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Reds gain 4 points before "tough" weekend

## D. Cormier at 19.59 in 3rd Cavanagh gets award

by Neil Duxbury **Bruns Sports** 

The Battle of the Hill series was decided Wednesday night as Derek Cormier's last second goal gave UNB a 5-4 win and the series with a 2-1-1 record. The Mark Jeffrey memorial was a hard fought game attended by a crowd of about two and a half thousand with the proceeds going to the Mark Jeffrey Scholarship fund.

The first period was easily the most exciting as Bill Wright started the scoring within the first couple of minutes of action when he placed the puck over STU goalie Johnny Lorenzo's left shoulder at close range. STU quickly replied with Patrick Cloutier's shot from the right point. UNB player of the game Toby Burkitt restored the lead after a scuffle in front. STU's Mark Rupnow tied the game up again before Todd Sparks put UNB ahead again from a Mike Cavanagh pass.

UNB outshot STU 21 to 8 in a second period where they were frequently on powerplay yet only managed to concede a tieing goal to Shayne Gaffar's goal. UNB had many opportunities within the Tommies blue line but were denied by player of the game Lorenzo, the goal frame and the sheer bulk of Tommies bodies in front of goal.

The third period was better than the second, but only just. Both teams came out fired up and put together some good looking plays. However it was goaltending errors which led to

the next pair of goals. Lorenzo chased a Sparks shot behind his goal, leaving an expanse of net for Burkitt to put his second goal of the game into. Next it was Jason Payne's turn as with the Tommies on a powerplay, Mike Bondy shot the puck across to Eric Bissonnette who faked Payne off his left post and placed the puck in the gap he had created. This set the scene for the dramatic finish.

Assistant coach Shane Easter said in a post-game interview that the team "had not played as well as they could, but tried hard for the whole game." His explanation for this was that "the players were caught up in their emotions as they are each year" (against the Tommies). One sour note for the Reds was the facial injury to Chris Ellis which required stitches. In other injury news, number one goalie Frank Leblanc will start training with the team again this week and it is hoped to get him back into AUAA competition next weekend. Chris Peach has broken a small bone in his wrist and it is hoped that he will be ready for this weekend's games against UPEI.

The Reds warmed up for the STU game Saturday afternoon against the woeful 2-18 Mt A Mounties. The Mounties arrived at the Aitken Centre following a 11-2 drubbing at the hands of the STU Tommies, however they took the lead when Dan Sherstenka guided Joe Coulter's shot through his goalie's legs. The goal woke up UNB and they started to look like they were here to play Sherstenka atoned for his earlier mis take by shooting past Mt A's The Mark Jeffrey Menetminder from the left point.

The Reds showed the class differ- presented to a curence between the teams as they put rent UNB player who three goals past the Mounties goalie best epitomizes within a minute. Wade Simpson Mark's leadership and turned in the parry of Shupe's shot dedication to the from the blue line and player of the team along with sucgame Luke Naylor netted a pair. Just cessful academic perbefore the end of the half Naylor com- formance. "Mark was pleted his hat-trick to give UNB a 5-1 hardworking, backed lead at the end of the first.

Early in the second, Billy Wright ex- and above all else, tended the lead to 5 on a feed from Chris wore his heart on his Peach. The Reds domination was confirmed when despite being two players what every UNB down on a Mounties powerplay they hockey player should could have extended their lead as both be." says Captain Todd Sparks. Sparks and Cormier were denied. Chris Ellis and Sparks stretched the lead to 1983/84 AUAA winning Red Devils and asseven before Mt A pulled a couple back.

At the start of the third, Leslie Reddon took over duties between the pipes. Reddon looked smooth, denying the weak Mounties attack, helped by strong defensive work. Meanwhile at the other end, away from the glare of tv cameras, Ellis got his second and Scott Muscutt, Ted Naylor and Cormier finished off the scoring in the 12-3 rout in which the Reds out shot the Mounties 55-20.

The Reds next home games are Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th against the UPEI Panthers. Easter said that "it should be an interesting weekend" with "lots of penalties."

## Mark Jeffrey Memorial Merit Award

by Maria Paisley **Sports Editor** 

morial Merit Award is down from no one sleeve. He epitomized

Jeffrey was an outstanding member of the

sistant coach. In 1991 his sweater -number 17-was retired at the

first Memorial Game. Kingston native Mike Cavanagh is this years recipient of the Award. Cavanagh is a fourth defenceman who is well on his way to having his best season with the Reds. He was ranked as the top defenceman in the MacAdam Division in this year's Allstar polling. Prior to this honor Cavanagh was selected to par-

**Mark Jeffrey** ticipate on Canada's National Team in the game against Finland in Moncton. Cavanagh is an Education student majoring in Phys Ed.



Taylor takes a shot at Mt. A in blowout. Photo Judd DeLong

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