UNB goal.

Toronto FC rookie takes MLS hardware

by Bruns Sports Department



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Edu was Toronto's first ever draft pick, taken first overall in 2007.

goes a long way, especially for a young player, when you come into a system or an organization and they believe in you and your abilities on the field."

Edu, a former University of Maryland standout, was Toronto's second-leading scorer behind fan-favourite Danny Dichio this past season. He's hoping for a few more goals next year.

"This year, I scored four goals, but I think I could have had a lot more, so I want to work on being cleaner in front of the net and finishing opportunities, because, who knows? Those goals I did miss could have been game-winners and could have won us more games," Edu said.

The six-foot 170-pound Edu was one of the few bright spots on the pitch in Toronto's first season, as the team fin-

ished last in the league (6-17-7).

In a statement released by Toronto FC after the announcement about Edu's award, Coach Mo Johnston was quick to praise the rookie. "He's a wonderful kid to work with," Johnston said. "He was always first on the field, and you can see the tools he has to work with. He's strong, he's quick, and he's aggressive."

Now Edu turns his sights to what should be a busy off-season. He may train with England's Aston Villa, through a partnership with Toronto FC.

"I'm not sure if it's going to work out," Edu said. "If it happens, I'm really excited for that, it's something I've always wanted to do and having the opportunity to go there and train for a little bit, that would be great for me."

Aside from success in MLS, Edu also made his international debut this year, earning his first cap for the U.S. in an exhibition game in Switzerland. Edu should now be a part of the U.S. team's plans for Olympic qualifying.

Edu beat out Adam Christman of the New England Revolution and Dane Richards of the New York Red Bulls for MLS rookie of the year.

The award finalists were determined in a poll of MLS players, general managers, coaches, referees, and members of the media.

V-REDS RESULTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
UNB - 3
UPEI - 0

WOMEN'S HOCKEY
UNB - 1
SMU - 3

MEN'S HOCKEY
ACADIA - 3
UNB - 6

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL
DALHOUSIE - 1
UNB - 3

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
UPEI - 71
UNB - 80

MEN'S BASKETBALL
UPEI - 102
UNB - 70

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL
DALHOUSIE - 3
UNB - 1

WOMEN'S HOCKEY
UNB - 3
Mt. A - 1

MEN'S HOCKEY
DALHOUSIE - 1
UNB - 8

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
UPEI - 68
UNB - 45

MEN'S BASKETBALL
UPEI - 71
UNB - 69

UPCOMING V-REDS EVENTS

WEEKEND TOURNAMENTS

WRESTLING
NEW YORK HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

SWIMMING
AUS INVITATIONAL @ DALHOUSIE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
UNB @ ACADIA

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
UNB @ UPEI

MEN'S HOCKEY
STU @ UNB
7:00PM @ AUC

MEN'S BASKETBALL
UNB @ ACADIA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
UNB @ ACADIA

MEN'S BASKETBALL
UNB @ ACADIA

V-REDS ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Melanie Doucette
Women's Volleyball



Kyle VanGenne
Men's Hockey

Playing the name game

THE FIFTY MISSION CAP

by Brian Munn

"Hey, friend, the title of that popular article in The Brunswickian sounds slightly familiar," said Jack to his pal Tom.

"You're right, Tom. It's a line from the popular 'Name Game' rhyme you may recognize from your childhood," replied Tom.

Ah yes, the Name Game. That's the conversation I imagine happening by two guys reading this week's Bruns.

But then, they may ask, "what does the Name Game have to do with a popular campus paper Sports column?"

Simple: In sports, having the right name is half the battle. Your name can set you apart or at least set you up for a solid nickname.

Let's revisit Jack and Tom, the two guys from my imaginary conversation. That's actually 'Black Jack' McDow-

ell, a former ace (get it?) pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, and Tom Canada, a lineman for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League.

With names like those, you hardly have to be good at the sport. You just sound so good that people will buy your jersey.

A name is best if it has staying power, the same as any good commercial jingle. Like Coco Crisp. In fact, that sounds like a commercial jingle.

When dealing with athletes' names, one thing to always look for is the sport-specific name. The one example that pops out is Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs. Duncan, or course, is a very good basketball player. And what does he do? Well, Tim's into dunkin'... and winning championships.

You can't even make stuff like that up. It's like Mike Slapshot or Jimmy Fastball. How about a real-life example, like John Carpenter, the guy renovating your kitchen?

Names are great, but unfortunately, mothers just aren't original or insightful enough to appropriately name their children at birth for the enjoyment of fans later in that child's life. When that happens, fans have to go with nicknames.

While Tom Canada and Tim Duncan were destined for greatness from birth, not everyone was so lucky.

Why do we get so attached to nicknames? Well, simply put, I don't know.

I just write a column about stuff that makes me laugh. But if I had to guess, it's because during the 1960s, when basketball players' shorts were so short, fans needed something to keep their eyes and minds off the skinny white-man legs.

How about 'Air' Jordan? 'Magic' Johnson? 'The Great One'? They're fitting and all, but they're not really that awesome.

Try 'Shoeless' Joe Jackson. The guy didn't wear cleats for one game and he's strapped with the nickname for life.

Remember when Matt Bonner played for the Toronto Raptors? This red-headed farm boy was nicknamed 'The Red Rocket', as much for his hair as for the fact that he took the TTC to work each day.

The list of awesome nicknames just never seems to end. 'Pistol' Pete Maravich, for example, sounds like the most lethal white guy on earth, save for perhaps Chuck Norris.

But there is one nickname out there that tops all others. It's so Xtreme that any upstart football league would be lucky to have it plastered on the back of a player's jersey. Or better yet, to have it be the only lasting memory of said league's existence.

The man was Rod Smart of the XFL's Las Vegas Outlaws, and his nickname - 'He Hate Me' - is the only proof that Vince McMahon ever thought wrestling would be fun on grass.

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