

Red Devils split weekend games with Memorial U

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Playing lack-luster hockey last weekend the UNB Red Devils split a pair of games with Memorial University of Newfoundland Beothuks, losing Saturday night 6-4 then coming on the next day to blast the visitors 8-4.

Scoring for the Red Devils in the Saturday contest were Al Archibald, Doug McDonald, Don Kinsman and Glenn Fisher.

Memorial marksmen were Alex King, Gary Noffle, Mel Shulist, Randy Pearcey, Bob Perks and Eric Seaward.

In the confrontation UNB fired 32 shots at the Memorial netminder in a futile effort while John McLean handled 29 Beothuks shots.

The first period was as dead as the typically silent UNB crowd that was in attendance. Neither team did too much of anything to be noticed and the score was 0-0 at the end of the first.

Memorial's Alex King finally opened the scoring well into the second period before UNB's Al Archibald scored on a Mike Kohler pass for the equalizer. Minutes later Doug McDonald's wingers Len Hercun and Jerry Grant set him up to tuck in a rebound shot

and give UNB the lead.

It seemed that all UNB needed was a goal against them to remind them they were in a game. Temporarily it looked like the Red Devils were ready to come on strong and take command of the game but their attempts to carry the puck out of their own zone resulted in Gary Noffle's goal. More uncertainty and scrambling enabled Mel Shulist to give Newfoundland a one goal lead going into the third.

Donnie Kinsman, formerly of the UPEI Panthers and now one of UNB's hard working forwards took a pass from Bruce Dumville and tied it up in the final frame.

The Red Devils, more cold than hot all night, had their chances to go ahead and beat Memorial but couldn't put the puck in the net. Totally tied up and frustrated they had Memorial score from out in front of the net when captain

Randy Pearcey potted the fourth Beothuk goal.

Teammates Bob Perks and Eric Seaward put the game out of reach for UNB but not before Glenn Fisher, back in the lineup after

being out for a couple of games, fired in the last Devils goal. Dan Gill and Mike Barry picked up assists on the 17-10 goal.

The fact that UNB were not hitting, passing, playing positional hockey or skating with enough desire and determination to win coupled with the fact the Memorial is a club who's defensemen move in to clear out players in front of the net and pick up loose rebounds to help out their goaltender were contributing factors in the Red Devils defeat.

Changes in team strategy and attitude made a big difference the next day when UNB drubbed Memorial in what turned out to be another mediocre caliber hockey game.

UNB's Gary Bernard was in nets for the first time since early in the season and gave the Red Devils the commendable goaltending they knew they could expect from him.

Big men point-wise that game were Mike Barry with a hat trick and an assist and Al Archibald with two goals and an assist. Dan Gill, who has amassed a good deal of points since the Christmas break, had another productive game scoring a goal and adding no less than four assists. Singletons came from Doug McDonald and Charlie Miles as well.

McDonald started the ball rolling at 2:02 of the opening frame with

an unassisted goal, then Memorial's Greg Leland let go a shot that took a bad bounce off Bernard's pads and flipped in.

Danny Gill from Glenn Fisher and Mike Barry took advantage of a powerplay opportunity and gave UNB the lead. Seven minutes later captain Al Archibald took a pass from Gill to make the score 3-1 in the Devils favour. A hustling John Hawkes picked up an assist on the play.

Mike Barry, with an unassisted marker, was the only Red Devil to score in the middle period, but Ed Kent and Dave Delong kept the Beothuks within range and the second frame ended with a 4-3 score for UNB.

In the third the Fredericton club exploded for four big goals before Gary Noffle replied for the visitors.

Al Archibald from Gill started off the spree followed by Charlie Miles. Tony Mais and Doug McDonald put a noticeable effort into a fine goal.

The pace of the game gained momentum and the action was centered down in the UNB zone behind Gary Bernard when Memorial's Mel Shulist decided he'd had enough of defenseman Pat Morrisette's persistent muscle, and caught Morrisette across the back with a vicious stick swing. Gord Shipley moved in to protect his teammate and the whole situation turned out to be advantageous for UNB.

Shipley was given five minutes

for fighting but the Memorial player's assessment was more severe. Shulist was given a two minute minor for slashing, two five minute majors, one for fighting and one for slashing and a ten minute misconduct. The time of the penalties was at 4:56 of the third period.

