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FOOTBALL BLACK BEARS FINISH STRONG

...say-die Maine football team struggled as underdog in the early stages of the season, but came back with shocking results. The campaign closed out. The Black Bears at Lafayette 31-25 and two weeks later edged off the biggest upset in Division I-AA this year when they edged defending NCAA Division Two National champion Lehigh, 21-18.

Not many fans will forget the two fourth quarter touchdown passes from quarterback John Tursky to end Rich Camire that enabled Maine to wind up their home schedule with two straight wins. The Engineers were big favorites going into the game and led Maine 18-7 before Tursky and Camire, both sophomores, went to work.

Other highlights included the controversial "bat ball" at New Hampshire and the record-breaking performances of several players.

Four University of Maine football records were broken during the 1978 campaign, according to the Black Bears' final statistics. Tailback John Marquis broke two of them in one game, rushing for a one-game high of 208 yards in a record 49 carries that also smashed the New England College standard. Marquis' performance enabled Maine to topple Lafayette.

In the same game, safety Bob Laberge broke the one-game record for most interceptions with three thefts of Leopard passes.

Senior Steve Wood ended his four-year punting career at Northeastern Saturday with a record 87 punts, the nation's top Division I-AA total this season. Wood has kicked 260 times for 9,293 yards and an average of 35.7 yards per boot in four years. The Fairfield native was also the number three punter in the Yankee Conference this fall with his 36.4 average.

Camire tied a UM mark with his two TD catches against Lehigh. Camire joins 10 other Bear receivers in the record books.

1978 statistics leaders include John Tursky, passing; Marquis, rushing; Pat Madden, receiving; Peter Ouellette, kick returns; and Marquis, scoring.

1979 Football Schedule

Sept. 8	Towson State
15	Boston University
22	at Massachusetts
29	Central Conn.
Oct. 6	at Rhode Island
13	New Hampshire
20	Connecticut
27	at Lafayette
Nov. 3	at Delaware
10	at Lehigh
17	Northeastern

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MAINE ICEMEN AIM FOR PLAYOFFS IN SECOND SEASON

Head coach Jack Semler must pinch himself every now and then. The second-year skipper has his hockey program on the move and the end is nowhere in sight. With the Bears going to Division One, next winter, Black Bear Hockey is a phrase that means excitement and challenge to fans and foes, respectively.

Maine opened the season with four wins and a tie before losing to Salem State in the championship game of the first Black Bear Hockey Classic at the Harold Alfond Sports Arena. Maine dropped Buffalo in the semis, 8-1. At press time, the Bears stood 9-2-1.

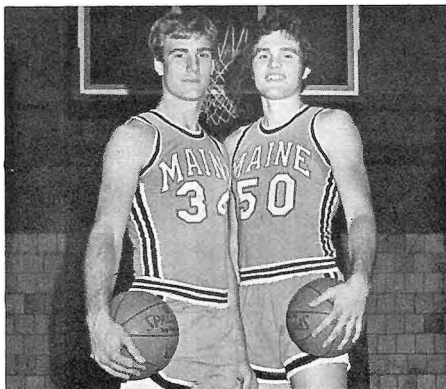
Semler and assistants Ted Castle and Ken Yeates have a young team that is maturing steadily with experience. Captain Dan Sweeney, a senior, and junior transfer John Tortorella (goalie Jim's brother) are the only icemen that are not sophomores or freshmen on the 27-man roster.

Maine has strength at center with last year's leading scorer Gary Conn, Joe Crespi, Brian Hughes and freshmen Richard Cote and Robert Lafleur. Conn pumped in a record five goals in Maine's season-opening win over Mount Allison and scored nine goals in the team's first three games.

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John and Jim Tortorella
Brothers Spark Icemens



Roger Lapham and Kevin Nelson
Black Bear Co-captains

UNSELFISH STYLE KEY TO CAGERS COURT SUCCESS by B.L. Elfring '79

"It's amazing what can be accomplished if no one cares who gets the credit." That's the theme for the University of Maine at Orono Black Bears as they head into the 1978-79 season under the direction of head coach Tom "Skip" Chappelle.

