

Red Devils are ready!!

By TODD DALEY

The UNB Red Devils varsity hockey began practices last week and are looking forward to a successful season. After finishing last year with 8 wins and 16 losses, resulting in the Devils missing the playoffs, coach Rick Nicklechok says that their goal this season is to make the playoffs. Last year, the AUSA league allowed only the top two teams from each division into post-season play. This year, the top four teams from each division will advance. The first half of the season favours the Red Devils as they play 8 home and 4 away games.

Coach Nicklechok, assessing his returning lineup, says that they will be "strong in goal" and also strong defensively. Returning for his third year is Dean Frost, the goalie who was thrust into the spotlight two years ago as a rookie. Also slated for goal is Rick Poirier who last year was sidelined with an injury after the first 15 games. Of the three returning defensemen (Bruce Carroll, Jamie Lehman, and Paul Loggie), the coach says they are three of the best defense in the league. There are eight for-

wards returning with the most senior forward, Renato Marino, in for his third year. Nicklechok says of his returning forwards that the Devils have "some of the better defensive forwards." Having lost their top 3 goal scorers from last year's team, this year's Red Devils will be playing for more puck control. Carrying the puck more and emphasizing

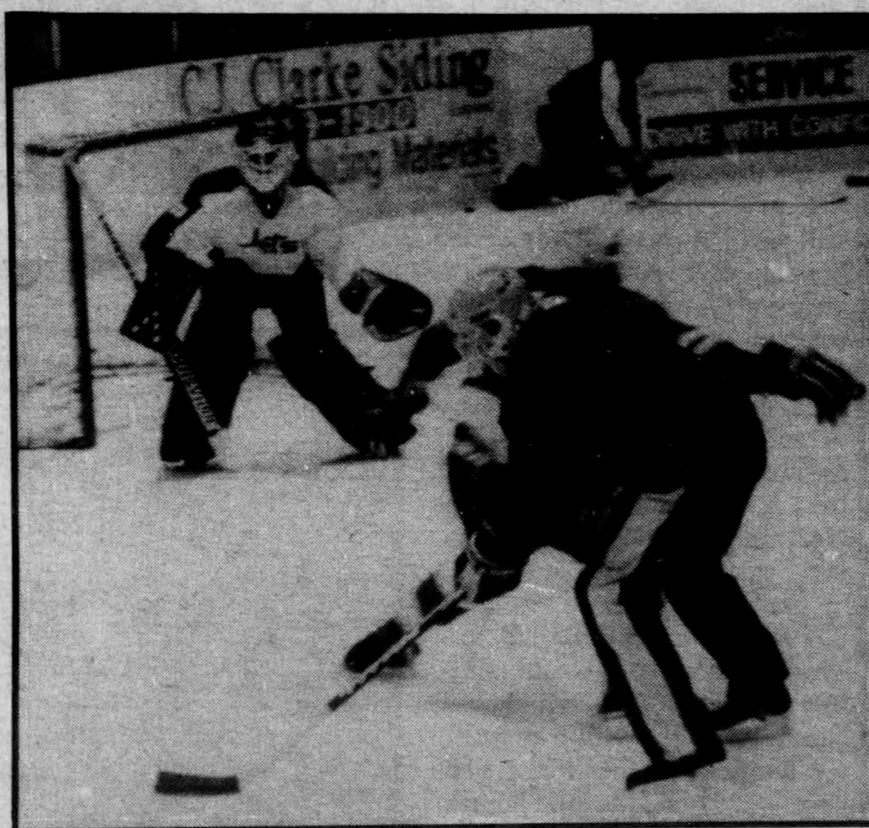
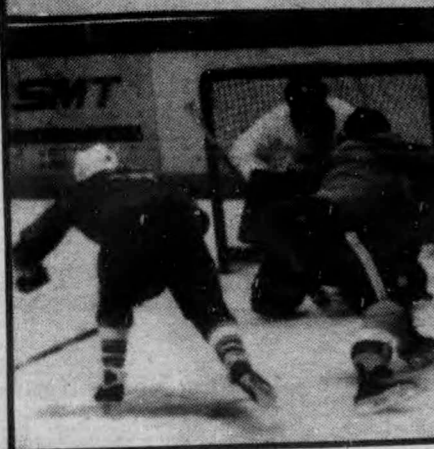
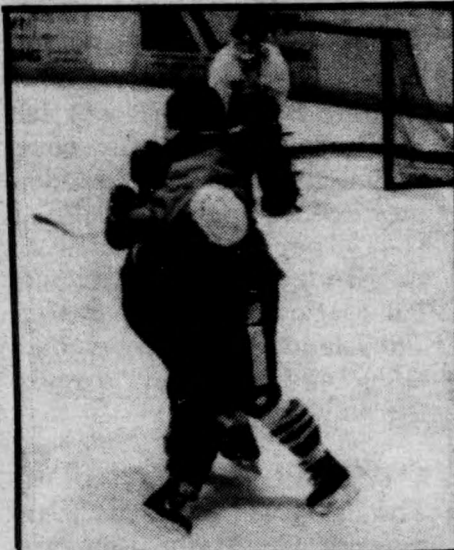
play-making will battle last year's criticism of dumping the puck into the offensive zone.

Complementing the puck control style is last year's new rule eradicating the 2-line off-side call. Coach Nicklechok thinks this speeds up the game and makes it more exciting to watch. "It forces the defensemen to know how to skate as well," he quipped. He

also thinks that this rule ought to be implemented in the junior and professional ranks. Commenting on his strategy, the second-year coach has said that "the other team is going to have to adapt to our style."

Activities this weekend are focussed on the so-called Alumni Weekend. The objective of this event is to reach the Red Devils' player alumni. The

purpose is three-fold: to gain fan support, to obtain recruiting contacts in the persons of these alumni, and to line up job contacts for graduating players. There is a game tonight between the Red Devils alumni players at 8 pm at the AUC. A social will be held afterwards to get further acquainted. On Saturday, a game between the UNB alumni and STU alumni will be played at 11 am. At 3 pm at the AUC a varsity game between UNB and STU will take place. Commenting on fan support for varsity games, coach Nicklechok (who played before regular crowds of 11,000 in Ottawa Junior Hockey) said it has been good, but "we could always use more." Again, the exhibition varsity game between UNB and STU goes at 3 pm Saturday at the Aitken University Centre.



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