

Devils hit'em where it hurts, on the scoreboard

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Hustle, determination and just plain guts led the UNB Red Devils to their most important victory of the season, last Saturday evening in Charlottetown. Their 4-0 triumph over the UPEI Panthers earned them a playoff berth in the northern division of the Atlantic Intercollegiate Hockey League.

It was a fine team effort and all members of the Devils are to be congratulated on their excellent performance.

The UNB club went into the contest without the services of two regular defencemen. Gord Shipley was serving a two game suspension and Bob Nagge is out for the season with torn leg ligaments.

Goaltender Gord Hubley was a doubtful starter as he was stuck with the flu a couple of days before the game. Despite this, Hubley played a strong game and blocked 33 shots in registering his second shutout of the season.

"The turning point in the game was in the first period when we were two men short for about four minutes and were able to hold them off," stated an elated Dave Morrell, manager of the Devils. At that time the Fredericton team held a slim 1-0 lead on a goal by Glen Fisher.

The failure to capitalize on the two man advantage seemed to take some of the sting out of the Panther attack. This was particularly evident with regards to UPEI's captain Bill Weatherbie. He was on the ice for much of the power play and was totally frustrated by the UNB penalty killers. For the remainder of the contest Weatherbie played reasonably well, but he was not controlling the play as he usually does.

The Devils hit the scoreboard once in the second period on a goal by Larry Wood to increase the lead 2-0.

In the final frame Gerry McCavion and Al Archibald each put the puck past Panther goaltender Dave Boyarski.

The victory was far from an easy one. UPEI was going all out in their own struggle for a playoff berth. Consequently they were employing their typical "cut them up, knock them down tactics." The officiating, such as it is on the Island, is certainly conducive to that brand of hockey.

The brutal style of play and the refereeing took its toll on some of the Red Devils. Manager Morrell claimed "I have to set up about five doctor appointments once I get back to Fredericton."

Danny Gill had his lip slit by the high stick of Jamie MacLeod. Gill required five stitches. MacLeod escaped with a mere two minute minor penalty. Among the others who were injured were Mike Kohler, who picked up a seven

stitch cut across the forehead and McCarron who was also cut in the face.

However, it was the UNB club that skated off the ice grinning as the buzzer sounded at the end of the third period. They had won the game, made the playoffs, and they deserved it!

Sunday afternoon the Panthers squeaked out a 5-4 win over the Devils in a game that neither team especially wanted to play. It had no bearing on the standings: UNB was in the playoffs and UPEI was not.

In fact Coach MacGillvary did not dress all of his best players for the game. Given the afternoon off were Gerry Bell, Gordie Hubley, who still had a touch of the flu, and Larry Wood, who has damaged knees.

Those that did play were not too enthused about the whole thing. There were rumors of a "small celebration" being held the previous evening and possibly some of the players were not physically ready for the game.

Surprisingly the contest did prove to be quite entertaining. There was a lot of scoring, a good fight and there were a couple of facts verified that had been suspected.

With regard to the scoring, Gene Power led the Panther attack, hitting for two markers. Tom Howard, Billy Weatherbie and Lennie Kelly were the other marksmen for the Island. Kelly's goal in the third period proved to be the winner. It was an unfortunate break for the Devils, in that it deflected off the stick of one of their own players and went into the net.

Danny Gill scored twice for the Devils with Glen Fisher and John Bagnall picking up the other tallies.

In the second period a fight erupted between Carl Trainor of UNB and Jamie MacLeod of UPEI. Ironically, these two fellows played on the same team for three years.

Trainor put it nicely by saying, "He was, until this afternoon, one of my best friends."

MacGillvary used rookie John McLean in goal. It was his first appearance in an Intercollegiate game and, as was suspected, he proved quite capable. He blocked 38 of the 43 shots directed his way. The rookie showed a lot of poise and displayed a particularly fast glove hand on several occasions.

Another fact that was verified in the game is that Luc Bedard, the defence wonder of the Panthers, is a bit strange.

In the third period he was given a two minute tripping penalty. He questioned the call a little too vehemently and was assessed a ten minute misconduct and then a game misconduct.

