

SPORTS

Holiday Classic this weekend

By DAVID MOMBOURQUETTE

Local basketball fans will be in for a treat this weekend, as the University of New Brunswick Red Raiders host their 13th Annual, Holiday Classic basketball tournament, here at the Aitken Centre. On Friday night, Bishops University, from Lennoxville, Quebec, will meet the University of Maine Farmington in a 7:00 tilt, with the Red Raiders taking on the University of McGill Redmen in the feature game at 9:00. The consolation game goes at 1:00 on Saturday, with the championship slated for a 3:00 start.

Coach Don Nelson sees this as one of the best tournament line-ups ever, saying that the guests are, "three of the strongest teams we have ever had at the classic." He feels the McGill team is the one to beat, coming into the tournament with a number five national ranking, and admits that, "we're going to need

everybody healthy", if the Raiders are going to win. He does offer some hope though, noting the 107-106 victory over the Redmen last year at the McGill tournament. As far as the other teams go, Bishops is one of McGill's toughest opponents in the Quebec conference, and were themselves ranked in the top ten nationally earlier in the season. The Maine team has been traditionally strong, losing a close game to UNB three years ago in the Laval tournament. They are currently ranked number five in the State of Maine, and Nelson feels their game against Bishops will be a "great matchup."

With all of this talent flying around the Aitken Centre, is it possible that UNB will be the weak sister of the tournament? This brings us back to the coach's earlier comment about having the team healthy. There is no question that when the team was healthy at the first part of the year they were impressive,

but the status of several important players is still in doubt. Most recently, both Dwight McInnis and Gerard Whelen have been forced to leave the team for health reasons. The loss of McInnis has been especially hard to take when you take into account his outstanding play before Christmas, when the team was severely shorthanded in the front court. Also the status of starters Paul Holder and Chris McCabe remains in doubt, as Holder has been unable to practice due to a stubborn charley-horse injury suffered earlier in the season, and McCabe has not seen a basketball court since being hospitalized back in November.

Though still plagued by injuries, the Raiders hope to make this their fourth Holiday Classic victory in a row, and are hoping for a good turnout to spur them on. The stage is set for literally a "classic", tournament, a good crowd could make it happen.



GREIG MORRISON Photo

Nelson Awarded for 300th Victory. Dr. Downey presents Don Nelson with the game ball, marking his 300th career victory as the head coach of the Red Raiders. The 81-78 victory came against the University of Western Ontario Mustangs, during the University of Ottawa Tip-off basketball tournament, on November 7th.

Devils finish in style

By Cliff Consmueller
Peter Thompson

December sixth's 7-5 victory over the Mount Allison Mounties increased the Red Devils lead atop the MacAdam Division to three points and extended UNB's current winning streak to five games.

It was a very important game in that Mt. A. is directly behind UNB in the MacAdam division standings. A loss for UNB would have meant a

disappointing second place position going into the Christmas break. The importance of the game was evident in the play of the teams during the early going. Both teams looked nervous and the result was a number of miscues and some sloppy playmaking. The Red Devils ended up paying the price for such a mistake early in the first period as Mt. A. opened the scoring with just under five minutes gone in the period.

Tony McLean put UNB on the scoreboard shortly thereafter. McLean took a pass from Alan Lewis in the center ice area and quickly shifted over the left side, he crossed the Mt. A. blue line and fired a slapshot that eluded the Mounties goal tender. It wasn't a pretty goal but it was exactly what the Devils needed to get on track.

Mark Jeffrey then put the Devils in the lead on another shot that should have been stopped but goaltender Eric Setchell appeared to be in a charitable mood and let the puck squirt through his pads. Mt. A. coach Jack Drover didn't appreciate his netminders generosity and yanked him. During the second period UNB got goals from Mike Kelly and Dave Mancuso while Malcolm Anthony replied for Mt. A.

The third period included six goals, three by each team. Doing the scoring for the Red Devils were Mike Kelly and Mark Jeffrey who both got their second goals of the game. John Kinch rounded out the scoring for UNB getting his eleventh of the season.

UNB's first home game after Christmas is against the defending Canadian University champions the Universite de Moncton Blue Eagles on Tuesday January 12th.

Devil Talk

By JEFF IRWIN

Well, a very Happy New Year to one and all, I trust Santa Claus was able to find you all and everyone had a good holiday.

Santa himself made a visit to the Red Devils to congratulate them on their super win over Mt. A. to keep them in 1st place over the Xmas holidays. Coach MacAdam says he was pleased with the shape the team maintained over the holidays and that they are looking really good in practice since they have returned. A couple of exhibition games this past week were scheduled to get the Red Devils ready for a trip to Newfoundland's Memorial University in St. John's where the Devils play two games; one tonight and one tomorrow afternoon. Although UNB has been able to defeat MUN in the past (11-4 and 5-3) the Beothuk's have had an ability to change UNB's playing style to a very animalistic and penalty-prone method. I am sure that the Red Devils especially after defeating Mt. A., will prevail and come home Sunday with 1st place intact. See you next week.

The Devil's stats

UNB RED DEVILS

1981-82 AUA A STATS

	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
G Agnew	13	16	10	26	26
J Kinch	12	11	13	24	35
M Kelly	12	8	16	24	20
D Mancuso	12	4	11	15	26
A Lewis	13	4	7	11	4
T McLean	11	3	8	11	6
P Murphy	12	1	8	9	15
G Clark	12	5	3	8	12
A Slipp	12	4	3	7	4
G Kelly	13	0	6	6	4
D Cameron	12	0	7	7	4
M David	11	3	2	5	24
V Porter	9	2	3	5	12
D Bluteau	9	1	4	5	18
J Somers	12	1	2	3	22
I Macdonald	11	2	0	2	18
M Jeffrey	4	3	0	3	16
T McQueen	1	0	1	1	0
K Rochford	6	0	1	1	2
P Adams	7	0	0	0	10
C Creaghan	4	0	0	0	2
S Brogan	7	0	0	0	2

	GP	MIN	SH	S	G.A.	AVE.
S Brogan	7	420	192	169	24	3.42
K Rochford	6	360	157	141	26	4.33