

# VIEW FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

by Mark Savoie

A couple of weeks Larry Courvoisier of the soccer Red Shirts dropped into *The Brunswickan* offices to say 'hello' and talk about the 4-0 loss to St. Mary's in the final. The conversation reaffirmed something that I've said about the Shirts since I first met members of the team earlier this fall; that they are one hell of a class act, both individually and as a team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Coach Gary Brown and the players of the Red Shirts for making my job reporting on the team so enjoyable.

A week and a half ago I was talking to a member of the rowing team. I didn't know who he was and he didn't know me, but upon his discovery that I was a Sports Editor at *The Brunswickan* he promptly started dumping all over me. His complaint was that he worked hard representing UNB as a rower and that he and the team deserved coverage. He is, of course, correct. The problem is that *The Brunswickan's* Sports Department consists of only four writers: myself, Tim Lynch, Kelly Craig, and Lynne Wanyeki. There are 10 varsity teams. As a result some hard decisions had to be made. The policy became that the four reporters would cover only these varsity teams. While we would like to provide coverage of the rowing team, how then could we justify not sending reporters to cover UNB's rugby, women's soccer, and old-timer's hockey teams? We can't! Most of this fall we ran rugby stories, and now this winter we are running women's ice hockey stories. The point is that these stories were unsolicited by *The Brunswickan* and were not written by *The Brunswickan* sports writers. These stories were submitted by Thee Iron Ghost and Pat Clements on their own initiative, just as were the rowing stories by Chantel Hanley. If any non-varsity team wants coverage in *The Brunswickan* we will be happy to provide the space, but these teams will have to provide the story. I have been told that next year the rowing will become full varsity;... but that is next year. This is this year, and we are unfortunately unable to give them the coverage accorded to this year's full varsity teams.

The Red Raiders have yet to win a game this season in four attempts. This raises fears of yet another year without a league victory. Coach Phil Wright has to be getting impatient for his first league win as head coach of the team. So far he's 0 for 20. I had the opportunity of watching both their games last weekend at Acadia and Dalhousie, and in the first half of each game they were one hell of a team. Unfortunately, in the second half they played like hell. They've got the talent to win, and when Bryan Elliott gets back they will win, but they're going to have to show some in game consistency if they hope to win consistently in this league.

Finally, here it is, the long awaited NFL picks translation guide for all those who read the NFL picks found in the Saturday edition of this city's local daily! Taking it from the top:

- Patsies = Patriots.
- Cowthings = Cowboys
- House of Pain (twice) = Houston Astrodome
- ..., for Peete's sake = reference to Calvin Peete
- Grizzly Bears = Chicago Bears
- Bo and Co. = Bo Jackson and the Los Angeles Raiders

# RED DEVILS FALL TO MONCTON

by Frank Denis

UNB coach Mike Johnston could do nothing but shake his head in disappointment after a very tough 5-4 overtime loss to Moncton last Friday night at the Aitken Centre. Johnston's team played one of their strongest games of the year but were the victims of a missed call in overtime that led to Moncton's game-winning goal.

With under two minutes left in the overtime, a UNB and Moncton player collided deep in the UNB zone. While the referee and linesmen were watching the two players, the puck crossed outside the zone, and a Moncton player brought the puck back in. It was an offside that all the players were waiting to be whistled down but it wasn't. Almost immediately, the puck was in the net and Moncton was celebrating. Johnston said after the game: "The referee and linesmen missed a call. It was an obvious 3 or 4 foot offside that cost us the game. The goal was a weak goal but it is hard to determine how much everybody let up waiting for the whistle. Everybody in the building was waiting for the whistle." The only whistle those in the Aitken Centre would hear was the whistle that signaled the Moncton goal. It was a disappointing end to a game that had been so well played by the home team.

Earlier in the season Moncton beat UNB by a score of 9-6. Since then the Red Devils had steadily improved and were waiting for the rematch against the Blue Eagles.

The game started out with UNB having the majority of

scoring chances early. At 5:03 of the first period, Red Devil forward, Steve Kippen completed a beautiful 3 way passing play between Mike Sutherland, Kenny Murchison and himself to give the Red Devils the first goal of the game. Before the period was over, Moncton had tied the score at one.

In the second period, UNB lost their cool and took some costly penalties, which was not a wise move against an opportunistic team like Moncton. Moncton has a very powerful powerplay, and it resulted in them getting a power play goal. At the end of two periods the score stood tied at three on UNB goals by Sutherland and Murray Nystrom. During the second intermission, Coach Johnston told his players that in order to beat Moncton, they would have to stay out of the penalty box.

