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UNB and STU host hockey tournament

Hockey

The Red Devils enjoyed a successful weekend by defeating both their opponents convincingly. On Saturday, the Devils clinched a 6-3 victory over the St. FX X-Men as Trevor Boland and Ken Murchison had two goals each. Boland led the way the next day with a goal and two assists helping the Devils earn a 7-5 win over the UCCB Capers. They remain atop the MacAdam division with a 9-3-1 record and will play their last game before the holidays in Moncton against the Blue Eagles this Friday.

Basketball(M)

The Red Raiders continued their losing streak last weekend falling to undefeated Acadia 100-33 and St. Mary's 91-79. Despite the blowout against Acadia, the Raiders came back to play a decent game against the Huskies on Saturday as Alex Kidney nailed 20 points and Duff Adams stood tall for 19. The Raiders resume their season after the holiday break.

Volleyball(M)

The Dalhousie Tigers proved too strong for the Red Rebels last weekend as they swept their two weekend matches at the L.B.Gym. Friday saw the Tigers handle the Rebels 15-1, 15-5, 15-6 while on Saturday, the Rebels were slightly more competitive losing in straight sets 15-9, 15-8, 15-3. Coach Belanger has a month to reorganize the team before they continue their season after the break.

This month in UNB sports

Friday, Dec. 4

Hockey @ UDM

Swimming @ Montreal World Cup (Dec. 4-6)

Thursday, Dec. 31

Hockey vs. STU @ AUC 2pm

Friday, Jan. 1

Hockey SFX vs. Brandon @ LBR 7:30pm

Saturday, Jan 2

Hockey vs. SFX @ AUC 2pm

Hockey STU vs. Brandon @ LBR 7:30pm

Sunday, Jan 3

Hockey Championship @ AUC 2pm

Hockey Consolation @ LBR 2pm

AUAA scoreboard

Hockey

UNB 6 SFX 3
STU 6 UPEI 3
UCCB 10 MTA 0
UNB 7 UCCB 5
ACA 6 DAL 2
STU 6 UPEI 6
SFX 5 MTA 4

Basketball(M)

SMU 91 UNB 79
UPEI 98 MUN 78
UCCB 93 DAL 76
UPEI 99 MUN 82
DAL 50 SFX 49

Basketball(W)

UNB 78 SMU 69
DAL 69 UCCB 50
SFX 68 DAL 60

UNB athletes of the week

Ken Murchison, Hockey
Carla Mason, Women's Volleyball

by Frank Denis

The UNB Red Devils and STU Tommies are joining forces this Christmas season and will be hosting the first River City hockey tournament. The four team tournament begins New Year's eve with a battle of the hill matchup between both teams. The other teams competing are the Brandon Bobcats from Manitoba and the St. Francis Xavier X-Men.

Red Devil Coach Mike Johnston says that the tournament should be well received. "It's a unique tournament because the friends of St. Thomas and the friends of UNB are working together on the tournament. With both groups working together, we should get a good attendance."

The tournament should feature some pretty exciting university hockey. Brandon is now in a rebuilding year with a new coach at the helm and plays in the very competitive Canada West Conference. St. FX after a slow start is quickly improving and currently boasts a 5-7 record in the Kelly Division. UNB and STU are first and second respectively in the MacAdam Division.

Johnston says that his team will be using this tournament to help get ready for the second half of the AUAA season.

"Anytime you play over the Christmas holidays you start to build for the second half. The players will return on December 28th, start working out and use the tournament to launch us into the second half."

After the New Year's eve game between STU and UNB, St. FX and Brandon will square off at the LBR on New Year's day. January 2 will see two games being played; UNB plays St. FX in the afternoon game while STU hosts Brandon in the evening. The championship game and consolation game will both be played on January 3rd at 2pm at the Aitken Centre and LBR respectively.

Tournament passes which allow access to all six games cost \$10 for students and \$25 for adults. The adult pass allows for

two adults to enter. Children under 12 are admitted free of charge. Passes are available either from coach Johnston or any of the players.

In the future Johnston would like to see the River City tournament draw some of the top university teams.

"Hopefully, we would like to build the tournament up to the point where we would attract the top Canadian and American university teams. Although with the way the organization for this year's tournament has gone it should be a quality one."

UNB/STU River City Hockey Tournament			
December 31-January 3			
Date	Teams	Rink	Time
Dec. 31	UNB vs. STU	AUC	2pm
Jan. 1	St.FX vs. Brandon	LBR	7:30
Jan. 2	UNB vs. StFX STU vs. Brandon	AUC LBR	2pm 7:30
Jan. 3	Championship Consolation	AUC LBR	2pm 2pm

AUC- Aitken University Centre
LBR-Lady Beaverbrook Rink

UNB's Johnston to coach Team Canada at Spengler Cup

by Frank Denis

While most people look forward to the Christmas holidays because it's a time to rest and relax, that's not the case for UNB Red Devil Coach Mike Johnston.

Johnston has been named by Hockey Canada to be the head coach of Team Canada at the prestigious Spengler cup tournament. The tournament is held annually in Davos, Switzerland and this year runs from December 26 to January 1.

The five team tournament consists of club teams from across Europe as well as Canada. Teams include the powerful Soviet Red Army team as well as Fajerstad from Sweden and Friburg from Germany.

While Canada does not have such a team, its team will be made up mostly of Canadian players now playing in Europe as well as one CIAU player and a couple of NCAA players. The CIAU player is Red Devil goaltender Chris Somers. Somers



Mike Johnston

will back up Mike Fountain in goal. Other players include Brian Propp, Mike Bullard, Ken Yaremchuck and perhaps Igor Larionov who receives his Canadian citizenship next week.

Johnston who is in his fourth season behind the Red Devils bench, coached Team Canada at the USA Cup two years ago but states that this is a higher calibre tournament.

"This is the highest profile tournament that I've ever coached in and as far as the calibre of players that I'll work with, they will be the highest."

"Canada won the tournament 3 years in a row in the late 80's and since then haven't done so well. This year we hope to field a better team and get back to the form of a few years ago" says Johnston.

Also playing international hockey over the Christmas break will be forward Todd Sparks who has been invited by Hockey Canada to play for Canada at the USA Cup in Albany, New York. The USA Cup is a young tournament that will be featuring several players hoping to earn a spot on Canada's entry at next winter's Olympic Games. Sparks, who was drafted by the New York Islanders is from Fredericton and is in his first year with the Red Devils.