

Red Devils hustle to 5-3 victory over Swampies...

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The UNB Red Devils, determined to trounce the Mt. Allison Mounties, did just that in the first game of the pre-season hockey tournament. The Devils, having played only one game this year prior to this match, worked out a few kinks and went on to down the Swampies 5-3.

The Devils attack was led by left-winger Glen Fisher with two goals. Mike Kohler, Jerry Grant and Alan Archibald scored the other UNB markers. The Mounties received their goals from Scott Griffin, Bill Brennan, and Mike Campbell.

The game opened at the Allison Gardens with UNB showing poor organization. Mount A controlled the puck well in UNB territory early due mainly to two penalties to our club. With John Hawkes and Kohler in the penalty box, the Red Devils held off until Hawkes was back, due mainly to persistent shuffling and checking.

The Mounties managed to score their first goal with two seconds left in Kohler's penalty, as UNB was having trouble clearing the puck down ice. The puck went into UNB's right corner, and got passed out front, where Griffin deflected the shot neatly between goalie Gary Bernard's pads.

The Red Devils came to life at this point and forced the Mounties. The Devils controlled the puck in the opposition's end for almost two minutes before Tony Mais passed the puck back to the point, and defenseman Kohler slapped a hard shot, which found the mark in the lower left hand corner of the net.

The Red Devils had another chance shortly after as they had a three on one break. Centre Doug McDonald set up Dave Hubbard, who fired a well placed shot, but Mountie goalie Ted McCoombs made a spectacular save.

UNB kept checking, and received many chances, but failed to capitalize until Mount A finally got a chance in UNB territory. In a head's up move Grant deflected a point to point pass by Mount Allison, and beat the Mountie rearguard down the ice. He faced the defending goalie face to face and put a great shot high over McCoombs' right shoulder-high into the net. The period ended 2-1 for the UNB club.

The Red Devils came out hustling again in the second period. They controlled the puck early but the Mounties started to take over. With just over six minutes gone in second period Don Kinsman of UNB, and Peter Hazelhurst of the Mounties bounced off the board together after a mild check. There was one shove and the Mounties forward said something, upon which Mike Kohler decided to take him on and did. The referee called a real cheap call, (being third man in on a fight) and ejected him from the game. To enforce the third man rule he gave both Kinsman and Hazelhurst fighting majors, although neither really threw a punch.

From here on in the play get dirty, and the referee's proved their incapacities, as infractions were not called on either team as often as they should have been. Defenseman Hawkes of UNB and Frase Livingstone received fighting majors, also, in the middle of the period.

The play turned to center ice hockey, and the teams tightened up. The Mounties received their biggest chance of the night, as they had the puck behind the net dumped out in front. Rookie goaltender Bernard made his biggest save of the game, as a shot from the shot above six feet out was fired just to his left.

With defenseman Pat Morrisette off for tripping, center Dan Gill stole the puck in his own end and raced down the right side. As the Mount Allison defenseman goes down, Gill drops the puck back to winger Fisher, who fired a high shot over Mounties replacement goalie Steve Dowbrigen left shoulder. The goalie had no chance on the well fired shot.

Less than two minutes later UNB won a face off in the Mountie territory which was fed back to Kinsman, who slipped it over to Hawkes. The shot missed the net and Dowbrigen, the Swampies goalie fell. The puck bounced straight out and Fisher put home his second goal of the period under the goalie. The goal was scored with 26 seconds remaining in the period.

The Red Devils lapsed for a half a minute and Mount Allison got the puck in our corner. It was dumped out front and hit Brennan, Mount A right winger, and trickled in with seven seconds left.

Mount A came to life in the first of the third period, trying hard to press UNB. The play got really chippy, and people started taking runs at each other. The Red Devils could not get untracked until the middle of the period, as they were passing poor and missing checks.

The Devil fifth goal came as John Hawkes shot a puck from the

corner, which hit Archibald's stick, who was parked right in front of the goal, and deflected in.

The Mounties got their last goal a few minutes later as Campbell cut in from the right side and scored on his own rebound.

For the game, UNB outshot the Mounties 31-27. There were a total of 46 minutes of penalties in the

game, 26 to UNB.

The Red Devils, by winning the first match, played in the championship game Saturday night against the University of Moncton Blue Eagles, who had downed the Saint Thomas Thomies 11-3 in the prior game. The results of this game are contained in the following story.

...but lose championship

By JO-ANNE JEFFERSON

It has been said that the coaches don't put too much stock in these pre-season tournaments and use them simply to iron out some of the kinks before the regular season begins. Even if this is the case, head coach Bill MacGillivray was pleased with his team's performance Saturday night at Mount Allison University.

The UNB Red Devils were downed by U de M 6-4, but the score is no real indication of the way the game went. When asked after the final game how he felt his team had done, MacGillivray said, "I was pleased. It was a good first effort. The goaltending looked good, with two net minders not having that much experience behind them."

U de M opened the scoring with little more than two minutes gone in the game. Luc Gelineau fired a shot to the right side of the net under goalie John McLean. That quick goal seemed to be just what McLean needed to settle down and for the rest of the period he displayed tough, sharp goaltending.

