

Red Devils begin 90th season

Set sights on first place

by Frank Denis

The UNB Red Devils hockey team will kick off their 90th season this weekend when they play a pair of games on the Island against the UPEI Panthers.

According to head coach Mike Johnston, the team will be one of the strongest hockey teams this university has ever seen and it's easy to see why. "This year we're setting our sights on first place because of two reasons. Last year we were there up near the top and gained some experience and I think that this year we know what it takes to stay there. Secondly we have a good all round team. Our veterans are a little bit more determined and the rookies have some good experience in other leagues," said Johnston.

Those rookies are the result of some good recruiting work done by Johnston in the off season. "The rookies have come from winning teams and in good condition, ready to play."

Also in his first year is Trevor Bolland who played for the Hull Olympics. Johnston compares Bolland to an-

Chris Somers. Somers is returning after posting his best season last year. The thought of two quality goaltenders

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other Red Devil. "Bolland has blazing speed on the outside much the same as Clyde Simmons. Trevor racked up nearly a point a game with Hull so he should help out offensively."

One of the toughest jobs Johnston had was to find a replacement for goaltender Scott MacDonald. MacDonald who was one of the best AUAA goalies while at UNB has graduated. The Red Devils believe they have found a goaltender very similar to Mac-

would please any coach especially Johnston "with Somers and Reid in goal we're probably as good as anyone goaltending wise. Reid was MVP of a couple of teams that he's been on so we're confident with those two."

While the Red Devils have done very well recruiting wise, they have suffered from the losses of key members of last year's team. Gone are Hugh Hospodar, the team's best defensive forward last



decided to be an assistant coach along with Rob Beatty who played with UNB as recently as two years ago.

Certainly the biggest news concerning the Red Devils during the off season was the tragic death of assistant coach Mark Jeffrey. Jeffrey who helped UNB to their only AUAA title in 1984, was killed by an electrical current in early August.

Johnston believes that the legacy of Mark Jeffrey will be carried on not only this year, but for years to come. "Mark Jeffrey was a motivator while he was here and he continues to motivate people because we remember the type of person

and player he was. His work ethic was unending and he was dedicated to our programme and I think that will rub off on the way we play this year and for years to come."

On November 22, the Red Devils will hold a special tribute game in honor of Mark Jeffrey. They hope to have close to 4000 people in attendance for the game against the St. Thomas Tommies.

Following this weekend's games against UPEI, the Red Devils will show their stuff next Thursday when the Universite de Moncton Blue Eagles are the opponents at the Aitken Centre.



Those recruits included the likes of Joey Mittlesteadt who enjoyed success in the Western Hockey League with Kamloops before being invited to the Chicago Blackhawks training camp in September. Mittlesteadt was released by Chicago on the 20th of September and chose to further his education at UNB.

Donald in St. John's Nfld native Greg Reid. "Greg is a good young goaltender and is technically quite sound. From what we've seen in training camp, he'll be a very good goaltender in the league for years to come."

Reid who will see some game action, will be back up to last year's Red Devil MVP

season and Tom Gemmill. Gemmill who led the team offensively with 37 points last year is playing Division 3 hockey in Germany.

Other notable losses include forwards Steve Kippen and Dominic Deluca as well as defenseman Hollis Chamberlain and Shane Easter. Costa Papiستا a stalwart on defense has

Red Devil's promotion

by Peter McLaughlin

In 1991-92 the Red Devils promotion and marketing department is striving for an increase in campus and community awareness and support. The Devils offer high quality entertainment at the right price.

In an effort to develop hitherto neglected markets, the department has launched some new programs. For example, both FHS and Oromocto High now have Red Devils reps: these reps will advertise and promote Red Devils home games amongst potential Red Devils high school fans.

The organization has taken steps to ensure a consistently positive, lively atmosphere at all Red Devils home games. With expectations of a very exciting season the Red Devils invite you to come out and get involved in the action!

Many people - students, faculty, members of the community - bring to our attention that they don't hear about Red Devils home games. Because of budgetary constraints we are unable to do all the advertising we feel is necessary; therefore, below is a cut-out home game schedule with a list of all our special events. We hope you will find it useful.

Please note: Although the Red Devils have filled their game staff positions, we are always looking for volunteers, in particular an "O Canada" singer. If you are interested please call Peter McLaughlin at 453-4579

1991-92 Red Devils home schedule

Thurs. Oct. 24	UdeM vs. UNB	7:30 pm	Faculty Challenge
Sat. Nov. 9	UCCB vs. UNB	2:00 pm	Coca Cola Day
Sun. Nov. 10	St. FX VS UNB	2:00 pm	
Sat. Nov. 16	Dal vs. UNB	2:00 pm	Parents' Weekend
Sun. Nov. 17	Acadia vs. UNB	2:00 pm	
Fri. Nov. 22	STU vs. UNB	7:30 pm	Mark Jeffrey Mem.
Sat. Nov. 30	UPEI vs. UNB	2:00 pm	H.S. Showdown
Sun. Dec. 1	Mt.A vs UNB	2:00 pm	
Wed. Jan 22	STU vs UNB	7:30 pm	Minor Hockey Nite
Fri. Jan 24	UdeM vs. UNB	7:30 pm	Varsity Mania
Sat. Jan 25	SMU vs UNB	7:30 pm	Business Night
Fri. Feb. 7	Mt.A vs UNB	7:30 pm	
Sat. Feb. 8	UPEI vs. UNB	7:30 pm	

