

Reds ranked 9th in nation UNB wins 'battle' in their favor

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It had all the ingredients that Mark would have wanted.

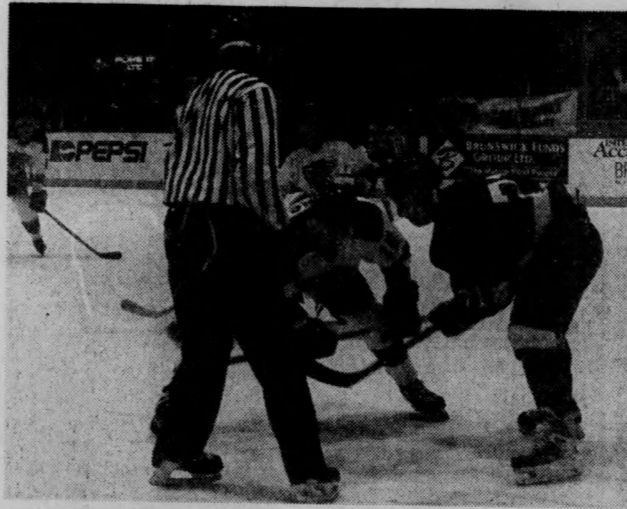
The UNB Varsity Reds hockey battled their rivals the St. Thomas Tommies in "The Battle of the Hill" and the Mark Jeffrey Memorial Game to a 3-2 win at the AUC. UNB was coming off a weekend split against UPEI, while the Tommies swept 2 games.

This was the first Mark Jeffrey Game for Reds head coach Mike Kelly who was his former teammate. After the game Kelly stated, "Right now I'm emotionally drained." Rather than concerning himself with whether or not it was going to be an emotional game he was focusing on the game. It wasn't until he saw Jim Jeffrey, Mark's father, at the game a lot of things started to come back to him.

When Mark Jeffrey passed away Gary Agnew, former teammate, and Kelly talked about it. Although Kelly says, "I don't think it really hit in the first place because we were away. Tonight it sort of hit home, it hits a little harder." Kelly believes, "Mark would have loved it! There was a fight, there was lots of hitting, there was an emotionally charged game. Our guys battled, they showed a lot of courage. I thought that St. Thomas battled hard. It was just a real strong game. I think he'd have been smiling. It was a game he (Mark) lived for."

After the game coach Kelly introduced Mark's father, Jim Jeffrey to the team in a closed door session.

The Reds got off to a slow start with the Tommies getting onto the board first just over a minute into the game. "The guys were nervous," says Kelly. "It is a good sign because it showed me that they have been listening. They thought it was important and they responded." It didn't surprise Kelly as the team has been responding all year and he hopes that they continue to improve.



Reds Toby Burkitt and Tommies Dave Gilmore battle for the puck.

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UNB responded in the second period with a goal from Jason Campeau just minutes after goalie Ken Carroll was knocked to the ice. Carroll had stepped out of the net in a race for the puck against Tommies Pat Powers. Powers knocked Carroll to the ice and a melee ensued. As for this being the turning point of the game Kelly "I would really like to think so, at that point we really challenged the guys."

UNB's new kid on the block Bill Lang scored his first goal to give the Reds a 2-1 lead. Kelly believes that Lang will have an impact and "he did a pretty good job. If he could play at that level every night we would be happy."

STU's Jeff Dewar evened the game up at 2 with 2 minutes remaining in the period.

In the third Reds' Jason Campeau got the go ahead goal when he stole the puck from a Tommie in front of their own net and banged it home.

In a game that was filled with penalties Kelly says, "We are going to have

to show our discipline if we are going to make any noise at all in the playoffs or even have a chance."

He commented that they have a lot of flexibility in their line-up being able to move players to different positions. Kelly says "We have a guy like Scott Muscutt who didn't play a lot in the first part of the game, but in the last part of the game steps it up killing penalties. He fills an important role for us."

UNB's next opponents will be the Mount Allison Mounties and the Reds won't be taking them lightly. "Mt. A always plays hard," Kelly says. "The one thing they are very good at is establishing a work ethic and they take pride in that. It is good for us in that we are playing a team that will test our work ethic. The one thing that we will have to do is do things on a consistent basis and that is what we are going to look for from now on."

The Reds and Mounties will take to the ice on Sunday, February 2 at 4pm at the Aitken Center.

MacAdam takes on Kelly in... AUA All-Star Game

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MacAdam and Kelly will be battling out at the All-Star Game.

That is the MacAdam and Kelly Divisions, not the coaches. The third annual AUA All-Star Game will take place tonight in the Halifax Metro Center. The game will see the representatives of the two divisions battling it out on the ice.

The MacAdam Division has won the first two All-Star Games.

UNB will be represented by rookie goalie Ken Carroll, forwards Bill Wright, Dax MacLean, and Toby Burkitt. The sole defenceman to represent UNB is Chris Zanutto.

Coaching the MacAdam Division will be Reds head coach Mike Kelly and assisting him will be Université Moncton Blue Eagles head coach Pete Belliveau.

This will be the first appearance for Kelly at the All-Star Game. Kelly says, "I'm excited and I'm honored, obviously. I'm a little bit humbled because there are a lot of good coaches in this league."

"We were fortunate to be in first place at the break. But you look at a team like St. Thomas they had a lot of injuries in the first half and they are a very good team," notes Kelly. UPEI was another team that had a number of injuries in



AUA All-Stars top: left to right: Ken Carroll, Mike Kelly, Bill Wright. Bottom: left to right: Toby Burkitt, Dax MacLean and Chris Zanutto.

the first half of the season.

