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# UNB RED DEVILS HAVE THREE WIN WEEK

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The UNB Red Devils had one of their most successful weekends in recent memory last weekend as they won both of their games against division opponents. On Friday night in a Varsity Mania event, the Red Devils defeated the previously unbeaten UPEI Panthers 6-4. On Saturday the Red Devils beat the Mount Allison Mounties 6-3. The two games were highlighted by the excellent play of the UNB line of Ken Murchison, Mike Sutherland, and Steve Kippen; who between them had 20 points.

On Friday night in front of an estimated crowd of 1200, the Red Devils took on the undefeated UPEI Panthers at the Aitken Centre. The first period was penalty filled as 34 minutes in penalties were called. UNB got on the scoreboard first on a goal by Dominic Deluca. Before the period was half over UNB had their second goal of the game on Murchison's first goal of the weekend. UPEI came on strong in the final five minutes of the period and scored two goals in less than a minute. With 44 seconds remaining in the period, Steve Kippen restored UNB's lead with a shot that beat Panther goalie Scott Blanchard.

After Murchison had scored his second of the game in the second period, UNB began the period with a two goal lead. In the early going, UNB protected their lead very well. They did not allow UPEI a quality shot until halfway through the period when a Panther broke down the left side and put the puck over the fallen UNB goalie, Scott MacDonald. Less than six minutes later UPEI tied the score. The Red Devils have had little success in overtime this year and surely were not looking forward to the possibility of another overtime game. They were determined to win it in regulation time, and they did!

With a minute and 38 seconds left in the game, Mike Sutherland converted a Jamie Lehman pass and gave UNB a one goal lead with this power play goal. UPEI tried to get the equalizer and pulled their

goalie, but Hugh Hospodar put the game out of reach when he scored into an empty net. It was a very satisfying win for the home team after they had lost their last two games, both in overtime.

On Saturday the Red Devils faced the last place Mt. Allison Mounties in what many predicted would be an easy win for the Red Devils and to a certain extent it was.

Before the first period was half over UNB had a 3-0 lead on two goals by Ken Murchison and one by Costa Papista. UNB could have been further ahead had it not been for Mountie goalie Todd King who made some excellent glove saves.

UNB ran into some penalty trouble in the second period as they were forced to kill ten minutes in penalties. Yet Mt. A was unable to score due to UNB's excellent penalty killers, most notably Jamie Lehman, Rob Boldon, and Murchison.

After Steve Kippen put UNB ahead 6-1 in the third period, Mount Allison got two more goals to make the game closer. The game ended with UNB prevailing 6-3. The win puts UNB at 5-3-1 and gives them the same number of points, 11, that they were able to achieve in their 26 games last year.

The early successes due in large part to the excellent play of the Sutherland, Kippen and Murchison line. The three seem to know exactly where each other is on the ice and pass the puck very well. They are getting plenty of scoring chances in the games and are capitalizing on them.

Coach Mike Johnston was pleased with his team's performance over the weekend, but stresses the team has to continue improving if it wishes to go far in the playoffs.

In other games played last Saturday, St. Thomas edged the Panthers 4-3 and SMU outscored Cape Breton 7-5. Like the Devils, the Tommies completed their sweep of MacAdam Division rivals with a 7-5 win over Cape Breton Sunday. St. FX edged SMU 5-4 and Moncton hammered Dalhousie 9-3.

