

SPORTS

Red Devils blow away Acadia

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The place to be Saturday afternoon is the Aitken Centre, with the University of New Brunswick Red Devils scheduled to play host to Moncton Blue Eagles in the second game of the Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference final.

The Devils, who finished in first-place overall this season with a 21-3 record, advanced to the conference final Monday night with an impressive 8-2 victory over visiting Acadia Axemen in the rubber game of their best-of-three semi-final. Moncton, the defending conference champion, earned another chance at the title by eliminating University of Prince Edward Island Panthers in two straight games.

The conference final was scheduled to get underway in Moncton Thursday night, with the second game in the best of three at the Aitken Centre Saturday at 2 p.m.. If a third game is needed, it will be played on Sunday, also at 2 p.m.. Advance tickets for tomorrow's game are now on sale at the Aitken Centre box office, with all seats being reserved.

Terry Balcom fired three goals, with Brian Thomson

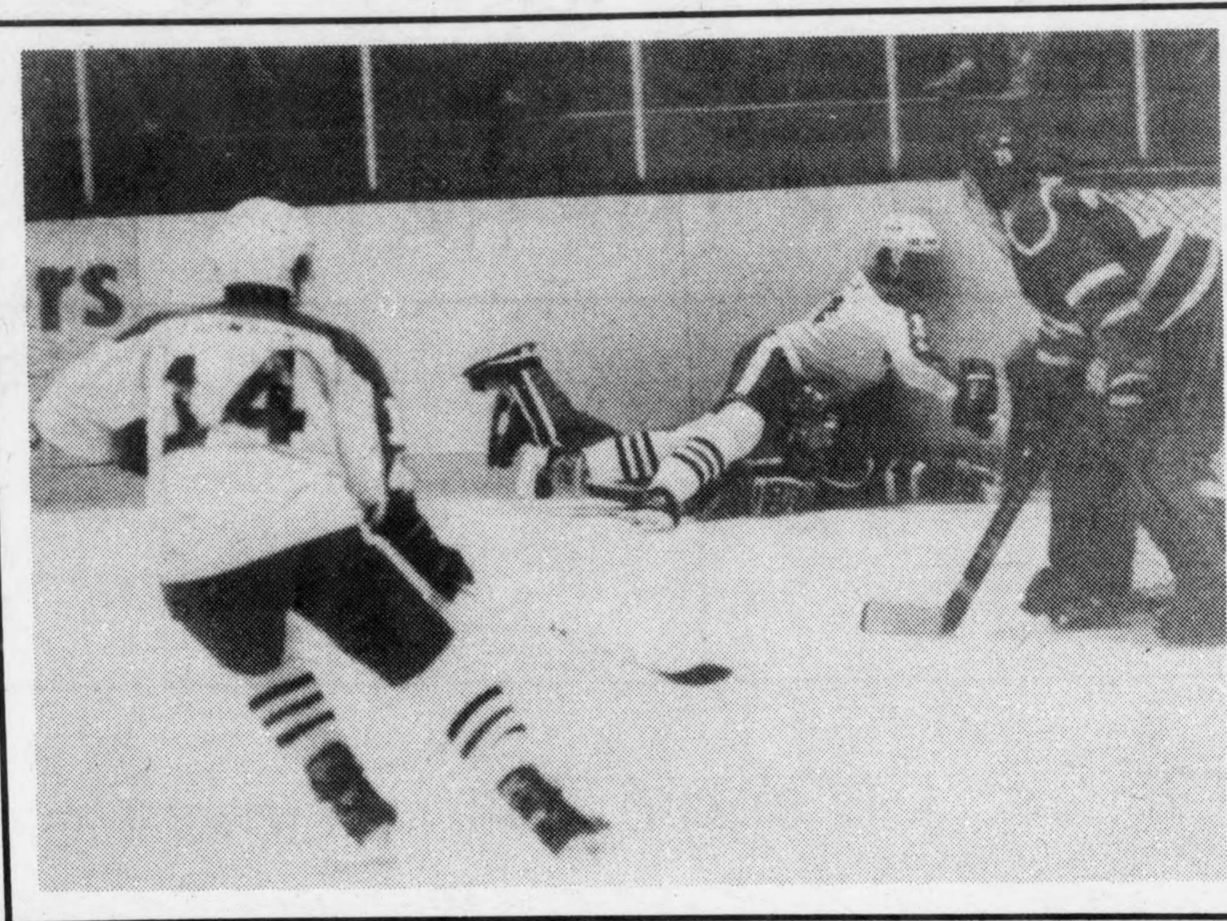


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and Mark Welton addint two each and Steve Adams a singleton for the Devils in the deciding game against the Axemen, with the line of Balcom, Thomson and Adams accumulating 13 scoring points. The Devils held period leads of 2-1 and 4-1, with UNB outshooting Acadia 47-26 on the night.

For those who still haven't figured out what happened to Saint Mary's, the team

UNB left here eight days ago to play against in the first round, it was discovered that Huskies' player Wayne Furtex was ineligible after playing 11 games in the professional International Hockey League. The result of an Acadia protest led to SMU forfeiting all 24 of its conference games, with Acadia then taking over the final playoff spot.

UNB, which left for Halifax Thursday expecting a Friday night game against the Huskies, was forced to sit around until Saturday night for a game in Wolfville

which the hometown Axemen won 5-4. The second game of the series was played back here at the AUC last Sunday night, with the Red Devils recording a 5-1 victory.

The final game of the Acadia series was played before 2,253 paid spectators at the Aitken Centre, with most people expecting an even larger turnout for the game Saturday against Moncton. Balcom, for one, hopes that is the case.

"Having a large crowd like that pumps everyone up; I know it does for me at least," he said. "It may have taken us one game to get used to having a lot of people in the rink, but now we've had a chance to get used to it."