At that point he decided to attempt to take his vengeance out on



Photo by Terry MacPherson

Gerry McCarron (4) and Al Archibald (left of your picture) raise their hands in triumph as Glen Fisher picks himself up off the ice after putting the puck by Panther goalie Gerry Smith. Looking on in disgust are UPEI veterans Luc Bedard (11) and Billy Weatherbie (13). The Red Devils fell 5-4 to the UPEI team in this hard fought contest Sunday.

Editor's Note:

Tommorrow night the Red Devils take on the St. Mary's Huskies in a sudden death semi-final for the league championship. The nine o'clock encounter at the Moncton coliseum should prove very positive for our UNB team.

The U de M Blue Eagles take on the St. F. X. X-men in

a game at 6:00 to decide the other opponent in the championship final.

The final game, on Sunday at 2:00 p.m., will hopefully feature the Red Devils against (who cares) and maybe, we shall return the league champions.

Good luck boys, and win or lose, the fans of UNB are more than appreciative of your fine play this season.

UNB skiers finish fourth

The eighth Annual Canadian Marathon Ski Tour was staged on the weekend of February 23-24. The UNB varsity cross country ski team participated in the 100 mile, two day tour race which covered a trail over the northern Laurentians from Lachute to Hull, Quebec.

The UNB skiers were Kevin Percy, Stuart Hamilton, Steve Warburton, Ken McCulloch, and Toby Graham, history professor. Kevin competed in the grueling 80 mile race and finished a strong fourth, in a time of 12 hours, 13 minutes. This time was faster than any time posted by a Canadian in the previous seven years, as were the three finishes ahead of him.

All three first finishing positions were taken by Canadian National B and Espoir team members. The

race comprised mass starts of 45 racers and the passing of 300-400 tourers along the trail.

The trail consisted of rolling terrain in most areas but climbs of 500 feet and one mile were not uncommon. The first day saw 40 mile an hour gusts of wind and frigid temperatures while Sunday was balmy zero degrees.

Stuart Hamilton and Steve Warburton were entered in the 100 mile tour category and both skied very strongly and fast. Both finished within reach of the fastest time over the 50 mile first day.

Bad luck struck however, as both were unable to compete Sunday due to extremely bad frost bitten fingers. Both assisted verbally in race support of Kevin on Sunday.

Toby Graham and Ken McCul-

loch, also skied very strongly. Each managed eighty miles in the two days despite broken skis. Broken skis are a common Marathon occurrence and almost became a part of the scenery.

The weekend was climaxed by a banquet for the 1500 or more participants in all age classes and categories. The founding father of skiing in North America, Herman "Jackrabbit" Smith Johansen was in attendance to open the ceremonies with his dinner blessing in Cree.

He, at a spry 96, of course skied both days as did the younger "mighty mites".

All in all another successful and enjoyable two days at the longest ski race in the world.

In AIAA action

Gym team wins title

The Men's Varsity Gymnastics Team won the AIAA gymnastics team title on February 16 at St. F. X. UNB scored 129 points and the nearest rival was Dalhousie with 122 points.

Team Captain, Pierre Gervais was second all-around to Dal's Chuck Hanlon. Pierre also won the rings events. The other gold medal winner for UNB was Mike Patterson who placed first on vault with a 7.5, the highest individual score of the meet.

The other team members to place in the top three on events were Bert Principe with a third on parallel, Tim Cloberty with a

second on pommel horse and Carl Des Roches with a third on high bar.

Three of the team were selected to attend the CIAU meet at York on March 1 & 2. They are Pierre Gervais, Bert Principe and Tim Cloberty. They will be joined by Chuck Hanlon (Dal.) and John Stages and Robin Bustin (Acadia).

In the Women's meet Dal defeated UNB 66 to 60. Cathy Boright placed fourth all around and will represent the AWIAA at the National Championships. Wendy Schell was the only other medal winner for UNB, placing third on the balance beam.



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This is one instance where the puck is not the centre of attraction, as members of both teams gather to watch the linesman try to separate Carl Trainor and Jamie MacLeod, who are involved in a fistcuff. Also in the picture are UNB's Al Archibald (9), Lenny Hercum (18), Gary Gauthier (2), Gerry Grant (17), Mike Kohler (3), Douglas MacDonald (11) and Bruce Dumville (beside referee).