

Devils 'Up', X-Men Strong For Winter Carnival Bout

Two years ago on Wednesday, March 9, the UNB Red Devils and the St. Francis Xavier X-Men battled to a scoreless draw for 56 minutes and 45 seconds before a record throng at the LB Rink during a sudden-death Maritime Intercollegiate hockey playoff fixture. The capacity

crowd tabbed the tilt as the best ever seen in Fredericton. The bedlam created when UNB's "Bomber" Andrea notched the only two markers of the game at 16:45 and 19:21 of the final stanza is now UNB history. The 2-0 victory gave the Devils their first Maritime title since 1934 and put a fitting end to 12 seasons of St. F. X. domination as champs.

This Saturday the X-Men are again back in town. The tension is the same but the conditions are different. In what could very well prove to be a prelude to the Maritime finals held later in March, the X-Men are to tangle with the Devils in the feature hockey event of the 7th Annual UNB Winter Carnival.

The Devils, currently at the top of the NB-PEI puck race, are a shoo-in for a first place finish. They enjoy a 9-2 season record and will be putting a 5-game win streak on the line. Meanwhile, the Bert McCusker-coached crew are reputed to be the strongest hockey contingent to come out of Antigonish in years, and are undefeated in N.S. collegiate play.

The St. F. X. club will be the toughest opposition Pete Kelly and his boys will have faced thus far in the campaign, and may prove to be too tough to handle. Coach McCusker had a much envied task ahead of him early this fall when he began to axe his lineup in training camp. The machine has been described as "rich in experienced players none of whom seem to avoid the chance to rough it up."

Starting between the pipes for the X-Men will be the talented Bob Fabro of Kimberly, B.C., Jim Dineen, along with his brother Jake, provides the team with much all-round strength. "Dirty" Jim Dineen, a rearguard of notable hockey ability, has been so tabbed because of a ravenous appetite for bruising play. Brother Jake proved his worth as a digger and goal scorer with the Xaverians last year. When the going gets tough the Dineen duo will bear watching. Right winger Wayne Synishin is perhaps the biggest X offensive gun. Formerly with the Sydney Millionaires of the N. S. Senior League, he is gifted with a booming slapshot and is very shifty. He is ably assisted in goal production by Jean-Paul Perron and Graham Hallihan, a left winger from St. John's, Newfoundland. Perron, a product of Trois Rivieres, P.Q., has two years experience in the International League under his belt.

The Devils are far from outweighed in the goaltending department, where the dependable Dave Inch is starring in his third season. Last semester Dave chalked up the impressive record of a 2.82 goals against average in NB-PEI action.

The UNB scoring punch is largely contained in the two trios of Bill MacGillivray, George Cloutier, Dave Simpson and Rich Clark, Norm Bolitho, Frank Bartheaux which, following last week's 8-1 victory over Mt. A., had netted 22 and 21 goals, respectively, of the 60 Devil total. Should these lines fail to click the UNB defense, led by Don Wells, will have a difficult job to accomplish. However, Wells, a mauler in his own right who survives on heavy body contact,

will be enough to command the respect of opposing forwards.

Should Wells, along with the other rearguards Marchant, Bob Naylor, and Bob Grant have good games the prospects will be bright for the Devils. The hustling line of Ciotti, Hughes and Violette is expected to feature prominently in holding the big guns of X in check.

Game time on Saturday is 2:30 p.m. The site — the majestic Lady Beaverbrook Rink. One of the finest structures of its type in Canada, the arena cost an estimated \$350,000 when completed in Dec. of 1955. Its designed capacity, 1,650 seated and 350 standing, is expected to be filled to the brim. Be there early.



The X-Men will find goalie Dave Inch a tough target to penetrate in their upcoming Winter Carnival hockey tilt with the Devils.



DON WELLS — Defence



KEN MARCHANT — Defence



JOEL VIOLETTE — Forward



FRANK BARTEAUX — Forward



DAVE INCH — Goal



BILL MacGILLIVRAY — Forward



BOB GRANT — Defence

NOTICES

All former gentlemen of the celebrated House of Jones are invited to its annual formal, Feb. 16. Tickets \$1.50, are available from Sam Lewis or any other member of the house committee.

