

## Red Devils 5-0 in Exhibition

By IAN SUTHERLAND  
University of New Brunswick Red Devils, a team many pick as a strong contender for the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association championship, swept through Nova Scotia last weekend and picked up their fourth and fifth victories of the pre-season in as many starts.

The road trip started Friday night with a 4-2 victory over Acadia Axemen and finished in Halifax Saturday where the hockey Devils doubled Saint Mary's Huskies by a 6-3 count. It was the first triumph for coach Don MacAdam ever over the Huskies in their arena, a cramped structure that is ideal for the physical hockey they favor. It is also the first time in the reign of MacAdam that the Devils have had a legitimate 5-0 record in exhibition play.

UNB put that streak on the line Wednesday in Quispamsis against the defending conference champion Moncton Blue Eagles, and return to the Aitken Centre tonight for a 7:30 start against University of Maine, at Orono Black Bears. There is no admission for students.

"We played very well until midway through the second period against Acadia," MacAdam said. "Then there was a little shoving match between Dave Mancuso and a player from their team, and the referee threw seven of our players and five of theirs out of the game. That made it difficult for the rest of the night."

Ironically, the setback may help the Devils in the long run. At one point, the Devils went a nine-minute stretch with just two subs on the bench, forcing everyone to give something extra.

"We had guys coming to the bench, but there just wasn't anyone to take their place," MacAdam said. "It turned out to be a great game for us because we discovered just how much character we have."

Another factor that paid off in UNB's favor was its physical conditioning. "We were far superior in that regard to Acadia," MacAdam said.

Two of UNB's better performers in the Acadia contest were Brian Thomson and Scott Clements, with Clements especially leaving

his calling cards for the two Nova Scotia schools to read over.

"He hit two guys this weekend with good, clean checks so hard they had to be carried from the ice," MacAdam said. "He should get plenty of clear ice this year - SMU and Acadia sure know who he is now."

Thomson, who is the Devils' leading point getter so far with five goals and two assists, also showed his defensive skills on the weekend, combining his natural speed with solid physical play.

Saturday's contest in Halifax saw the Huskies start right off with their physical game, only to have the Devils counter with the same style. After falling behind 3-1, UNB bounced back with five unanswered goals - including three in the final period.

With all the success, it's easy to see why MacAdam

is a happy man these days. Along with two weekend victories, the Devils have shutout Mount Allison Mounties and picked up two more triumphs against McGill Redmen of Montreal.

"We've never had a preseason record like this against this calibre of competition," the coach said. "We've made a definite impression on Acadia, Saint Mary's and Mount Allison."

Part of the reason has been the goaltending, with veteran Kevin Rochford and rookie Jamie Frizzell handling those chores. Frizzell played against SMU, while Rochford tended the shop against Acadia.

"Jamie played a strong game - he stopped all-star Darren Pickrem cold on a breakaway - and Kevin stopped everything that was possible to stop against Acadia. We are going to be awfully strong in goal this year."

## Athlete of the Week

Mike Foley and Kathryn MacDougall have been selected as the Athletes of the week at UNB this week with their respective teams part of a varsity sweep on the weekend by the university.

Foley, 21, scored once Saturday and again Sunday as the soccer Red Shirts picked up 4-0 and 3-1 victories over Memorial Beothuks at Chapman Field. The victories improved the Shirts' record

to 7-2-1 for the season. Mike is a third-year business administration student and a native of Saint John.

MacDougall, 20, hails from Bedeque, P.E.I. and is a third-year education student. She scored one goal in Friday's 4-0 shutout over St. F.X. and was a dominating force as the field hockey Red Sticks blanked Dalhousie 1-0 to establish themselves as the team to beat in the AUSA.

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Old Boys saw a try rewarded, the convert proving fruitless.

What the Ironmen lacked in experience, they made up with in constant pressure and pursuit, frustrating the Old Boys backfielders. The UNB forwards were on top of their scrimmaging game, but lineouts proved to be inconsistent despite valiant opposition on a blustery fall day. The Old Boys bowled forward for one more unconverted try before the first 40 minutes expired, Ironmen III down by 8.