The coaches were selected at the Christmas Break with the coach in the top of their respective division leading the troops. The assistant coach is the coach of the second place team in the division. The players are selected by the

media and the All-Star coaches.

Kelly says, "I am happy for the guys who were nominated and selected to go." The players comment that it is great to play on the same team as some of their regular season opponents.

National Gymnasts come to town... Making Fredericton their new home

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Four members of the Canadian National Men's Gymnastic Team and their coach have made Kingswood Gymnastics Club their new home.

The athletes relocating to the new multi-purpose facility on the Hanwell Road are Fredericton native Darren Good, Dan Marentic of Mississauga, Ont., Jason Papp from Hamilton and Truro's Kris Burley, who was on the 1996 Olympic Team.

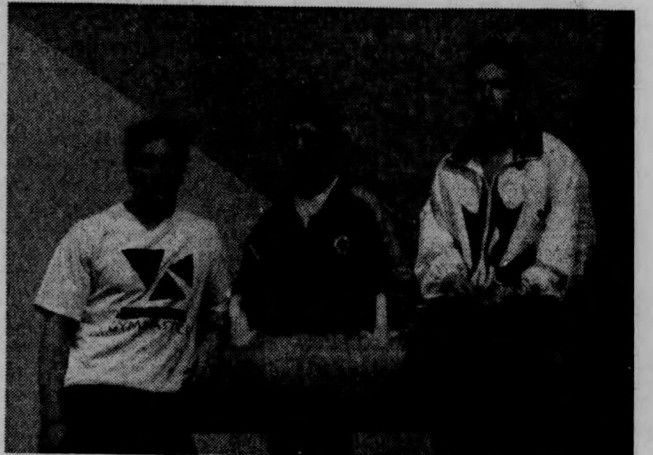
Coaching these athletes will be Soviet born coach Yegor Kolesnikov. He coached the powerhouse Russian team for the last 25 years, receiving the prestigious title of Master of Sport. "He is the best coach in Canada, one of the best coaches in the world," says Burley. Kolesnikov's athlete Rustam Sharipov was a double medalist in Atlanta.

"He was the first coach that was able to condition my body so I wouldn't get hurt every two or three months," Burley points out. "If you can stay healthy and happy then you can achieve, if you can't then it doesn't matter how talented you are when you are injured."

While at the Olympics Burley talked to Canadian athletes discovering they had the same problems and concerns of little money and poor facilities. Burley decided, "Rather than complain about it, I made the point to try to do something about it."

The facility is great says Burley. "It has the newest equipment, it has the best equipment. The program itself, the idea that you can have physiotherapy, doctors, everything within one roof."

"For a high performance athlete in other areas such as Toronto, where I was living, you had to drive 20 minutes



Kingswood gymnasts left to right: Jason Papp, Dan Marentic and Kris Burley.

MARIA PAISLEY PHOTO

to go see your physiotherapist who might not have time for you at that time and you had to drive somewhere else. As a result you were always wasting your time and you couldn't really focus on what was really important as a national team athlete and that is training," explains Burley.

Papp agrees with his teammate saying, "The people (in the Maritimes) are really great, warm and hospitable. It is a completely different atmosphere than we are used to. We are able to be more focused on what we are doing, being in a small town compared to Toronto."

Athletes training together isn't a new idea, Burley used Olympic rowing as a model. The rowing team has two training centers, one in London, Ont. and the other in Victoria, B.C. The national team rowers train at these

centers and not small clubs across the country.

Burley's goal is to change the sport for the better. He reached his "dream goal of going to the Olympics" but the team only qualified three gymnasts and not a full team. Burley says, "I was really disappointed because we are a very talented group of people and we should be there." He believes, "We need to train together to develop a unified team that can be really respected world wide." The ultimate goal of Kingswood is to create a Center of Excellence for Gymnastics in Canada, by providing a unified central training center.

The gymnasts intend to attend UNB in the fall. Papp says, "The university is one of the reasons I decided to come to train in Fredericton."

Reds looking to move up in standings Volleyballers spikes the competition

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The Reds spike their way to second.

The UNB Varsity Reds women's volleyball team captured the silver medal at the Saint John Moosehead Senior 'A' Tournament last weekend.

UNB's Head coach Al McGarvie says, "The team is playing better transition from defense to offense" which helped them to their second place finish.

The Reds dropped the final 2-0 to 'Moncton Sport Chek', a team which captured the Université de Moncton Invitational in November with wins over the Dalhousie Tigers, the Acadia Axettes, and the Université de Moncton Blue Eagles.

In the semi final the Reds defeated Halifax Labatt Ice 2-1. This is the same



Martin anticipating the Panthers.

PETER J. CULLEN PHOTO

team that won the bronze medal at the National Senior East Championship in Fredericton. "Those were senior teams, they are as good as the best teams in the AUA; we stuck with them all game," says McGarvie.

Chantal Martin leads the Reds with 98 kills, 14 stuff blocks, and 4 service aces. She was named a tournament all-star. Sandra Morrison replied with 89 kills for the Reds also.

The Reds host the UPEI Panthers this weekend and have plenty of much needed momentum heading into the games. Coach McGarvie is confident that his team can move up in the standings.

Game times are Saturday, February 1 at 8:30pm and return on Sunday, February 2 at 2pm both games at the LB Gym.

The Banff Festival of Mountain Films 21st Annual Best of Festival Tour

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