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Weekend sweep for Devils

by Frank Denis

For last weekend's two home games, the UNB Red Devils invited all their former players back for the annual alumni celebrations. Many one time Red Devils returned and were treated to the winning hockey that has come to symbolize the Red Devils. Friday night the Mount Allison Mounties were in town and lost a close one to UNB by a score of 4-3. On Saturday, the Red Devils put together one of their best team performances of the season as they

easily disposed of the UPEI Panthers by a score of 6-3.

Heading into the weekend's games Red Devil coach Mike Johnston was looking for a sweep after earning only a tie in the previous two games. "It was an important weekend for us because it looked as though Moncton and UPEI might be running away with the division. Certainly now it looks like a totally different story. We had to sweep these games to keep in the top part of our division."

Johnston could have gone further and said that Friday and Saturday's

game were different stories as far as his team's performance is concerned.

Against the Mounties, the Red Devils came out sluggish and many of their passes were not reaching the intended target. Hollis Chamberlain found the target though when he fired a shot past Mountie goalie Todd King to put UNB on the scoreboard first. Mt.A evened the game shortly after, when Charles Loreto completed a three-on-one situation with a shot between goaltender Scott MacDonald's legs. The Mounties managed to take the lead on Craig

Smith's goal before the end of the first 20 minutes. The Mounties fired 13 shots at the UNB goal in the first period and had it not been for some big saves from MacDonald the score would have been much greater in Mt. A's favour. MacDonald's performance was lauded by several teammates including Chamberlain "Scott stood on his head for us in the first period, gave us the chance to score the first goal and kept us in the game and we came back and won it so you have to appreciate that."

The Red Devils, obviously frustrated by their first period performance, came out flying in the second period. Steve Kippen tied the score at two after being left alone in front of the net. Three minutes later Jamie Colvin gave UNB a 3-2 lead with his first of the season.

Mark MacSween provided UNB with a two goal lead midway through the third. Things got tense for the Devils late in the final period after Mt.A narrowed the gap to one on Mike Mullaly's goal but the Red Devils did come out of the game with their first win of the season.

The play of the Kippen-Colvin-Gord Christian line earned the praise of coach Johnston. "That line was out best tonight and came up big. They came out hitting and working hard and had some scoring chances, and are a large reason why we won tonight."

Saturday night's game against the UPEI Panthers was a much improved

all around team effort for the Red Devils. Murray Nystrom led the home team with his first three goals of the season.

It was a case of "kick 'em when they're down" for UNB. The Panthers came out lifeless in the second period and that's when Johnston's team decided to take full advantage of the situation by scoring 4 goals in a row to break the game wide open. "We poured it on in the second. PEI went lifeless and when they're low, they're low and that's when you have to jump all over them because they can explode on you," said Johnston. Johnston also had applause for his goal tender Chris Somers. "Somers played very strong and deserves a ton of credit. It's going to be a big confidence booster for him."

Besides Nystrom's three goals, UNB got goals from Clyde Simmons, Steve Kippen and Tom Gemmill. Replying for UPEI were Wayne MacPhee, Richard Little and Derek Clancey.

The team faces its biggest challenge so far this season when they are in Moncton tomorrow night to play last year's National Champions the Moncton Blue Eagles. On Sunday the team will be in Halifax to take on the Saint Mary's Huskies.

Be sure to catch the Devils next home game as they play host to St.Thomas. The rivalry between these two teams always makes for exciting hockey.



Photo by Pat Fitzpatrick

MacDonald makes save against Mounties

RED RAIDERS ENJOY SUCCESS AT TOURNEY

By Kirk MacDonald

The second annual Red Raiders Fall Classic this past weekend saw all four teams scratching to make playoff round, with UPEI and Ottawa advancing past Bishops and UNB in Saturday's semifinals.

In the Sunday final, UPEI successfully defended their championship trophy by downing Ottawa 64-61. UNB were consolation winners over the Bishop "Gators" by a score of 76-71.