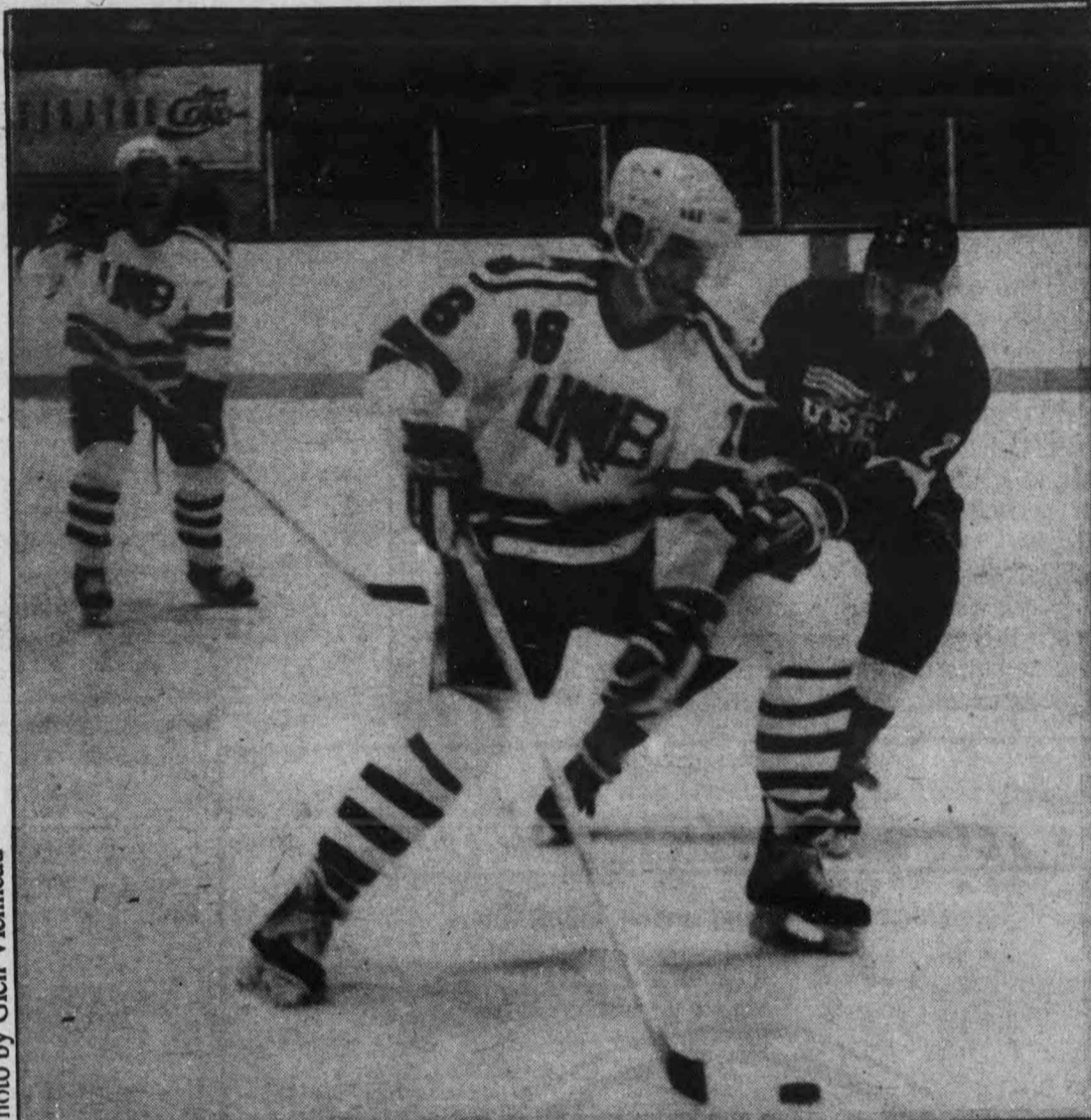


Photo by Glen Vienneau

UNB's Mike Sutherland, Friday night's hero, fends off UPEI Captain Rich Little

## RED DEVILS CLIP STU

Wednesday night at the LBR, the UNB Red Devils overcame a 5-2 deficit to eke out an 8-7 victory over the St. Thomas Tommies. Murray Nystrom blasted a slapshot past STU goalie Shane Corston at 17:18 of the third period with STU playing two men short. This came after Mike Johnston called for the successful measurement of one of the Tommies' sticks after STU was already one man short. Serge Ouimette led the UNB charges with a solid three-goal performance, while Brian Wilson, Murray Nystrom, Dan O'Brien and Dominic Niro each added one goal. The win moved the Devils one point ahead of St. Thomas, into second place in the MacAdam Division. UNB now has a 6-3-1 record. Unfortunately for the Devils, defenceman Costa Papista suffered a dislocated shoulder in the game, but he believes that he will be back when the season resumes in January. Dominic Deluca and Ouimette also suffered undisclosed injuries during the game.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Ken Murchison, of Summerside, PEI, has been named as UNB's Male Athlete-of-the Week for the second time in as many weeks, as he continues his tremendous play for the hockey Red Devils. The first year Physical Education student had 5 goals and 2 assists to lead the Red Devils to a victory over unbeaten UPEI 6-4, and to win over arch rival Mt.A 6-3. As a reward for his outstanding play on the weekend, Ken was named as the Coca Cola Player of the Game for both games. So far this season Ken has 9 goals and 7 assists for 16 points in only 9 games, and seems quite capable of continuing his dominating style of play. According to Coach Johnston, "Ken not only led the Red Devils in point totals this weekend, but he also led in the work ethic department."

Peggy Ackert, of Montreal, PQ, has been chosen as this week's UNB Female Athlete-of-the Week. The first year business student had a strong weekend for the Beavers swim team. Peggy has been a member of the Quebec Canada Games Team and a national finalist in years past. Her accomplishments for the weekend include: 2nd in the 200 IM, 2nd in the 100 FREE, first in the 200 BACK, and first in the 100 BACK which qualified her for the CIAU's and is one of the top 10 times recorded in the country this year. According to Coach Oliver, "Peggy's outstanding performance in her 'off' event displayed her versatility and demonstrated that she is without a doubt the best swimmer in the conference."