Chappelle, beginning his eighth season at the helm of the Black Bears, has eight returning lettermen from last year's squad which compiled the third best record in UMO history. Chappelle, who starred on Maine's two best teams, currently is second on the all-time list for coaches with 97 victories and his .561 winning percentage is the best mark for coaches with 25 or more victories.

"Last year's schedule was the toughest ever because of the traveling. We went south and to the midwest for two very tough trips. This year's schedule is even tougher. This is because we play UMass, UConn, Vermont for two, and all our big games on the road. These away games will be testers," said Chappelle.

Chappelle will count heavily on three returning starters from last year's squad. Mainstays on the frontline returning for their third year together are co-captains Roger Lapham,

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by Len Harlow

With the advent of the winter athletic season and at least three UMO teams, basketball, hockey and swimming, capable of attaining regional honors, it seemed an appropriate time to discuss the future of intercollegiate athletics at UMO. The Sideliner has decided to ask the person who knows best what that future might be. So, the Sideliner asks the questions and Harold Westerman, UMO director of physical education and athletics, supplies the answers.

Q. Can UMO be competitive in the future with other Division I-AA football teams?

A. Only with dramatic improvement in our athletic scholarship program can we become consistently competitive in football, basketball and hockey. Other Yankee Conference institutions support these three sports with maximum financial aid as defined by NCAA limitations. They also provide funding for their athletic scholarship program from institutional resources rather than private giving.

Q. What steps do you see as necessary to stay competitive?

A. The University must take a more realistic approach to the athletic scholarship question including the current University limitations and the source of funds and methods of obtaining them. Private giving to the aid program is improving year by year. However, alumni and friends of the University cannot be expected to carry the full burden. The use of athletic income would be our approach to help alleviate this problem.

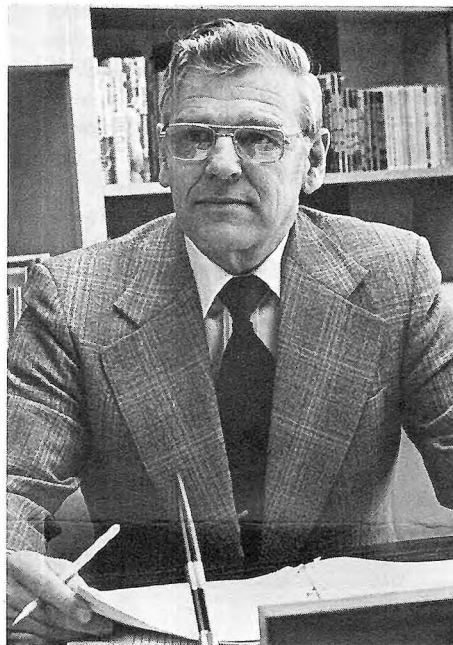
Q. What kind of scheduling do you look toward in future football programs?

A. Our future football schedule will continue to include the other New England state universities of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut as well as Boston University, Lehigh, Lafayette, Delaware and Northeastern. Even if we wanted to deemphasize the football schedule, which we do not, the enrollment at UMO prevents such a move, Maine teams without any scholarship would be too strong for the next level of Division II of Division III opponents. There are no Division II colleges in Maine, New Hampshire or Vermont; only two in Massachusetts; two in Connecticut and two in New York. A schedule of this type would not provide equal competition or produce enough revenue to sustain the football program.

Q. Do you foresee additional contests being scheduled at the Bangor Auditorium, Portland Civic Center or Augusta in basketball?

A. The majority of the basketball schedule for the future will definitely remain on the Orono campus. Just as soon as possible we would like to move our varsity basketball program into the Fieldhouse with an expanded

What does future hold for UMO teams?