The well-deserved Raiders win came after a thrilling two point loss to Ottawa in the semi's. The Raiders traded baskets with Ottawa all game until UNB went on a spree near the end of the second half. However, Ottawa regrouped and managed to tie it up at 96-96. This forced an overtime period.

It looked good for the Raiders early in overtime as Duff Adams dropped in his third 3-pointer of the game off the tip. But their luck changed soon after as the "G-G's" came out on top 106-103. Poor foul shooting (only 65%) contributed to UNB's misfortune and is something Head Coach Phil Wright will concentrate on this week.

Top scorers for the Raiders were Glen Read with 22 points, Duff Adams with 18 points, and rookie Craig Isley with 16 points. Isley, looking like a wily veteran, also grabbed 6 rebounds.

In the more slow paced earlier game, UPEI came out on top of Bishops by a score of 69-59.

The consolation final saw Isley earn an all-star trophy; quite an accomplishment for the Phys Ed student from Halifax. Isley had 17 points while Vinod Nair and Steve Taylor had 16 and 12 points respectively. Nair was the highlight of the first half with 10 points and 8 rebounds. At half-time Bishops led 37-36.

In the second half, Steve Taylor held Bishops All-Canadian Pierre Tibblin to only 4 points while contributing 9 points of his own and Isley threw in hook-shot after hook-shot. Duff Adams contributed to light it up from the three-point range as the Raiders went on to win 76-71.

UPEI fought back to win the tournament final in another thriller but Red Lee of Ottawa was named MVP for leading all scorers with 20 points in the championship game. Other All-stars were Chris Lemecke of Ottawa, Brett Wood and George Alford of UPEI, Jeff Harris of Bishops, and Craig Isley of

UNB. Although the Raiders are yet to win their own season opening tourney, Co-Captain Yaw Obeng commented that the weekend result "shows potential" that all in attendance should recognize. It is worth noting that the Raiders were without star recruit Bobby O'Brien who

is out with a wrist injury. Also, Lee Bragg is missing due to his recent status of ineligibility.

The men's next game is this Saturday at 2:00pm. This home game will see the UNB men take on the Husson Braves of Bangor in a "controlled" scrimmage.



Vinod Nair takes a shot against Ottawa

Athletes of the week

Male

Rorri Currie has once again displayed his tremendous talent, as a member of the Red Harriers, and captured the UNB Athlete of the Week. Rorri is now the AUAA cross country champion and a member of the AUAA All-Conference team. As well, Rorri was able to lead the Red Harriers to their second AUAA title in a row. (UNB 1st with 35 pts., DAL 2nd -42 pts., and U de M - 71 pts.)

Rorri covered the 10 km course in a time of 30 min. 51 sec. despite the wet and windy conditions, placing 57 sec. ahead of Joel Bourgeois, a 1989 All-Canadian. This win was the 5th win for Rorri in as many tries so far this season.

Coach Hull stated; "that Rorri's win was a key to defending their AUAA title," but added, "It was a total team effort that earned UNB their AUAA title." Coach Hull also added his team will now start preparing for the CIAU's to be held in Ottawa on November 10.

Rorri is a nineteen year old third year science student from Saint John. Rorri is a rookie with the Red Harriers because of his transfer from UNB Saint John.

Rorri was also named AUAA Athlete of the Week.

Female

Josette Babineau of the UNB Red Sticks has been named the UNB Female athlete of the week. Josette was named the AUAA MVP for field hockey following the AUAA championships held in Saint Mary's this week-end.

Josette played a big part as the Red Sticks again successfully defended their AUAA team title. The Red sticks continued their unbeaten ways at the AUAA championships as they defeated U de M 4 to 0 and then went on to defeat the hometown Saint Mary's Huskies by the same score.

Coach Homibrook complimented that, "Josette is one of the most intelligent players she has ever coached." Coach Homibrook was pleased that the Red Sticks regained their AUAA title and will leave Wednesday to represent the AUAA and UNB at the CIAUs, held in Edmonton this year.