UNB then reflected for 5 minutes on their miscues in the first half and came out in the second half of play a closer unit, resulting in more concerted efforts on important tackles. This

newly found teamwork produced much opportunities for the Ironmen's pair of steady wingers, Terry Gallant and Eric Morgan, who remained from this moment on a constant threat.

Ten minutes into the second half, Gallant made a spectacular dash along the sideline, leaving gasping Old Boys in his wake. As he dodged the final helpless defender, the ball decided not to cross the try line with its' original carrier, where upon an alert Ironmen Fullback in one Richard Sykes scooped up the ball to put UNB within four points.

UNB now looked to have the momentum and stronger lungs needed for victory, but the Old Boys, in spite of Ironmen captain

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## ARMCHAIR QUARTER BACK



Now that's more like it! I went from a 5-9 goat (ba-ah-h!) to a 9-5 hero (sort of) in one week. and I would've been 10-4, if Mark Moseley hadn't choked Monday Night. And speaking of Monday night...I'm still suffering slightly from the effects of my first night in the "Loyal Order of Monday Night Football" at the CHSC. So...I'm going to refrain from any further digression before I list my picks. My editor's been after me to shorten my column a bit for space considerations, anyway. Besides, next week, I'm going to do a detailed mid-season review of what's happened so far in the NFL. (Got that, Boss?)

Here we go (home team in CAPS):

NY JETS over Atlanta by 2 - neither of three teams is quite as bad as their record - although you'd have a hard time convincing their fans. The Jets have fewer injuries and are at home, so give them the edge.

PHILADELPHIA over Chicago by 5 - both these teams lost big last week, so one has to rebound. The Bears are embroiled in a quarterback controversy, so the Eagles should win at home.

Cleveland over CINCINNATI by 4 - the battle of Ohio continues, with the Browns prevailing in this skirmish.

WASHINGTON over Detroit by 9 - the Skins can't give up any more ground to Dallas in the NFC East, and should breeze by the Lions.

Kansas City over HOUSTON by 8 - the Chiefs have been coming on strong lately, while the Oilers just keep getting worse and worse.

L.A. Raiders over DALLAS by 5 - the Cowboys finally bite the dust this week, when the bad boys of the NFL come to town. America's Team, meet the Wild Bunch.

Miami over BALTIMORE by 7 - The Dolphins finally have something they haven't had since No. 12 hung up the cleats a few years back - a bonifide star at quarterback (a.k.a. Dan Marino). The Colts have a good future - but the future is not now.

Minnesota over GREEN BAY by 6 - the Pack stung me last week, because I forgot it as their week to be "up". This week, it's their turn to be "down", so the Vikes will win.

New England over BUFFALO by 3 - a hard game to pick; the Pats seem to beat people they shouldn't and lose games they should win. Going with that trend, I'm taking a chance on them to beat the Bills.

New Orleans over TAMPA BAY by 5 - will the Bucs go through the season without a win? Will they find a way to stop losing ball games? Not this week. Set your sights on the Nov. 27 game against Houston.

SEATTLE over Pittsburgh by 2 - Chuck Knox has done a helluva job rejuvenating the Seahawks - this may be the year they finally make the NFL play-offs. But the Steelers will give them a tough game.

San Diego over DENVER BY 4 - two inconsistent teams match-up in Mile High; if the Chargers lose this, they may be waving good-bye to the play-offs - they still have Dallas, Washington, Pittsburgh and the Raiders - twice.

San Francisco over L.A. RAMS by 8 - the Rams beat the 49ers at candlestick earlier this year - look for Montana and Co. to return the favour in Anaheim.

ST. LOUIS over N.Y. Giants by 7 - the Giants are fading fast, while the Cards have shown signs of life - and they're usually tough at home.

RECORD:

Last Week: 9-5 (.643); vs. the spread: 8-1 (.889)

Overall: 50-48 (.510); vs. the spread: 28-9 (.757)

Toks Akpatas inspiration, continually fell back on their accumulated knowledge of the grand old game to stifle threats to their precious lead.

A final try by the Old Boys, once again un-

converted, did not stop the Ironmen from continually attacking. Nor could the final loss of 12-4 take from memory the experience and pleasant signs of total teamwork shown in the second half.