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FIRED UP DEVILS DEFEAT TOMMIES

By TIM LYNCH

Where was the fire? A fire alarm sounded midway through the second period of last Friday's UNB-STU hockey game, but none of the 1200 plus fans left the Aitken Centre. That was because the fire didn't start until the third period. Dan Altherr provided the spark.

You see, it was Altherr who chipped the puck past a STU defender at UNB's blue line to set the stage for Red Devil captain Renato Marino. Marino carried the puck into the STU zone along the right boards and drilled a slapshot over the right shoulder of STU goalie Rick Poirier. The powerplay goal put UNB ahead 3-2 at the 10:20 mark of the final period and proved to be the game winner as UNB went on to a 4-2 triumph.

The Red Devils opened the scoring late in the first period. With STU's Phil Huckins in the penalty box, Mark Solalski scored on a Don DeLuca rebound.

STU outscored the Devils 2-1 in the second period. Mark Thompson, who was by far

STU's best player on the ice, score an unassisted shorthanded goal during the period's first minute. He caught UNB defenseman Jamie Lehman from behind in his own zone and then deked Chris Somers to tie the game at one. Shortly after, Somers robbed Al Latreille and later did the same to Dan Leblond after a nifty passing play with Darren McNaughton.

The Tommies took several unnecessary penalties during the game, but really lost their composure 8 minutes into the second period. After STU defenseman Scott MacTavish stormed the UNB net during a stoppage of play, Brent Grant, who leads STU in scoring, received a game misconduct in the resulting melee. Recent additions to the UNB lineup, centre Jim Landine and defenceman Paul Epoch, combined with Rob Beatty to put the Devil's ahead, once again on the powerplay. The Tommies managed to tie the game at 2 with 5 minutes left in the second with a powerplay effort of their own. After UNB failed to clear

the puck out of their zone, Thompson redirected a MacTavish shot from the point to notch his second goal of the game. UNB outshot STU 18-9 in the period.

Before the aforementioned heroics of Marino in the third period, the Tommies blew a glorious scoring opportunity when Kennedy MacDonald backhanded a shot off the side of the net, missing a wide open net. Later, UNB scored its third power play goal of the game when Sokalski rifled his second goal of the game past Poirier high to the stick side. UNB outshot the Tommies 42-33 in the game.

The Red Devils are 3-2-0 since Christmas. According to UNB assistant coach Shane Parker, head coach Mark Jeffrey, who replaced Rick Nickelchok, has established himself already as an AUAA coach. "He (Jeffrey) relates to the players so well. The players have great respect for him . . . I definitely would think that he would be a big plus for the program if they (UNB Athletic Department) decided to name Mark the coach for next year."



Red Devils put pressure on STU

Photo by Eric Drummie

The Devils now have a 3-14-0 record and trail Mt. A by 4 points in the race for the fourth and final MacAdam Division playoff spot. Meanwhile, the third-place St. Thomas squad who are 9-7-0 trail second place UPEI by 6 points.

In another game last Friday, SMU beat Acadia 5-2. Games last Saturday saw Moncton fall from the unbeaten ranks, losing 7-6 to Dalhousie, UPEI crushed

St. FX 14-3, and UCCB beat Mt. A 7-3. The Blue Eagles lost again last Sunday, 5-3 to Acadia, Mt. A hammered St. FX 9-1, UPEI thumped Cape Breton 7-1, and SMU beat Dal 5-4.

The Red Devils are on the road this weekend for a pair of games. Tomorrow night they play SMU in Halifax, and they visit Moncton Sunday afternoon to do battle with the Blue Eagles.

BLAZERS FINISH STRONG

By RON CAMERON

The UNB Red Blazers entered the 10th Annual UNB Women's Hockey Tournament with lots of optimism, but events made the six team event an uphill battle for the Red Blazers.

UNB found out Thursday that their top goal tender, Carolyn LeBlanc would not be available for most of the weekend because of a militia call up, at the same

time Bev Diotte was also available for only Friday also because of commitments to the militia.

Diotte made her only appearance a success as she blocked 11 shots in the Tournament opener, a 4-3 UNB over the Port City Flyers of Saint John. In that game, the Blazers trailed 3-1 as late as the last 2 minutes of the second period before staging a rally to tie, and then go on to win in

overtime on Andrea Stilwells goal. April Jost, Karen Whalen and Denise Hart also tallied for UNB.

Then came Saturday, the team had to win their second game to take first place in their division and again a bye to the semi finals, but they had no goalie. "A couple of players volunteered," says UNB Coach Mike Power "I just picked one. It was a frustrating situation, but we had



Red Blazer shots under pressure

Photo by Eric Drummie

Athletes of the Week

For the second time this season, first year Red Blazer Kara Palmer, from Pertin-Andover, NB has been honored as Female Athlete-of-the-Week. While visiting Memorial this past weekend, the first year BPE student helped the Bloomers to two victories: 78-64 on Saturday and 69-59 on Sunday. In the first game the 19 year old Palmer had 23 points and 13 rebounds while the second game saw her output

of 19 points and 6 rebounds win her the player of the game honors. Coach Claire Mitton was pleased with Kara's contribution in all avenues of the game. "If she did not score on the first attempt she was fouled and capitalized from the line."

Fifth year wrestler, Todd Bursey, from Moncton, NB has been honored as UNB Male Athlete-of-the-Week for the

second time this season. The defending AUAA champion placed second at the Queen's University Open in the 134 pound class. The fifth year Business student lost in the final match to a three time Canadian Junior Champion from Montreal. Coach George Multamaki is impressed with Todd's steady improvement. "He continues to provide the team with leadership both on and off the mat."

