

Red Devils lose close game in overtime

By STEVE GILLILAND

The Red Devils played their best game of the year last Saturday, they forced the U de Moncton Blue Eagles into a 10 minute overtime period.

U de M fired two unanswered goals in the overtime to come out of the hard-hitting contest with a 5-3 victory.

The Blue Eagles came out flying in the first period, displaying some fine skating and passing skills but

were foiled on all but one of their scoring attempts. UNB's Bob Jones was outstanding as he faced 17 shots in the first 20 minutes.

U de M and UNB exchanged power play goals to end the first period in a 1-1 tie. Scoring for U de

M was Larouche, with a fine shot from the point. George Wood tied the score late in the period.

The Red Devils started the second period with a fine display of fore- and backchecking. At this point, the play was fairly balanced.

Mark Sawyer scored a pair of goals for UNB in the second, while Boivin replied with a goal for the Eagles. The second period ended 3-2 in favor of the Devils.

In third period the teams played fast and furious with neither team wanting to make any mistakes.

The lone goal in the period came from the stick of U de M's Bosse at the second minute mark to tie the contest 3-3.

The play in the 10 minute overtime was very even, as each team had some good scoring chances until the 4 minute mark when Larouche of U de M fired his second goal of the evening. Four and one-half minutes later Bosse added the Eagles' insurance goal.

Bob Jones turned in a stand-out performance as he turned away 43 Blue Eagle scoring attempts.

U de M's goaltender Allan Robinson who started off shakily but was there when they needed him in the late stages of the game, stopped 24 shots.

UNB had 73 minutes in penalties while Moncton had 53 minutes. Three game misconducts were also handed out, with two going to UNB.

With four seconds left in the first period Kevin Daley of the Red Devils and Moncton's Firmin Royer got into a donnybrook and both received game misconducts.

Incidentally, Royer was with the San Diego Mariners of the W.H.A. two years ago. Moncton also has a player who went to the St. Louis Blues training camp and several members who played Major Jr. "A" in Quebec.

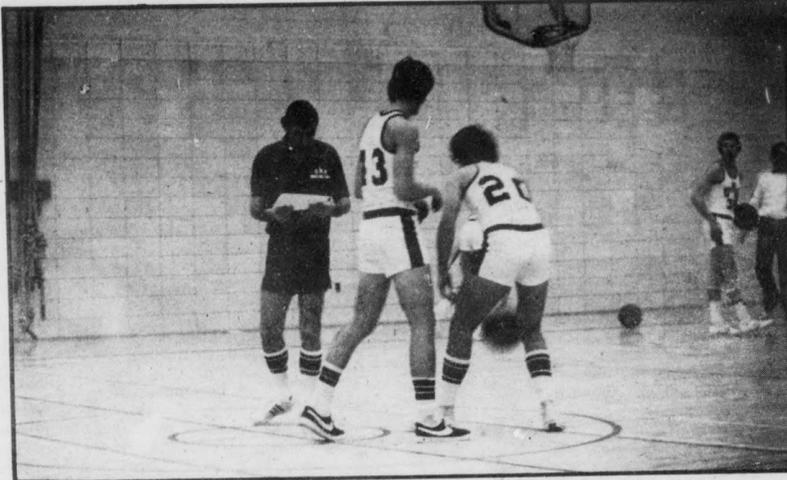
Playing against such talent UNB should not be ashamed of their performance.

Last week the Devils lost the services of team captain Mike Barry. Barry, in his third season at UNB, has decided to play for the Jr "A" Red Wings of Fredericton.

Tonight the Red Devils host the Dal Tigers, 7 p.m. at the Aitken center, while tomorrow the St. Francis X-men put their unbeaten record on the line against the Red Devils.

St. F.X. are rated in the top five teams in Canada and boast all-star players at every position. Whichever of the Devils lines has the responsibility of checking X's Mike Melanson and his wingers must display top-notch heads up hockey if the Devils are to give X a run for their money.

Playing with the improved ability shown last weekend, UNB should provide some exciting hockey and could be able to improve on their win-loss record.



The Red Raiders finally came out of the hillside hardwood with an impressive win over Mt. Allison.

Raiders overwhelm Mt A

By DON SMITH

There is little to be said about the last Red Raiders' game which doesn't come out in the final tally: UNB 121, Mt. A. 54.

Playing an exhibition contest at Newcastle in an attempt to stir up basketball enthusiasm in the Miramichi Valley, the Raiders took the lead immediately after the opening center-jump and had piled up so many points by half-time that coach Don Nelson was left speechless for the first time in 20 years of coaching at UNB.