Harold Westerman

seating arrangement. This is a realistic solution to our limited spectator space and should provide an excellent basketball arena. It is our plan to continue playing games in Bangor, Portland and Augusta. These will consist of special opponents during vacation periods when students are not on campus. Such a policy provides the people of Maine with an opportunity to see and become exposed to UMO athletics in their local area.

Bulletin

UM TRUSTEES LIFT SCHOLARSHIP MAX

The University of Maine Board of Trustees approved a new ceiling for athletic grants-in-aid Nov. 29 that will allow UMO to raise \$400,000 per year. The former standard of \$100,000 per year was set in 1973.

The approximate amount of \$100,000 currently awarded comes from private funds and Director of Athletics Harold Westerman pointed out that the additional funds for athletic scholarships must also come from private sources.

Q. What can the average fan do to assist in the future goals of UMO athletics?

A. UMO Black Bear fans can help build UMO's future in athletics by their continued support. This takes the form of a personal interest by financial aid contributions and spectator support. It is vitally important to bring Maine people into contact with our athletic programs. Whenever possible we invite them to attend our games on and off campus. Quality

teams will bring more support than any other factor. Excellent coaching and recruiting play major roles in producing quality teams and success for the future.

Q. Will our hockey program be competitive when it starts competition in Division I next year?

A. Although this is speculation, I fully believe that Maine will become competitive in Division I hockey within the next few years. The first year will be difficult, but if we continue to improve and are able to add to our scholarship program, UMO hockey will be more than representative. Student and public interest already displayed will help to provide the impetus needed.

Q. What is the future of the so-called minor sports considering the money crunch and scheduling problems?

A. The future of the so-called minor sports will depend largely upon the success of our income sports and the University financial support of intercollegiate athletics in general. A healthy and well balanced athletic program consisting of a variety of sports is a vital part of the University educational process.

Q. How much of a problem is geographic location in the continuation of major sports programs at UMO?

A. The geographic location does make recruiting and scheduling more difficult. It means longer trips for our teams which increases costs and the time away from classes. There are advantages, however, in that many prospective students want the rural or isolated campus environment as opposed to the so-called streetcar colleges. In the sports of football and hockey we have solved our scheduling problems. Basketball and baseball schedules are still being developed. I do see the opportunity for improvement in these sports as the ECAC and NCAA requirements enforce round robin competition. This is a current issue within New England and will remain with us until all Division I schools are willing to play each other. Some do not want to travel to Orono for competition. Until the NCAA can enforce the regional concept in basketball and baseball Division I competition, Maine will have problems scheduling at Orono.

Q. What changes do you foresee in women's athletics?

A. Women's athletics at UMO will continue to grow in quality. The University supports 10 varsity women's sports and two co-ed sports and probably will not add more in the near future. As quality improves, there will continue to be an expansion in schedules to include more New England colleges. There should be a gradual change in the spectator appeal to women's athletics as the public becomes more interested in their programs. Women's teams at UMO are exceptional.

MISTER "M" SAM SEZAK HONORED

Samuel Sezak, who has given 40 years of his life to University of Maine at Orono athletics in almost every conceivable capacity, was honored by his friends at a reception and dinner sponsored by the UMO Graduate "M" Club Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Oronoka Restaurant in Orono.

A 1931 graduate of UMO where he played both football and baseball, Sezak began a career of coaching at Machias High School when he led the Machias school's football team to a winning campaign. Through the years he was to coach seven different sports at the high school and collegiate level, compiling an amazing career record of 472 wins, 186 defeats and 11 ties.

Appointed to the faculty of UMO in 1939, Sezak coached the varsity football and basketball teams as well as freshman and jayvee football and baseball teams. He also served as assistant faculty manager of athletics and retired as professor of physical education and athletics in 1971.

Now professor-emeritus of physical education, Sezak continues his efforts to benefit UMO athletic programs even while officially retired by spearheading the fundraising activities of the Black Bear Hall of Fame and "200" groups, dedicated to providing money for non-need athletic scholarships; and by serving as chairman of the membership committee of the Graduate "M" Club.

