

SPORTS

Raiders stun X-men

By DAVID MOMBOURQUETTE

Bill Fitch, coach of the world champion Boston Celtics, once said that he, "never saw an unselfish team that didn't win," and if any team has proven him correct, it would have to be the University of New Brunswick Red Raiders. Using what coach Don Nelson described as "an absolute team effort," the Raiders knocked off the highly favoured Saint Francis Xavier X-men by the score of 91-88. A crowd of approximately 600 energetic fans were entertained throughout the hard fought contest, that saw fifth ranked X-men blow a 47-40 halftime lead.

The Antigonish squad had built up their half time lead on the strength of their two big men, John Hatch and Mark Brodie, who scored eighteen and eleven first half points respectively. UNB was led by Scott Devine who, after a slow start, pumped in twelve points, with Don McCormack and Ken Amos contributing eight each.

The Raiders had managed to keep even with the X-men for a good portion of the half, but allowed the visitors to pull away when Ted DeWinter was called for his third foul at the 13:00 mark, and had to sit out for awhile. Raiders coach Don

Nelson drew a technical foul over the call, allowing their opponents to run off a string of eight straight points before the home team could regain possession of the ball.

The second half did not start with great promise for the Raiders as the X-men pulled out to an early eleven point lead. Riding on the tremendous inside strength of John Hatch, the St. F.X. squad had increased their lead to as much as thirteen points, when disaster struck. Both Hatch and Greg Brown picked up their fourth fouls with more than 11 minutes remaining in the game, and were brought to the bench by X coach Steve Konchalski. Ted DeWinter, who had guarded Hatch, also picked up his fourth foul, so when Hatch had to sit down De Winter was able to get a breather, and keep himself from disqualification.

With Chris McCabe doing an excellent defensive job on All-Canadian Mark Brodie, the inside scoring threat of the X-men dissolved, allowing Scott Devine and Ken Amos to exploit the visitors one weakness, their guards. The two UNB back courtmen were able to pressure the X-men on the perimeter forcing bad shots and numerous turnovers, which allowed the Raiders to

close the score to only a 77-74 deficit with only six minutes left in the contest. Hatch reentered the game at this point but by now it was too late, as the Raiders were able to keep score to only a one-to-three point lead the rest of the way.

The play that brought the Raiders over the edge occurred with only minutes remaining as Ken Amos made a layup off of a steal by Scott Devine, which tied the game at 84-84. St. F.X. coach Konchalski drew a technical on the play, as he vehemently protested a foul called on X guard Geoff McIver, who felt he had been charged by Amos. The ensuing free throws gave UNB their first lead of the game, and the momentum to stove off an at-

tempted X comeback. Some clutch foul shooting by DeWinter and Amos sealed the victory for the Red Raiders, making for an extremely irate Steve Konchalski whose team had just lost their second game in a row.

Unlike Konchalski, Don Nelson was elated with the result, giving all of the credit to his players, saying, "those players deserved the victory, they did it by themselves." He made special note of top scorers Devine and McCabe, whose 24 and 21 points respectively, led the Raiders to victory. "It was the best home game Scotty played this year, and possibly since he came here," said Nelson. And as for McCabe, whose 16 second half points led all scorers, Nelson

felt that, "when Chris played his game, there was no stopping him."

Some extra preparation by the Raiders went a long way in helping them to the victory, with Nelson saying, "we had the book on them, so we knew what they were going to do on both ends of the court." The preparation could not stop Hatch through, whose 31 points led all scorers, and the consensus was that his fourth foul turned the game around.

Having now knocked off their second ranked opponent this year (earlier they had beaten seventh ranked McGill), the Raiders will go gunning after a third, as they meet the number one ranked team in the country, Sunday at 3:00 in the Aitken Centre.

Devils drop thriller

By BOB MACMILLAN

Last Friday evening the battle of the division leaders took place. The outcome was predictable, 8-6 for U de M, but the calibre of the game was not. The game was between the Universite de Moncton, leaders of the Kelley division and UNB leaders of the MacAdam division.

The game had all of the excitement of a "Stanley Cup" final. There were break aways, an assist, penalty shots, game misconducts, come backs, everything that the sports fan could want.

Vaughan Porter opened the scoring with a goal half way through the first period: assist to Gary Agnew. Moncton scored five minutes later during a UNB penalty to Todd Mac-

Queen. This was MacQueen's first penalty of the season. Tony McLean got the second goal for UNB during a breakaway, the assist came from Allen Lewis. The first period ended with UNB ahead 2-1.

Moncton came out in the second period very strong and scored three quick goals. Vaughan Porter scored his second goal assist to Mancuso to bring the score at the end of the second period 4-3 for Moncton.

Mike Kelley returned from the hospital after an incident during the second period to bring the game to a 4-4 tie. Gary Agnew got his second assist of the game. Moncton scored shortly after that, to go ahead. Gary Agnew, assist Porter

then Mike David, scored putting UNB ahead by a score of 6-5. Then the game went wild. A Moncton player was "tripped" during a break to the UNB net. The referee called a penalty shot. Sansfacon skated in from center ice, let his shot go high at the net, and hit the cross bar. WAS it a goal? Well the goal light didn't go on, the goal judge shrugged his shoulders, and the referee made a home town decision. This game Moncton a 6-6 tie with UNB. This took place with five minutes left in the game.

Unfortunately the momentum was with U de M. They proceeded to score two more goals in three minutes. This brought to an end one of the most action packed games I have ever witnessed.



By Jeff Irwin

What a game! U de M had to have been surprised. The Red Devils played an excellent hockey game despite the first period loss of Mark Jeffrey, Dave Bluteau and George Kelly. Vaughn Porter opened the scoring in front of his home town crowd and scored again in the second period. Tony McLean netted a fine breakaway goal much to the amazement of the U de M fans.

The final score was 8-6 Moncton, however UNB led the scoring through most of the game fighting back from a 4-2 deficit early in the second period the Red Devils went ahead 6-5 in the third period. A controversial penalty shot awarded Alain Grenier tied the score 6-6. U de M then scored twice more in the last six minutes. One point I would like to make is U de M has a great defense and they should thank their lucky stars because what I could see of their goalie, he was absolutely awful.

Coach MacAdam said that the U de M game was one of the best games UNB played all year and added "if we played other teams with that much intensity we wouldn't have lost a game all year."

This weekend UNB's finest are off to Nova Scotia. Friday night puts us against St. F.X. whom we have defeated over here already and then on Saturday we move on to Halifax to play St. Mary's. The first game against SMU was played at the Aitken Centre and resulted in a 3 all tie.

Well I guess that is all the talk this week so bye, bye. Mike Keily's name was not mentioned.



Red Devil Assistant Captain, John Kinch, stresses a point with the referee, as 1000 MacQueen (left) looks on. Kinch was upset over the ejection of UNB captain Dave Bluteau, during first period action against U de M, in Moncton.