Both coach Don MacAdam and Balcom expect the Moncton series to be a

tough one, with the Eagles possessing great talent throughout the lineup.

"They have talent throughout the line-up, while Acadia only has four or five really good hockey players," MacAdam said. "Rock Bois could be the best player in the league."

With Moncton having probably the best skating team in the conference, Balcom said the key for the Devils is to play the physical game, as they have in the recording two regular season and one exhibition victory over the Blue Eagles this season. "The key for us is to take the body," Balcom said.

Raiders win 2 over weekend, Host CIAU Regionals

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Basketball fans should circle March 9th and 10th on their calendar, because

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those are the dates for the CIAU Eastern Regional Men's Basketball Championship at the Aitken Centre.

The Eastern Regional brings together four teams

with one advancing to the CIAU national tournament that is being held in Halifax

one week after the Regional. The University of New Brunswick Red Raiders are in the Eastern Regional as the host team, and will be joined by the Atlantic University Athletic Association champion (to be decided this weekend), the

Quebec Conference champion and the western runner-up.

Games on Friday, March 9, are scheduled for 7 and 9 p.m. at the Aitken Centre, with the Raiders playing in the second contest. The exact match-ups won't be known until the teams are identified and seedings are

announced. Saturday, March 10, has the consolation final being played at 1 p.m. at the Aitken Centre, with the championship con-

test going at 3 p.m.

Advance tickets are now on sale at the Aitken Centre, with students being charged just \$3.00 per day.

Athletes of the Week

Female athlete of the week is Jennifer George, a second year phys. ed student from Sackville, N.B.. Jennifer was instrumental in the Red Bloomers victory at the A.U.A.A. Championships this weekend. She was named M.V.P. for the league for the 1983-84 season, and is the team's leading scorer. In UNB's 88 to 52 win over St. F.X. and 72-62 win over Dal, Jennifer shot 56% from the floor and 90% from the freethrow line. She had five offensive and 14 defensive rebounds and stacked up a total of 45 points.

Male athlete of the week is Phil Guthrie, a second year phys. ed student From Toronto. In the Red Raider's two wins over Mt. Allison, this past weekend Phil scored 34 points and went up for 20 rebounds. Scores for the games were 105 to 61 and 99 to 72. Coach Nelson feels that Phil played his best basketball of the season and gave outstanding effort for a sophomore.