During World War Two he was granted a leave of absence from his duties at Maine to coach football at East Orange, NJ, High School. Other high schools at which he coached prior to his appointment at UMO included Milbridge, Rockland and Fairhaven, MA. He also coached one season of football at Washington State Normal School. Among the sports he coached at the high school level were track, hockey, winter sports and tennis.

In 1974 Sezak served as president of the Graduate M. Club, the organization of athletic letter winners at UMO. He and his wife Ethel reside in Orono. A son, Tom, is vice-president of a Boston investment firm and a daughter, Maryann Davis, is an attorney in Belfast.

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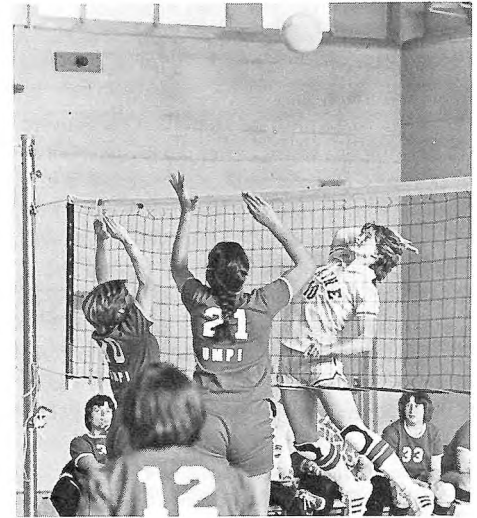


The Black Bear 200 is a select group of businesses and individuals who contribute \$500 or more annually to the Athletic Scholarship Fund. Among the benefits enjoyed by members are a number of social events held in conjunction with football, basketball, hockey and baseball games. To date, more than 100 members have joined the Club and we hope to reach the 200 member mark by the spring.

It is also important that more lettermen and numeral men join our scholarship effort at whatever level they are able. They are nearly 5,000 men who have played sports at the University. If only one half of them were to contribute \$10, \$25, or \$50 to the scholarship fund, it would have an enormous impact on the quality of teams representing their Alma Mater.

Whether at the \$500 level or at the \$10 level, we need your help.

Black Bear Hall of Fame Chairman Sam Sezak discusses the growth in membership of the Black Bear 200 with Athletic Director Harold Westerman (pictured below).



Coach Janet Anderson's 20-6 volleyball squad was one of the fall's strongest Black Bear teams. Maine won the state title and impressed foes in the Regionals.

SECOND-YEAR ICEMEN

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At left wing, the Bears skate Jon Leach, Rob Day, Bill Demianiuk, and freshman Kent Lannon. Demianiuk joins Sweeney and Conn on the Bear's top line.

Maine has Jamie Logan, Sweeney, Paul Wheeler, Mike Vigue, Jim McTernan and freshman Brian Taylor at right wing.

Patrolling the defense will be returnees Tom Leblond, Don Mason, Larry Page, Marc Son and Art Demoulas. In addition, outstanding freshmen Andre Aubut, already a big favorite with the large crowds at Alford, hard-hitting David Ellis and Dwight Montgomery, a solid scoring threat, add to what has become a team strength for Maine. Montgomery was the only Maine player on the Classic's All-Touney Team. Montgomery set a UMO record for points by a defenseman in a game with two goals and two assists against Buffalo.

Semler is solid in the nets with sophomore goalies Jim Tortorella and Jeff Nord. Both are very capable and give Maine quality and depth at this key post.

BLACK BEAR CAGERS

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a 6-6, 225 pound forward, Kevin Nelson, a 6-8, 225 pound center and junior standout Rufus Harris, a 6-4 swingman who will see action at both guard and forward.

Lapham, whose older brother Dave plays for the Cincinnati Bengals, is Maine's fifth all-time leading scorer with 1,136 points. The former All-Massachusetts player is an unselfish team man who is very strong inside.

