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Red Devils conquer the hill

Red Devils win season series against STU

by Frank Denis

UNB 5 STU 3

The UNB Red Devils not only won the Battle of the Hill against St. Thomas this season, they conquered it.

In their 4 head to head matchups, UNB came away victorious in all of them including Wednesday night when they completed their four game sweep of by winning 5-3 in front of 1500 fans at the Aitken Centre.

The win leaves the Red Devils in first place with a 13-5 record, 3 points better than the UPEI Panthers.

UNB defenceman, Neil Hawryluk said his team has to be satisfied with the win.

"We jumped out to a three nothing lead late in the first period, and then we had a little bit of a letdown in the second when they made it 3-2. But we picked it up again and came out with the win."

Hawryluk says that the win was especially satisfying since it came against the Tommies.

"With a great rivalry like this the guys come out and play that much harder because they want to win so badly."

The Red Devils got three power play goals off the sticks of Dominic Niro, Forbie Macpherson and Rob Boldon before the first period had ended. All the goals came while STU defenceman Scott Mactavish was serving a five

minute penalty for checking from behind.

Before the first period was over however, the Tommies managed a power play goal of their own as Kennedy MacDonald cashed in on a goal mouth scramble.

Andy Pokupec brought the Tommies to within one goal of UNB as he beat Chris Somers at the 11:14 mark of the second period.

The middle period was not one of the Red Devils finest according to coach Mike Johnston.

"We had the lead in the first and then never got momentum in the second. We didn't get any quality shots on STU goalie Shane Corston nor did we have any sustained pressure. STU had some good chances around our net and Somers kept us in."

"The third period was a little more even and we possibly had the edge with momentum heading into the last ten minutes," said Johnston.

Hawryluk scored what proved to be the game winner on the power play early in the

Red Devil Neil Hawryluk

third period to make it a 4-2 hockey game.

Brent Grant made it a one goal game again for St. Thomas on the power play two minutes after Hawryluk's goal.

Trevor Boland iced the win

for UNB by using his speed to drive to the net before beating Corston with the Red Devils fifth goal.

With the win the Red Devils hold on to the Labatt's Cup presented annually to the winner of the St. Thomas-UNB rivalry.

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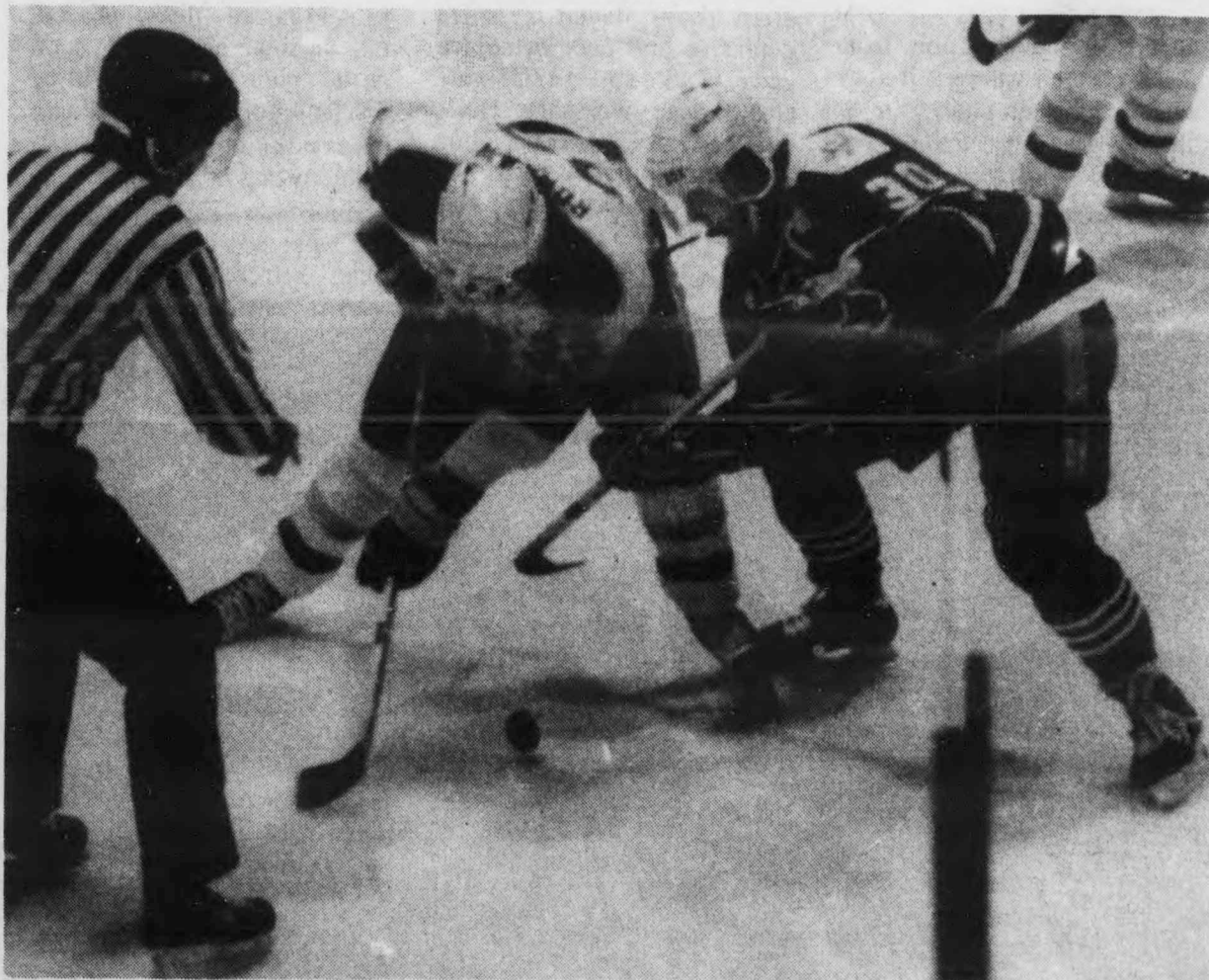
Joey MacTamney led the way for UNB last Saturday with a pair of goals in the Red Devils 5-3 victory over STU at the LBR.

Other goal scorers for the

winners were Mike Cavanagh, Ken Murchison and Rob Knesaurek.

All of the Tommies goals came on the power play. Jeff Grant, Mark Rupnow and Andy Pokupec had the goals for STU.

UNB netminder Chris Somers was kept busy throughout the game and made 33 saves. His strong performance earned him player of the game honours.



Photos by Kevin G. Porter

Ken Murchison battles for puck (above), while Chris Somers makes save off Shayne Arsenault.

Athletes of the week

Jamie Colvin of the UNB Red Devils has been named male Athlete of the Week. The Huntsville, Ont. native scored 2 goals against Mt. A (UNB 6 - Mt.A 4) and 2 assists vs. STU (UNB 5-STU 3) to help push the Red Devils into first place in the MacAdam Division. Jamie has GP-17, goals -9, assists-17, and pts.-26 this season. "Jamie has continued to play very consistently leading into the second half schedule", stated coach Mike Johnston. Jamie is a 3rd year Arts student.

Angie Pickles of the UNB Beavers has again been named female Athlete of the Week for the second time in a row. Over the meets this weekend, Angie placed 1st in both the 100m fly (1:13.18) and 100m back (1:12.38) against Acadia. Swimming against Dalhousie, she won the 200m back (2:34.77) and placed 2nd in the 800m free. the Beavers' hard training at the moment does not lend itself to competition, but Angie has overcome this and placed very well deserved wins. Angie is a 4th year science student from Fredericton, N.B.

