

DEVILS OFF TO FLYING START

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The UNB Red Devils opened their home schedule last weekend, and it proved to be very successful.

On Saturday, down at the LBR, the Devils skated past the UCCB Capers 8-2. Mike Sutherland scored two goals and added one assist, while Murray Nystrom had two goals. Going into the third period, the game was close as UNB led 4-2, but the Devils blew it open in the third, scoring four unanswered goals. Scott MacDonald played a solid game in goal for the Red Devils, stopping 25 of 27 Cape Breton shots.

Fresh from their win the day before, the Red Devils took on the St. Francis Xavier X-Men up at the Aitken Centre on Sunday. The crowd, estimated at 400, saw some good heads up hockey as the Devils shut out the X-Men 4-0.

UNB started the game off on the right foot when Hugh Hospodar took a Brian Wilson pass at centre ice and fired a

low shot which caught X-Men goalie Ian MacIsaac off guard. As it turned out this was to be the game winning goal, scored just 39 seconds into the contest. Throughout most of the first period UNB dominated the play even when killing penalties. When the X-Men were able to manage shots at the UNB net, goalie Chris Somers had no problems and the puck was quickly cleared out of harm's way. Coach Mike Johnston credits this to the hard work put in by the Red Devils defence. "We've worked hard with our defence this year. We try to have them work as pairs and with our goalie. Today our defence screened well and Somers cleared the puck to the corners where we were able to dump it out of our zone."

The third period got off to a shaky start for the home team, as St. FX was looking for an early goal. Chris Somers was called upon to make some big saves to keep his shutout alive. Mid way through the final period Ken Murchison took a shot which rebounded right to a patient Steve Kippen who wasted no time firing a high shot over a sprawling X-Men goalie. This made the score 4-0 for UNB and obviously the X-Men felt the game was

history. Shortly after the Kippen goal, St. FX began losing their cool and took runs at the UNB players. However, the Red Devils maintained their cool. They walked away from the situations and protected each other when they should have. Rounding out the scoring for the UNB Red Devils on Sunday were Jamie Lehman and Murray Nystrom.

Coach Johnston was very satisfied with his team's performance this weekend. "In these two games we were hoping to neutralize the opposition and get our offence going. Last weekend at Saint Mary's we weren't able to put the puck behind them in our 1-1 game. This weekend we did have our scoring chances and were able to put the puck away."

This weekend the Red Devils travel to Mount Allison and UPEI for games before returning home to face the Moncton Blue Eagles and UPEI Panthers next weekend. The Red Devils, whose record is now 2-1-1, are a much improved team and play some very entertaining hockey; so come on up to the Aitken Centre next Friday night and watch your Red Devils take on last year's AUSA Champions, the Moncton Blue Eagles.

Blazers Shutout in Season Opener

By Pat Clements

The UNB Red Blazers opened their first season in the New Brunswick Ladies Hockey League on a losing note as they fell 1-0 in their road opener played against Kings County at the Hampton Arena.

The game was a typical early season game with both teams playing a scrambling style with a lot of passes not connected on. The winning goal came with just two and a half minutes left in the game, when Nancy Morrison picked up a loose puck behind the Blazer goal and stuffed it into an open side on a wrap around play. UNB pulled their goalie for a sixth attacker in the final minute, and put on heavy pressure in but were unable to tie the score.

Red Blazer coach Mike Power says that despite the loss the team came away happy "I think we deserved a better fate, but we saw a lot of good things in the game, especially from the

rookies." Power said that rookie goalie Nicole Breau was UNB's best player "she was very cool under pressure, she is the kind of goalie that gives the players confidence."

The Blazers were playing this game without the services of their two top scorers from last season. Jennifer Reicker and April Jost both left the team at mid-week to devote more time to their studies and personal lives, "It was a real blow" said Power "but I respect their decisions. They are both quality people and are doing what they have to do. It means everybody has to go a little harder to pick up the slack, it also means we will have to really struggle to put the puck in the net. It places pressure on the defense, but that's hockey."

This weekend UNB gets a break from League play as they travel to Orono, Maine for a pair of exhibition games against the University of Maine Lady Black Bears. In their only meeting last season UNB were 16-0 winners. The games will be played Saturday and Sunday at the Alford Arena.

UNB Women's Soccer

by M. Lloyd

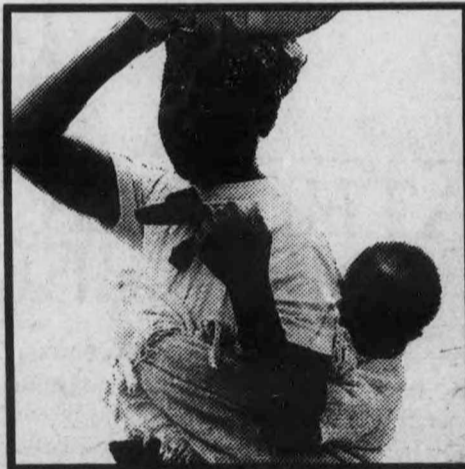
The U.N.B. Women's Soccer Club (Social Club Yeowomen) have recently completed their second outdoor season. This year saw a major increase in exhibition games against Varsity squads. The team finished the season playing a pair of games against Dalhousie University and the University of Maine in Orono, putting on a good show, but were defeated 1-0 to each.

The Yeowomen would like to express thanks to Chris

Long and Labatts Breweries, as well as the U.N.B. Rugby Club for supporting their 1989 Rookie party.

The team is looking forward to the indoor season next term and to defending their title at the U.N.B.S.J. Moosehead Indoor Soccer Tournament. They hope to receive lots of support for their petition for Varsity status and hope to see everyone at the Social Club for their Welcome Back draw.

A very big thank you to the coaches Werner Disselkamp and Peter Tran.



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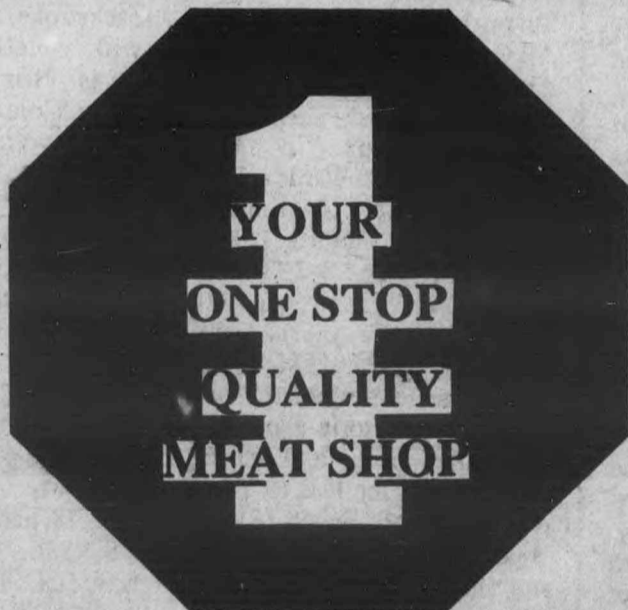
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