Nelson, the fourth best rebounder in New England last season with a 9.7 avg., is the Black Bears' tallest player at 6-8. His 10 for 10 shooting against Bates last season is only surpassed in UMO history by Lapham's 12 for 12 against Valparaiso, also last season.

Harris, who averaged 22.8 ppg last season, is the 14th best returning scorer in the nation and will provide plenty of spark to Maine's explosive attack. He gives the Bears and Chappelle the swingman that provides for a number of options in matching up against this year's opponents.

The backcourt will be an area of concern for Chappelle this season after the graduation of last year's captain and assist leader Wally Russell and running mate Jim Klein. Bob McLaughlin (6-2, 180), a senior from Southwest Harbor, ME, will be a starter for the Black Bears this season. The other guard is likely to be 6-2 Rick Boucher.

"The backcourt is an untested area. If Rufus is there, we have no weakness there. If not, it will be McLaughlin and an untested player. A lot will depend on the defenses and offenses we face," commented Chappelle.

Maine's depth is unproven. Depending on who the fifth starter is, Chappelle will have three talented freshmen in Clay Gunn, a 6-7,

1978-79 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

MEN'S SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Nov.	25	at	Providence	2:00
	28		Maryland-Balt.	7:35
Dec.	1		No. Carolina A & T	7:35
	2	at	Boston University	4:00
	8		Towson State	7:35
	12	at	New Hampshire	8:00
	16		Northeastern	7:35
	23	at	Connecticut	7:30
	30		Siena (Bangor)	7:35
Jan.	3		Morgan St. (Bangor)	7:35
	5		Marquette (Portland)	8:00
	10	at	Canisius	8:00
	19	at	Vermont	7:30
	20	at	Vermont	3:00
	25		L.I.U. (Bangor)	7:35
	29		Baltimore	7:35
	31	at	South Carolina	8:00
Feb.	3		Boston University	7:35
	7	at	Northeastern	7:30
	10		Central Conn.	7:35
	12	at	Massachusetts	7:30
	17	at	Old Dominion	8:00
	19	at	UNC/Wilmington	8:00
	22		New Hampshire	7:35
	24		Wisconsin/Milw.	7:35

HOCKEY

Nov.	3	at	Mt. Allison	7:30
	4	at	Mt. Allison	2:00
	11	at	St. Thomas	3:00
	18		Lowell	7:30
	24		Thanksgiving Tournament	
	25		Thanksgiving Tournament	
	29	at	Connecticut	7:30
Dec.	2		Holy Cross	7:30
	6	at	Colby	7:30
	9	at	Colgate	7:30
	15		New Brunswick	7:30
	16		New Brunswick	2:00
	28	at	Cornell Tourn.	6:30
	29	at	Cornell Tourn.	5:30
Jan.	6	at	Holy Cross Tourn.	1:00
	7	at	Holy Cross Tourn.	1:00
	9		Merrimack	7:30
	12	at	Downeast Classic	6:30
	13	at	Downeast Classic	6:30
	19		Bowdoin	7:30
	20		Dartmouth	7:30
	24	at	New England Col.	7:30
	26		Massachusetts	7:30
	27		Massachusetts	3:00
Feb.	2		New Haven	7:30
	3		R.P.I.	1:30
	9		St. Thomas	7:30
	10		Union	2:00
	14		Colby	7:30
	17		Northeastern	7:30
	19	at	Salem State	7:30
	24	at	Vermont	7:30

SWIMMING

Nov.	18		Point Claire S.C.	2:00
Dec.	2	at	Penn St. Relays	TBA
	6	at	New Hampshire	3:00
	9	at	Vermont	2:00
	16	at	Harvard	1:00
Jan.	13	at	East Carolina	7:30
	17	at	Johns Hopkins	4:00
	27		Rhode Island	1:00
Feb.	2		Connecticut	7:30
	10		Boston Univ.	1:00
	17	at	Massachusetts	2:00
	20		Bowdoin	3:30
Mar.	1-3		Easterns (Harvard)	TBA
	22-24		NCAA's (Cleveland St.)	TBA

