

win 4 in a Row

Blazers Enjoy Success

By RICK MILLER

Good things continue to happen in the early going of this hockey season for the UNB Red Blazers Women's Hockey Team. After dropping their first two exhibition games of the season with Bantam boy's teams the ladies have roared back with 4 consecutive victories.

The string of four includes their FYHA Bantam League opener last Monday night at the Aitken Center. The Blazers thumped the Nashwaaksis boy's team by a 5-0 score, in front of the shutout goaltending of rookie Mary Moores. Another rookie, center Janet Randall, lead the scoring parade with a pair of goals, while singles came off the sticks of BOOM-BOOM Cox, Anne Campbell, and Carol Cooper.

That Cooper scored was a nice touch, she led a defense corps that should take much of the credit for the win. Reduced to only three blueliners for the

game, the defense turned away the fast break offense of the boys time and time again, they also moved the puck well under intense pressure in their own zone. The other two defenders, veteran Diane Leblanc and rookie Joelle Fougere were as steady as Cooper in the win. In fact, according to coach Mike Power, "My assistant was spotting the game, John (Toner) thought Joelle was the best player we had out there tonight." Fougere is a rangy 5'7" although light at 125 pounds, she played most of her hockey last year with the Oromocto Firecats, UNB's Junior affiliate. "I'm an old Montreal fan," said Power, "I would compare these three with the old "Big Three" Montreal had in the seventies. Joelle is a Robinson type, long arms, and she's very wiry and strong. Diane is like Lapointe, quick and agile and Carol is my Savard, strong, intelligent, very reliable in either end."

On another note, the rookies

were making it very tough for Power on deciding who will play where after Christmas. "All I know is I used 10 forwards tonight, and all of them played well enough to make any of my previous three teams." The problem occurs in January when two-time team

scoring champion, Joanne Gillies, returns from practice teaching, and last year's rookie-of-the-year, Charlene Arsenault, comes back from a training course. It is a problem said the coach "but a problem I've always wanted to have." UNB continues their league

schedule tonight at the York Arena when they take on that rink's Bantam team in a 9:45 start. The next home game for the ladies will be Monday at 7 pm when they take on the Coliseum Bantams. Admission to all games will be free.

Devils Avoid Cellar

By TIM LYNCH

Last Saturday at the Aitken Centre, the UNB Red Devils proved to the Mount Allison Mounties that it is the Mounties, not the Red Devils, who shall bear the title of "cellar dwellers" of the AUAHL's MacAdam Division.

UNB goaltender, Rick Poirier, made 33 saves as the Red Devils cruised to a 5-2 win over the Mounties. With the victory, the Red Devils improved their season record to 2-5. Mt. Allison remains winless in eight starts.

Serge Ouimette opened the scoring just 36 seconds into the opening frame to put the Red Devils out in front. The two teams then exchanged goals midway through the period with Mike Sutherland scoring for UNB at 8:03 on the powerplay. John McKerrow assisted on both opening period goals.

The second period belonged to UNB's Renato Marino. Marino scored two unanswered goals, including the game winner at 7:29 of the period, as the Red Devils opened a 4-1 lead. John Gravelle

assisted on both of Marino's markers. Marino's effort warranted him bragging rights to the prestigious UNB Athlete of the Week award.

Gravelle and Marino completed their three point performances when Gravelle scored at 11:44 of the final frame with Marino assisting. Mt. A. scored later in the period to round out the scoring.

UNB's next match is Wednesday night at 8:00 pm when the St. Thomas Tommie's host the Red Devils at the LBR.

Bloomers Split

By GREG HOARE
Sports Editor

UNB Red Bloomers began their season debut in Nova Scotia last weekend. The Bloomers first opponent was the St. F.X. Ettes, who with steady determination and UNB's 32 turnovers, defeated UNB 56 - 54. With just two seconds remaining in the game a personal foul was assessed to UNB. When Coach Mitton was asked if she felt the call was questionable she replied, "No question about it, it was a bad call."

Bonnie MacKenzie was the leading scorer for UNB with 23 points followed by Alison Kent with 8 points.

The following day the Bloomers stormed into Halifax, revenge in their eyes. Unfortunately for St. Mary's Huskies, they were the team to feel the wrath of UNB. The Bloomer's outhustled, outshot, and even outfoiled the Huskies. UNB formed an impenetrable defence, at times they became overenthused and mauled the Huskies. This resulted in a game total of 16 fouls for UNB. One had to wonder if it wasn't for the free-throw line, would St. Mary's

even score? UNB held a commanding lead of 30 - 13 at the half and finished the game 52 - 25. Coach Clair Mitton could have stretched the margin further, but preferred to try out some different combinations. Which was admirable because

you couldn't help but feel sorry for St. Mary's. Even their coach looked devastated.

Leading scorers for UNB were Alison Kent with 16 points and Jane Williams with 10.

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Raiders Drop 2

By GREG HOARE
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UNB's Red Raiders dropped to a 1 - 2 season when they met St. F.X. X-Men last Friday. St. F.X. led 34-33 at the half, but destroyed UNB's defence with 23 points in the second half. The game finished with an 86 - 62 win for St. F.X.

UNB took 19 of the 31 personal fouls, and hit only 6 of 14 per throw. Bob Aucoin was the sharpshooter of the team with 23 points felled by Andy Hayward with 10 points.

On Saturday, the Raiders journeyed to Halifax to face the St. Mary's Huskies. The game was a hard fought one with both teams giving 100%. In fact, one would have to say Richard Mackay gave more than 100% because he netted

an incredible 37 points for the team. But even this couldn't defeat the Huskies who led 56 - 46 at the half and finished the game with a 99 - 85 win for St. Mary's University.

One couldn't help but admire the fan support the Huskies received. The gym was overflowing with students and media. At times, the noise level was deafening, it reminded me of a scene out of a Rocky picture only the crowd was yelling Huskies! Huskies! With that kind of fan support its hard to beat any team. The Raiders deserve such support for they are a high-class team. At times St. Mary's argued among themselves even when they were leading. But not the Raiders, they gave it their all, and win or lose they did it as a team.



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

A swimmer and a hockey player are this week's UNB Athletes of the Week.

Swimmer Kelly Cuddihy was named UNB's outstanding athlete for the week because of her performances in dual meets against Acadia and Dalhousie on the weekend.

Kelly won five individual events and was on the Beaver's winning 800 Freestyle relay team. Additionally, in two of her weekend events, she qualified for the CIAU national championships.

In her best in-season performances to date, Kelly swam to a 9:36.05 800 freestyle and a 4:40.7 400 freestyle to earn a berth at the national test in Dalhousie set for late February.

On the men's side, Renato Marino was red hot for the Devils on the weekend scoring two goals and assisting on another in a 5-2 UNB defeat of Mt. Allison University.

The three-point game brings the season total for the Forestville, Quebec native to seven after a two-goal outing against Moncton last week.

The 21-year-old is in his second year of a Bachelor of Arts degree.