

Devils Dominate St. Thomas

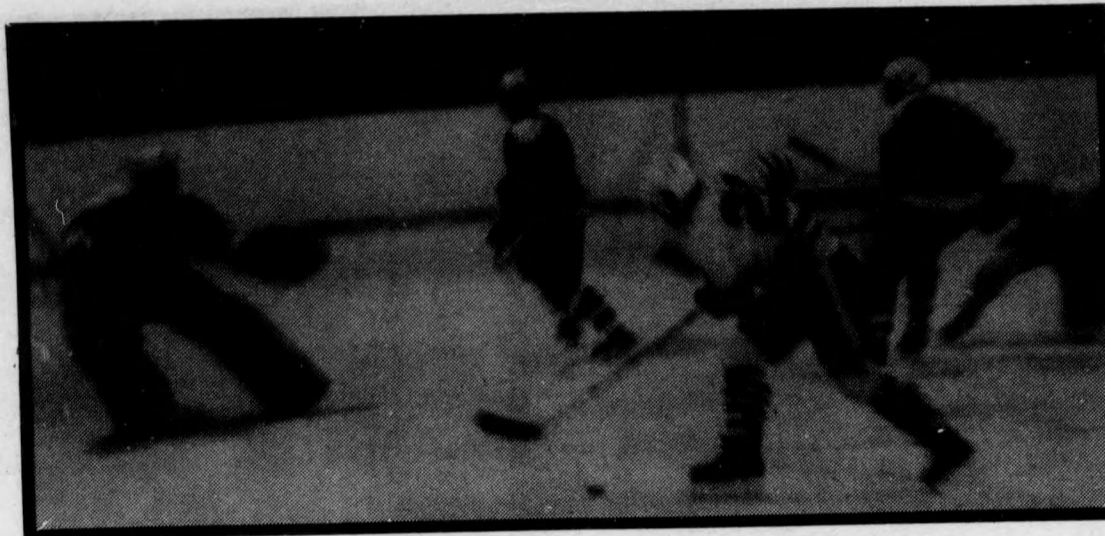
By JIM McDONALD

A goal by Ed Trail mid-way through the third period proved to be the winner Wednesday night as the UNB Red Devils slipped by the cross-campus rivals, St. Thomas Tommies, 4-3 in Atlantic University hockey action at the Lady Beaverbrook rink in front of an estimated crowd of 500.

Trail caught a fast pass inside the line from John McKerrow and broke in along on Tommies' goaltender Gary Smith. He managed to hold onto the puck long enough to pull Smith out of the crease and then didn't hesitate to bang it upstairs for the winner.

The game was the fifth meeting between the two Fredericton area teams with UNB dominating the rivalry, winning all five matches and claiming the Labatt's Cup.

Tim Kaiser, John Gravelle and John McKerrow each had a goal for the Red Devils, who improved their record to 6-11 (12 pts), good for third place in the MacAdam division. Meanwhile, St. Thomas got goals from Phil Huckins, Steve Adams and Roger MacInnis.



Ed Trail is shown above scoring the winning goal for UNB.

The team dropped to 5-13 (10 pts) on the season, fourth place in the MacAdam division.

It appeared that after the first period, St. Thomas would take control of the contest scoring two goals in little over a minute and a half (2:59 and 3:27), and then added one more at 8:09 before the period ended.

As UNB Head Coach, Rick Nickelchok mentioned, his team never really got down, "I told the guys at the end of the first not to get down and that we would get our chance."

Chances they got, scoring

two power play goals in the second, and third period including Kaiser's equalizer in the third when he blasted a high shot through traffic that beat Smith high to the glove hand side.

Although the Red Devils beat the Tommies this year, winning five games in the season series, Nickelchok maintained he was surprised with his team's effort. "We were missing seven regulars for tonight's game and whenever that happens, you don't expect to do well, but the guys came up with a big effort."

After Wednesday's game, UNB will begin preparing for the tough UPEI Panthers who are just a couple of points behind the division leaders, University of Moncton.

Summary UNB at STU First Period

1. UNB, Gravelle (Lehman, Kaiser); 2:21
2. STU, Huckins (MacInnis); 2:59
3. STU, Adams (Saulnier); 3:27
4. STU, MacInnis (Hegarty); 8:09

Penalties: Carroll, UNB; MacKenzie, STU (Roughing), 5:12; Adams, STU, (Charging), 5:30; McKerrow, UNB, (Unsportmanlike), 6:15; Beatty, UNB, (Roughing); MacKenzie, STU (Double roughing minor), 18:41.

Second

5. UNB, McKerrow (Lehman, Loggie), 12:51 (PP)

Penalties: Hospodar, UNB (Holding), 3:12; Viave, STU, (Elbowing), 9:10; Adams, STU, (Elbowing, 10 min misconduct); MacNaughton, STU (Roughing); Beatty, UNB (Roughing) 12:20; Vaive, STU (Roughing) 18:44

Third

6. UNB, Kaiser (Lehman) 0:35 (PP)

7. UNB, Trail (McKerrow, Lehman) 11:57

Penalties: Hegarty, STU; Carroll, UNB (High Sticking), 15:50; MacKinnis, STU (Roughing), Kaiser, UNB (Charging), Carroll, UNB (Roughing) 12:47.

Shots on Goal

STU	8	12	13	33
UNB	14	8	9	31

Power Play (Goal Chances)—
STU 0-3; UNB 2-5

Goal: UNB, Prost; STU, Smith
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