WRESTLING

Dec.	5		MMA	7:00
	9		New Hampshire	1:00
	16		Plymouth St./UMPI	1:00
Jan.	31	at	Boston State	7:00
Feb.	3		Boston Univ.	10:00
	6	at	M.M.A.	7:00
	10	at	U.M.P.I.	7:00
	20		Bowdoin	3:30
	23/24		NE's (YC Incl.)	TBA

SKIING

Dec.	31		UMF Slalom
Jan.	6		Middlebury XC
	13		Middlebury Jumps
	13		Hanover Relays
	27		National XC
	28		UMF Slalom
Feb.	3-4		Vermont WC
	10-11		Dartmouth WC
	11		State XC (Rumford)
	17-18		Williams WC
	24-25		EISA's (Middlebury)
Mar.	9-11		NCAA's (U. Colorado)

RIFLERY

Nov.	18	at	Dartmouth	8:00
Dec.	2		MIT	8:00
	9	at	Norwich Inv.	8:00
	10	at	League Match (all teams)	8:00
Feb.	3	at	West Point Inv.	8:00
	10		USCG Academy	8:00
	24		UConn	8:00
Mar.	3		Norwich/URI	8:00
	10/11	at	League Finals (Cambridge)	8:00

INDOOR TRACK

Dec.	2		New Hampshire	12:00
	9		Vermont	12:00
Feb.	3	at	Maine Inv.	1:00
	10		Massachusetts	1:00
	17	at	Yankee Conf.	11:00
	24	at	New England's	TBA
Mar.	3-4	at	IC4A (Princeton)	TBA

WOMEN'S SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Dec.	2	at	Massachusetts	1:00
	7		Boston Univ.	7:30
	12	at	Plymouth State	6:00
	14	at	New Hampshire	6:00
Feb.	1		UMF	7:00
	3		Rhode Island	5:30
	8	at	Husson	7:00
	9	at	Vermont	7:30
	14		Southern Maine	7:00
	17		Connecticut	1:00
	19	at	Bowdoin	7:00
	24	at	Providence	7:00
	26	at	Colby	7:00
	28	at	UMPI	4:00
Mar.	3	at	EIAIAW's	TBA
	5		Husson	7:00
	7	at	UMF	7:00
	15-17	at	MAIAW's (Colby)	TBA

SKIING

Jan.	19-20	at	St. Lawrence WC
Feb.	1-3	at	Vermont WC
	9-10	at	Dartmouth WC
	16-17	at	Williams WC
	22-24	at	Middlebury WC*
Mar.	7-10		AIAW Nationals (Northern Michigan)

*also WEISA-EIAIAW Championships

SWIMMING

Nov.	11	at	New Brunswick	1:00
Dec.	9	at	Harvard	11:00
Jan.	25	at	New Hampshire	4:00
	26	at	Massachusetts	11:00
	31		Bowdoin	11:00
Feb.	2	at	Acadia	TBA
	3	at	Mt. Allison	TBA

*GYMNASTICS

Dec.	2	at	Plymouth St.	12:00
Feb.	10	at	UMF	1:00
	24		UMPI	2:00
Mar.	3	at	Tri-States	9:00
	10	at	UMF	1:00

*INDOOR TRACK

Dec.	2		New Hampshire	1:00
	9	at	Vermont	1:00
Feb.	14	at	Bowdoin	TBA

*Incomplete

215-pound forward from Great Barrington, MA, Tom Brown, a 6-6, 215 pound forward from E. Greenwich, RI, and guard Sam Towns, a 6-4, 180-pounder from Columbus, OH, in reserve.

Also to see extensive playing time will be returnees John Joyce (6-7 center), Rick Boucher (a possible starter at guard), Dave Wyman (6-6 forward), transfer Jim Mercer (6-1 guard), and Gary Speed (6-1 guard).