Sports Scope

by DOUG MCKINLEY

This year's Winter Carnival will be the scene of the biggest sports weekend in the history of this University. McGill will be setting foot on our campus for the first time that an Upper Canadian University has sent an athletic team to our ancient college. Possibly a precedent may be set whereby UNB will play annual home-and-home games with various Ontario and Quebec Universities. It is our hope that such a precedent is set; it would be the best thing that has happened at this institute of higher learning since Beaverbrook became chancellor. Here for the second time in several years will be the St. Francis Xavier hockey team. This game with the Devils should be a preview of the Maritime Intercollegiate championship which will be played the first part of March, with UNB being host for two of the three final games, March 9th and 10th.

McGill will no doubt have little trouble defeating the Beavers, particularly in our glorified version of a bird-bath. However, this is the kind of competition which the swim team needs if they ever hope to reach a plateau comparable to Toronto, Western, McGill, etc. The meet will be excellent sports entertainment and spectators are advised to get there early if they want a seat, as there are only approximately 100 seats, (who said we need a new pool?). It is also possible that the Quebec splashers are a little bit afraid of our Beavers. If they weren't why else would they be bringing ineligible swimmers such as Nils Vikander?

Turning to basketball we see the Redmen with their strongest squad of the last decade. Berkman, Perkins and Horeck (if he comes), should put on quite an exhibition of basketball skill. The Raiders will no doubt have a hard time and if they play in the same sloppy way that they did against St. Dunstan's, they won't stand a chance. Prediction on opposite page.

Saturday afternoon the Red Devils will be battling hard and furious (for a change), and should, with a little luck come out on top with a 4 to 3 victory. The 'X'-Men have according to all reports, their strongest team in several years but so do the Devils. It should be an interesting contest between the Brawn(?) of the 'X'-Men and the Brains of the Devils.

Last weekend was a big one for the Red Bloomers. Playing in Montreal the girls defeated Montreal YWCA 78 to 48 with Sandy Pomeroy picking up 39 points. The Bloomers also scored an easy victory Saturday night by trouncing the McGill girls 55 to 35. Sandy Pomeroy was again high scorer, this time shooting for 22. They now have won 51 consecutive games and apparently want to keep this streak going as evidenced by their refusal to play the Stanley team on their home floor. Earlier this year the Stanley team lost a squeaker after leading by 3 points at the half. The Bloomers owe Stanley a return game; granted, it's great to have such an unbeaten record but what does it mean if the team only plays against opposition that they know they can defeat.

We would like to thank Dick Waters of the Xaverian for the info he sent us on the "X" hockey team, 30 lines of nothing. Information on himself was rather complete though; thanks, again Xaverian.

Bloomers Expect Tough Game

The Red Bloomers are somewhat concerned about their coming game with Dal. A glance at the scores of recent encounters of these teams doesn't really explain this anxiety. There is, of course, the time last season when UNB, after a tense and thrilling game, won by a single point, as the final score was 64-63. But in the second game last year, the Bloomers defeated the Dal team 48-28. In their first meeting this season, the Bloomers were again victorious, this time to the tune of 59-35. This score, however, is deceptive. It was not an easy victory, and Dal was even winning at half-time. The game was won in the final quarter, with the Bloomers outshooting Dal, and the credit for the win goes

to Miss Shaw and her conditioning programme. The Dal girls just could not keep up with the Bloomers. By this time, they are sure to be in better condition, and if so, the game could go either way. The Dal team also possesses the advantage of height. Miss Shaw estimates that the average height of the Dal forward line would be 5' 10", while that of UNB's line is only 5' 7". The Dal girls are also noted for good shooting and for working the ball well, and this year are fortunate in having Iris Bliss, a former UNB star, as coach. This may prove to be the most exciting game of the season for the Bloomers, and should draw a large crowd of spectators when the teams meet at 7 o'clock on Friday night of Winter Carnival.