The Devils' penalty killing abilities were tested in the first period when Jerry Grant received an elbowing penalty at 17:13 and Gord Shipley went off at 13:26 for tripping. The Blue Eagles tested the defence with several hard shots but it held strong.

Veteran defenceman Mike Kohler looked good both ways as he handed out stiff body checks and came close to tying the game with his big slapshot on a pass from captain Larry Wood.

It was Wood who put UNB on the scoreboard with less than four minutes left in the period. A well executed passing play from Mike Berry on left wing to Al Archibald

in the slot and over to Wood on the right wing, who neatly tucked it under the falling Moncton net-minder, gave UNB the tying goal.

UNB's luck, it seems, was not destined to hold up long though. With 47 seconds left to go in the period Mike Kohler and Moncton's Marc Guitard paired off for a show of fisticuffs in the UNB end. The results were utterly ridiculous.

Guitard was assessed a five minute major and Kohler given a game misconduct. Apparently Kohler was reputed to have continued throwing punches after being warned by the Moncton referee to stop and when he didn't comply with this, was given the penalty.

Coach MacGillivray stated after the game that he found it hard to understand how Kohler could have continued to fight if he hadn't had someone to fight with, but the referee must have known things about hockey that others present didn't or vice versa. In any case the period ended with the score tied 1-1.

The first few minutes of the second period saw the Red Devils having problems sustaining any threatening attacks in the Moncton end. Dan Gill couldn't capitalize on a scoring opportunity he had off of a rebound from John Hawkes' point shot but minutes later, on a power play effort, linemate Glen Fisher made up for it.

U de M had three players in the box when Len Hercun scooped the puck up in the offensive end and passed to Gill behind the net. He centered it for Fisher who banged the puck home to complete a good team effort.

UNB's defence started to crumble as the Blue Eagles came back to score twice in two minutes. The first was the result of a 3 on 1 break with three UNB players down in the mid-ice area. Completing a strong, well controlled passing play, Serge Loiselle beat McLean cleanly with a wrist shot. The second goal was a little bloop of a shot off the stick of Richard Archambault that trickled between McLean's pads.

Left winger Jerry Grant, who has noticeably been skating harder and doing a lot more hitting while on the ice, had his hustling pay off when he tied the score on a nice pass from Larry Wood.

From then until the end of the period it seemed to be downhill defensively for the UNB boys. Moncton's Paul Cormier, Claude Roy and Ron LeBlanc fired in three unanswered goals before the clock ran out. UNB looked like it was hurting without the services of big Mike Kohler although rookie Pat Morrisette made some solid defensive moves. One move seemed to be a little too solid as far as a Moncton forward was concerned and the ensuing fight saw both of them draw five minute majors.

UNB beat themselves in the

second period because of the defensive lapse lasting about five minutes. The forwards were not backchecking and several times defencemen got caught up the ice, allowing U de M to utilize 3 on 1 breaks.

The third period belonged to UNB as the squad showed they had what it takes to come back and play solid hockey after such a letup.

Winger Len Hercun and centre Dan Gill combined on a snappy passing play that resulted in Gill's goal early in the third frame.

Then things started looking bad again. In an effort to compensate for getting caught up the ice, defenceman Gord Shipley was called for tripping at 16:38. Twenty seconds later the referee decided that Pat Morrisette and his Moncton counterpart were mixing it up a little too vigorously in front of the UNB goal and handed out a few more penalties.

John McLean came through in fine style, stopping U de M's mighty Ron LeBlanc on the power play. The Blue Eagles captain was wide open and failed to deflect a rebound pass McLean's speedy glove.

The Red Devils played hard hitting hockey, refusing to be bodied off the puck as before and pushed U de M back into their own zone repeatedly in the last twenty minutes. UNB definitely has the ability to defeat Moncton and the season opener tomorrow night at the Coliseum should be a fast paced game, one that the squad can take if they skate, pass and check.

Coach MacGillivray had this to say about the upcoming game. "I'm quite confident we will beat them next week after we iron out some basic mistakes like defensive lapses and not finishing off scoring opportunities." He went on to discuss the team spirit, saying, "There are some guys on this year's roster who are firing up the team well and giving the team some needed leadership. Definitely the best spirit I've had in a long time."

Much discussion was caused by the Kohler incident and MacGillivray feels that the league is in for a rough year in the hands of the New Brunswick Referee Association. After seeing the brawl-filled game Saturday between Mount Allison and St. Thomas and the UNB-U de M fiasco which followed, one can't help but agree that it should be a dandy year for referees. Too bad this calibre of hockey couldn't warrant an equal calibre of officiating.

The UNB Red Devils' opening home game against the University of Moncton Blue Eagles will take place at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, at the Fredericton Coliseum, not the Lady Beaverbrook Rink, due to ice-making problems.



UNB's Don Kinsman (17) is shown here putting the pressure on Mount A's top netminder Ted McCoombs in the first frame of Friday night's game, as two Mountie defencemen look on. The Red Devils won the tournament opener 5-3 but lost to U de M 6-4.

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