Randy Nixon and Luigi Florean,

the most constant UNB scoring punch, combined for 25 points in the first 4 minutes of the game. Nelson then sent in Chris Leigh-Smith and Mark McGeachy who proceeded to continue the onslaught.

Before the half was up every player on the Raiders' roster had been in the game and all had contributed in some way to the 71-30 half time spread.

In the second half coach Phil Wright stressed defence, and Red was everywhere, hauling down rebounds and picking off stolen balls. After dropping three quick hoops to the Hawks, Andy Cheam

and Paul Jardine got things rolling again with the outside threat while Leigh-Smith and Tom MacMillan dominated inside.

Eventually the Mt. A. game became no contest. The Raiders scored 50 more points and the Hawks never did reach UNB's 1st half total, picking up only 24 in the 2nd.

By now everyone is aware that the present Mt. A. team is the weakest in recent years, but it was the Raiders' phenomenal shooting percentage which accounted for the victory more than anything else, as they hit over half of their shots from the floor, a statistic which few AUAA teams ever match.

The individual scoring went as follows: Florean 21; McGeachy 20; Nixon 20; Leigh-Smith 14; Jardine 12; Cheam 8; MacMillan 7; Atchison 6; McCormack 6; Howatt 4; and Veysey 3.

Rich Todd and Jim McLeod led Mt. A. with 14 and 12.

Today the Raiders leave for UPEI where they will meet the Panthers in their first AUAA contest, and on the way back will stop off at Moncton where they take of U de M Saturday.

UPEI could quite possibly be the toughest team in the league this year, as Coach Gary Heald has brought 6'10", 6'8", and a leaping 6'4" talent to the Island over the summer.

So far they have beaten both SMU and Acadia, but this does not phase the Raiders as they now know what they are capable of. Keep posted for the results of this weekend and attend the home game against the University of Maine at Machias Clippers this Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.

Basketball coach announces post-holiday tournament

Dear Editor:

The New Brunswick Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament will be played here at UNB on January 7 and 8, 1977.

This will be our eighth year of operation and we look to have one of our most exciting tournaments to date.

An innovation this year will be a four team ladies tournament held in conjunction with the standard four team men's event. The addition of the girls is expected to further the quality and excitement that has been a trademark of Holiday Classics of the past.

In the men's event participating teams will be University of Western Ontario, Laval University, St. Francis College of Maine, and our own Red Raiders. Ladies competition will be supplied by Guelph University, Concordia

University, University of Western Ontario and the Red Bloomers. Just a great line up of men and women's basketball teams for this annual two day event.

To finance a basketball tournament of this calibre we must depend on gate receipts. Through the medium of your newspaper I should like to request the support of our student body. You can lend this support by attending the games and cheering for the dedicated athletes who represent your University.

In closing I should like to thank the Brunswickan for its support of athletics on our campus and wish you and the student body best wishes over the holiday period and in the new year.

Most sincerely,
Donald K. Nelson
Basketball Coach

Saltos open strong

The UNB Saltos men's gymnastics team held their first meet of the year last weekend finishing second to their local rivals, the Fredericton Eagles, by ten points.

Former Salto captain, Pierre Gervais, who has run out of eligibility in the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association paced the Eagles by placing first in two and second in two of the six individual events of the meet.

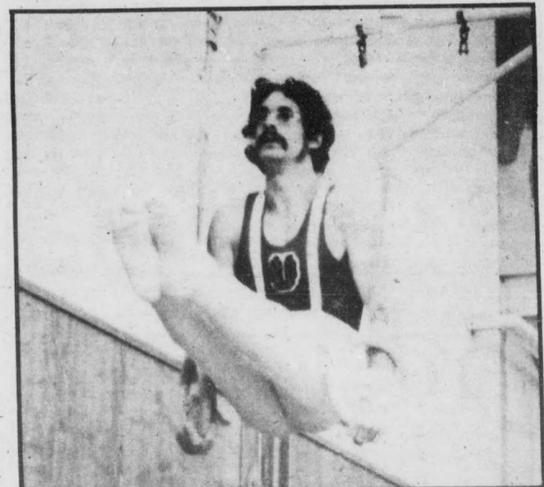
Leading the Saltos was Bert Principe, who placed first on the parallel and horizontal bars. He also placed third on the pommel horse.

Taking third place in the individual standings was Bob Johnson of the Saltos who placed second in rings and horizontal bar and third in vaulting.

Since only five members are allowed to compete for one club, several members of the Saltos, who train with the Eagles, competed for the Eagles.

Also represented in the meet was the University of Moncton with four gymnasts.

The next competition for the Saltos will be held in early January.



Former UNB gymnast Pierre Gervais swept two firsts and two seconds in individual competition to lead the Fredericton Eagles to a win over the Saltos.

