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Red Sticks prepare for big weekend

by Julie Frits

The UNB Red Sticks played up a storm this weekend, a scoring storm that is. The team ran the St. FX Xettes into the muddy ground of Chapman Field on Sunday afternoon, when they shut them out, and shut them down 7-0. Joan Robere opened the scoring early in the first half. It was the first of three for Robere, who also scored the second goal of the game. Josette Babineau and Kelly McCormack each had two to cap off their scoring.

"I was really pleased," says coach Hornibrook, who had been somewhat uneasy before the game. "We were sort of looking at a mid-season break, the girls had a couple of days off and I was wondering, 'Are they gonna come out with their heads in the clouds or are they gonna come out and play?' and I think the time off did them well."

Time off alone; however, cannot account for the Red Sticks superb quality of play.

Much credit must be given to a strong, self disciplined team, and a well deserving coach.

The Red Sticks who have still not lost a game this season, are choosing not to raise their sticks in victory prematurely. "We're trying to take every game and just build on it" says Hornibrook, "we just can't afford to lay off for any games. The season is too short."

With such a remarkable attitude, UNB's most winning team can realistically expect to go all the way to the top.

This weekend, the team will face what may be it's greatest challenge yet, when St. Mary's comes to take on UNB. What are the Red Sticks doing in anticipation of their first encounter with SMU?

"We're just trying to work on playing as a team, and defending as a team. Everybody knows their role... and does what they're supposed to do within the system." Coach Hornibrook would also

like to see the girls spread the ball around, and use all their players on the attack.

Sheila Bell, the Red Sticks goalie, is expected to be back by Saturday. Although the girls are looking forward to having Bell back on the field, they are quick to admit that Angela Cormier has done an excellent job as Bell's replacement. Cormier has had shutouts in both of her games in nets this season.

Sports fans can see the Red Sticks challenge St. Mary's on Saturday at 3:00 and on Sunday at 1:00. Both games are at Chapman Field.



photo by David Smith



Joan Robere of the Red Sticks

Canadiens kick the hell out of Devils

by Frank Denis

Professional hockey made a triumphant return to Fredericton last weekend as the AHL Canadiens easily beat the Utica Devils by a score of 5-2.

Ever since the Montreal Canadiens announced in June that they were relocating the AHL affiliate to Fredericton, preparations had been underway to welcome pro hockey back in a big way.

The game, scheduled to start at 6 p.m., was delayed 15 minutes because of pre game ceremonies. Each Canadiens' player was warmly received when introduced and a standing ovation was accorded to hockey legend Jean Beliveau who dropped the ceremonial first puck.

The Canadiens provided some entertaining hockey for the more than 3,700 in attendance. Paul Dipietro scored the first goal of the year for the Fredericton Canadiens just before 2 minutes had elapsed in the game. Jessie

Belanger scored the second goal 39 seconds later to give the Canadiens a 2-0 lead. It was at this point that Utica decided the game needed a physical element to it and that's when the Devils began to physically intimidate the home team. Canadiens coach Paulin Bordeleau believes it was in Utica's game plan to draw his team into fights. "I think a lot of teams will try and intimidate us to get our best players off the ice. However, if we stay disciplined and let them take penalties, we can capitalize on the power play", says Bordeleau.

The Canadiens have many players playing with them now

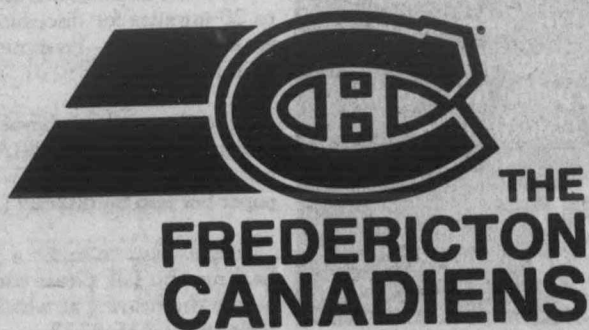
that in a few years time should be playing with the big team in Montreal. Those faces include goaltender Andre Racicot, who last year played 13 minutes against the Toronto Maple Leafs and allowed 3 goals. As well Marcel Dionne's younger brother, Gilbert is with the team and has played very well. Also in the team's line up is Alain Cote who has spent time in the NHL playing for the Boston Bruins and Washington Capitals.

Rounding out the scoring for Fredericton on Saturday were Dionne, Martin St. Amour and Norman Desjardins. Scoring

for the Devils were Mike Posma and Jeff Sharples. The baby Habs are now on the road and play their next home game on the 18th of October against

the Springfield Indians, last year's AHL champions.

The Indians are the farm team of the Hartford Whalers.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Senior, Joan Robere of the UNB Red Sticks has been named UNB's Athlete of the Week. Joan once again displayed her goal scoring touch when she fired 3 goals as the Red Sticks crushed the struggling St. FX squad 7 to 0.

Joan, a former All Canadian and AUAA All Star now stands on top of the AUAA scoring race with 9 goals.

Coach, Donna Hornibrook added that, "Joan is a very dynamic, hard working player who is always dangerous around the net and that Joan put forth her best effort of the season during Sunday's contest."

Joan is a fourth year Education student from Buctouche, New Brunswick.



Joan Robere