

# Devils Open Exhibition Season

Don MacAdam's hockey Red Devils had a problem last year - and it wasn't any big secret.

The goaltending was strong, the defence sound and the forwards capable. Unfortunately, no one had the knack of putting the puck in the other team's net. That, if everything goes according to plan, won't be a problem this year. The first real test, however, is tonight at eight o'clock when McGill Redmen of Montreal are at the Aitken Centre for the first of two games. The second is Saturday at 7:30.

'We always had an offensive team until last year,' MacAdam said earlier this week. 'We just didn't have

the players with the ability to put the puck in the net. It's a very special talent that some players have, and other players don't. Players can become good defensively through plain hard work. Goal-scoring takes a certain touch.'

It obviously wasn't there last year, with the Red Devils averaging just four goals a game - not a whole lot for college hockey. More evidence of the problem is the UNB's leading scorer - Vaughn Porter - had the least number of points of any AUAA team's leading pointgetter.

'Scoring goals isn't a halfway thing,' MacAdam said. 'If you happen to fall in front of a guy and it does

the job of a check, great. But you either put the puck in the net or you don't. Last year we didn't. This year we will.'

MacAdam's confidence is based mainly on the addition; Mark Jeffrey, Brian Thompson, and Tom St. James. Jeffrey, who played

here two years ago, moved on to Halifax Lions of the Nova Scotia junior 'A' league last season and led that team in scoring and to the provincial championship.

'We were already strong on left wing, and now we should be as strong as anyone in the league on that side, with Mark, Steve Adams, Allan Lewis and George Kelly,' MacAdam said. 'It would be hard to improve on those three.'

Thomson, meanwhile, has already shown his new team-mates how well he can find the net, scoring two of his side's five goals in the first scrimmage of the year. 'He's really quick, a strong skater with lots of intensity,' MacAdam said.

St. James is still fine-tuning his scoring ability in practice, but MacAdam has little doubt the centre will be filling the net in no time.

'It's just a matter of time before he starts putting his shots in the corners instead of just missing the net,' he said. 'He was a potent scorer with Kitchener

Rangers in the Ontario Major Junior League last year. He should be scoring lots of goals for us this year.'

Along with increased optimism for the forwards, MacAdam is simply beaming when talk swings to his goaltenders and defencemen. Veteran Kevin Rockford is back to tend goal for

'This is the last year of college hockey for both of them, and they're really up for it. Both have relinquished their duties as captains this year so they can concentrate on the game strictly as players and really get

into it. They want this to be a significant year - something in the order of a conference championship.'

## Cafe Creme Athlete of the Week

Soccer - Rookie of the Week - Goaltender Francois Thibault.

Field Hockey - Effort - Co-captain Sue Grady (scored only goal in 1-0 victory over Moncton Sunday)

Cross-country - Effort

-Kevin Hooper (finished fifth overall at Orono and was the second UNB runner to finish)

Cross-country - Effort - Tammi Richardson (finished fifth overall at Orono and was the third UNB runner to finish)

another season, but is facing stiff competition from Prince Edward Islander Jamie Frizzell.

'Jamie's been working extremely hard in both dryland and on-ice workouts,' MacAdam said. 'They both want to be the number one goalie, and that is an excellent way to have it.'

At the blueline, MacAdam has Dave Bluteau and Dave Mancuso anchoring down a corps that was as good as any last year in the Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference. And, MacAdam says, both are pumped up for even better years in 83-84

In addition to those already mentioned, MacAdam believes Scott Clements is in for a good year, along with Mark Welton, the hard-luck player of the Devils who will miss the first month of the season due to injury.

Clements is a defenceman, Welton a centre.

'Scott is in the best shape of anyone at camp,' MacAdam said. 'He played for us the second half of last year and is really looking forward to having a good year. When Welton gets back, it will give us another player who has that knack around the net.'

In McGill, university hockey fans have the opportunity to see a team that did some heavy-duty recruiting in the off-season. Some of the new Redmen include Real Palement, who toiled for the French National team last year; Paul Gagne, who accumulated 117 points with Chicoutimi of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League last year;

Alain Robichaud, who counted 110 points with Trois-Rivieres of the QMJHL a season ago and Mike Babcock, a defenceman who chalked up 60 points in the Western Hockey League a year ago. Also on the roster is Red Kelly Jr., son of the former National Hockey League star and former coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

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