

SPORTS

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Red Devils set to begin drive for AUAA banner

by Frank Denis

While it is not a certainty, it is very likely.

The UNB Red Devils will finish in first place in the MacAdam division of the AUAA hockey league. With a record of 18 wins and 6 losses, the Red Devils need only one point in their final two regular season games this weekend to finish in first. Their games this weekend are on the road against Moncton on Friday and Mt. Allison on Saturday.

The only challengers to the Red Devils, and their bid for the first

place finish are the UPEI Panthers who at 13-7-2 are in second place, 8 points behind.

The Panthers have to win all four of their games (against St. Thomas twice, Dalhousie and Acadia) and the Red Devils lose both of theirs for the Panthers to finish on top. While the two teams would then be tied with 36 points apiece, UPEI would be declared regular season champions by virtue of having outscored UNB 16-15 in their 4 games against each other this season.

With the uncertainty sur-

rounding the playoffs there is at least one certainty. The Red Devils will play their first home playoff game Thursday February 20th at 7:30 pm at the Aitken Centre. Who they will be playing will not be known until Sunday afternoon when the regular season wraps up. Right now it could be one of three teams, St. Thomas, Moncton or the Mt. Allison Mounties.

Admission for all Red Devils playoff games is \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. Seating will be reserved.

Last weekend, in what might

have been a playoff preview, the Red Devils defeated the Mt. Allison Mounties 6-1 and the UPEI Panthers 5-4.

The Red Devils were led by Ken Murchison who had 2 goals and one assist in the two games and was named Pepsi Player of the Game in both matches.

The games were very different in their degree of physical and rough play. Against Mt. Allison only 16 minutes in penalties were called while over 90 minutes of penalties were handed out by referee Chuck MacTague against UPEI.

Also scoring for UNB on the weekend were Neil Hawryluk with two, Mike Cavanagh, Jim Landine, Karl Taylor, Gord Christian, Trevor Boland, Jamie Colvin and Jason Lessif.

Prior to Saturday's UPEI game, 4 graduating Red Devils were honoured. Murray Nystrom and Ken Murchison will be graduating from Physical Education, Jim Landine is planning on Medical school next year after completing his Science degree and Dominic Niro has completed the requirements for a Business degree.



Red Devil defenceman, Neil Hawryluk #2, scored on this shot against UPEI goaltender Scott Blanchard. The Red Devils won the game by a score of 5-4.
Photo by Sherry Secord

UNB RED DEVIL

Quarter Final playoff schedule

Scenario #1 STU vs UNB

Wednesday Feb 19th UNB at STU 8:00 pm
Thursday Feb 20th STU at UNB 7:30 pm
Sunday Feb 23rd STU at UNB 1:00 pm **

Scenario #2 Mt.A. or Moncton vs UNB

Thursday Feb 20th at UNB 7:30 pm
Saturday Feb 22nd at MtA or Moncton 2:00 pm
Sunday Feb 23rd at UNB 1:00 pm **

** If necessary

See the Action...Feel the Action

Report card is in for Red Raiders

by Anand Irrinki

With the UNB Red Raiders finished half their season, I think it's time we look back and rate performances. The key thing to remember is that these gradings are based on what I've seen of the Raiders (i.e. all their home games).

Yaw Obeng (A-)

The only senior on this year's team has shown improved offensive skills. His ability to hit long distance threes has kept the Raiders close in many games. Hopefully, Obeng can show even more leadership during the second half of the season and thus help the Raiders bring home a few more "W's".

Marc Aube (A-)

Those of you who saw this rookie battle Richard Bella won't question Marc's intensity or ability.

Improvement in the offensive categories will help round his game out.

Duff Adams (B+)

Duff's new found intensity and defensive attitude help to liven up the team. His ability to step forth and score when the Raiders need it has been another great improvement. If Adams can limit the number of unnecessary fouls he takes, he can be a big asset for the Raiders.

Vinod Nair (B+)

Nair has been the most consistent defensive player the Raiders have. He often battles guys 2-3 inches taller and ends up shutting them down. Nair's major weakness is his ability to hit free throws. If Nair stays out of foul trouble, he is always a presence during the game.

Bobby O'Brien (B)

O'Brien has shown a new found discipline during the later part of the season. His patience and control on offense allow the Raiders to get quality shots. In order to become a better player Bobby must become less flashy and concentrate on the game, not the crowd or other team.

Greg Mapp (B)

Mapp has gained some valuable experience by filling in for Yaw. Improved ball handling and shooting skills will enable Mapp to fill the point guard position even better.

Craig Isley (B-)

Because of injury, Craig has not seen as much time as he probably would like. Craig has good offensive skills and hopefully he'll get a chance to use them during the second half of the year.

Alex Kidney (B-)

Alex is another player who has had injury problems during the season. Alex has the ability to lead UNB in scoring every game, but

unfortunately his game has been plagued by consistency problems.

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UNB ATHLETES

OF THE WEEK

Carla Mason of the Lady Reds Volleyball team is the Female Athlete of the Week. Carla had 22 kills and 3 stuff blocks to lead the Reds in a shocking upset against Mt. Allison. After falling 15-3 and 15-6 to Mt. A., Carla was a crucial aspect in the Reds rally to defeat the Mounties 15-11, 15-8, and 15-7. Carla is a 2nd year Education student from Newcastle, N.B.

Ken Murchison of the Red Devils is the Male Athlete of the Week. Ken had two goals and one assist on the weekend as he combined with Jamie Colvin and Karl Taylor to be the Devils most productive line. The Devils defeated MT. A 6-1 and UPEI 5-4. Coach Mike Johnston stated, "Ken has contributed constantly all year, but the bigger the game the more he rises to the occasion." Ken is a third year Physical Education student from St. Eleanors, P.E.I.