Two minutes later Mike Barry scored his second of the game from Archibald and Gill. Barry lit the lamp for the final UNB goal not long after with help once again from Gill. Mike Kohler picked up the other assist.

UNB then had three penalties which eventually caused the final Newfoundland goal. Gary Noffle finally put the puck in behind hard working, fast moving Gary Bernard who exhibited impressive agility in his handling of the flurry of shots that were rifled his way.

Not really what could be considered exciting hockey the Red Devils performance is best described as adequate. Sunday's game clearly indicates that this weekend should have been a four-point one.

Tomorrow night the Red Devils, host the St. Francis Xavier X-Men at Lady Beaverbrook Arena. Game time is 7:00 p.m. and it should prove to be an interesting game, due to the fact that the last time these two clubs tangled UNB squeaked by to down them 4-3. On Wednesday Feb. 12 at 7:45 p.m. St. Thomas Tommies take to the ice against the Red Devils.

J.V. Girls triumph

On Saturday the J.V. girls basketball team beat out STU by a score of 54-46. Our girls were leading 30-22 at half time. The girls played a good game playing the last ten minutes with only four players on the floor. Marg Bennett-Brown played a great game until an injury around the 12 minute mark of the second half forced her to leave the game. Jane Gillies got fouled out around the 10:04 mark. Top scorers for STU were Pauline Brown with 19 and Tess MacEachern with 10 points. For UNB Krista Rice hit for 21 and Jane Gillies with 15. Well done girls!

On Sunday the girls travelled to U de M for a game at twelve o'clock. They dropped this decision 69-55. The score at half time was 33-22 in favour of U de M. Top scorers for U de M were Judy Devereux with 18 and Mai Gallant with 14. Top point-getters for UNB were Jane Gillies with 20 and Krista Rice with 10. The girls tried hard but you'll get them in the tournament on Feb. 21-22 when it counts.

This weekend the girls play STU at STU at 1:00. Sock-it-to-them girls!

Mermaids win meet

Sir Max Aitken Pool was the scene of Atlantic inter-collegiate swimming and diving competition last Saturday afternoon as UNB hosted a meet against Mt. Allison University. The Mermaids ended their regular season schedule on a winning note by taking this meet 62-49. This brought their win-loss statistics up to five wins and three losses for the year.

Third year team member, Carol Mulholland, swam for the first time this year in Saturday's meet. She is returning to the Mermaids after a lengthy recovery from knee operations.

With the regular season over the Mermaids are now preparing for the finals to be held here at UNB on February 13, 14 and 15. This three day series of events will determine the Atlantic conference champions. The Mermaids are currently the reigning champs, and would like to keep the trophy at UNB for yet another year.

Making up the UNB team are the divers: Margot Deane, Barb Kovacs, Bernie LeBlond, and Becky Reid; and the swimmers: Ginny Bradley, Dee-Dee Demers, Sandi Dew, Janice Frost, Pat MacDonald, Debbie MacMillan, Carol Mulholland, Jean Nickerson,

Debbie Prince, and Cathy Smith. These girls are fine athletes but they need your support. So, drop down to the pool on Thursday, Friday, and/or Saturday of next week and cheer your team on to victory.



Photo by Jo-anne Jefferson

Despite erratic play UNB managed to win one of two games last weekend.

UNB Varsity Schedule for this week

7	Friday	Basketball (W)	U.N.B.	at	Acadia	6:00 p.m.
7	FRIDAY	BASKETBALL (M)	U.P.E.I.	at	U.N.B.	8:00 p.m.
7 & 8	Fri. & Sat.	AUAA (M) Volleyball Championships		at	S.T.U.	
8	Saturday	Gymnastics	U.N.B.	at	Dalhousie	1:00 p.m.
8	Saturday	Gymnastics	U.N.B.	at	Laval	
8	SATURDAY	BASKETBALL (M)	U.P.E.I.	at	U.N.B.	3:00 p.m.
8	Saturday	Basketball (W)	U.N.B.	at	St. F.X.	4:00 p.m.
8	SATURDAY	HOCKEY	ST. F.X.	at	U.N.B.	7:00 p.m.
8	Saturday	Wrestling AUAA Championships		at	Dalhousie	
12	Wednesday	Hockey	U.N.B.	at	S.T.U.	7:45 p.m.