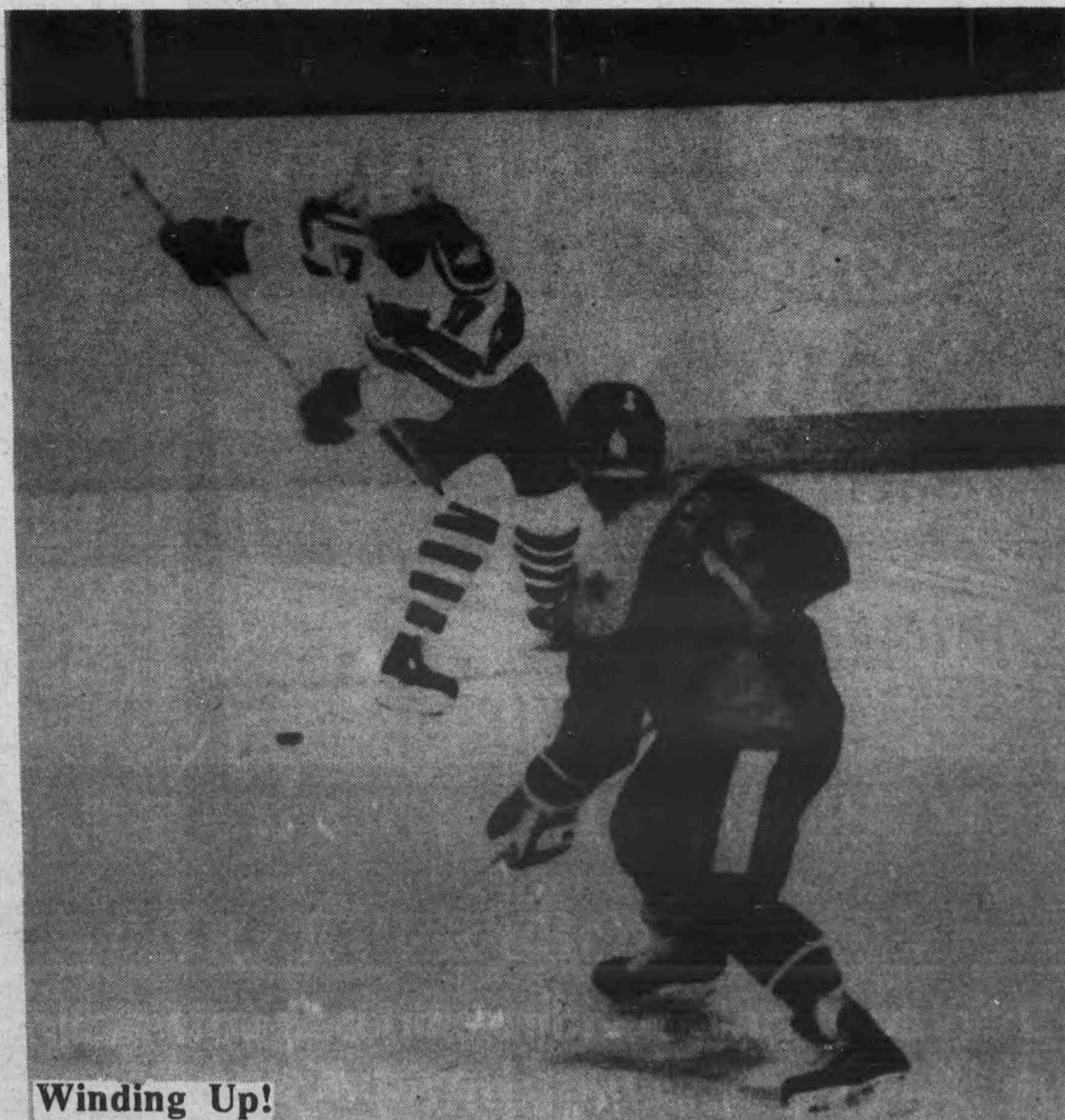
The intermission talk given by Johnston seemed to have worked, as the Red Devils played very disciplined hockey. They did not have to kill off a penalty, in the third period. At 8:59 of the period Sutherland scored his second goal of the game to give UNB a 4-3 advantage. A little more than three minutes later, Moncton would once again tie the game. In the final minutes of regulation time, UNB had some good scoring chances but weren't able to put the puck past the Moncton goalie. After 60 minutes the score was tied at 4-4 and for the second game in a row, UNB was entering overtime.

When the extra frame started, UNB remembered last

weekend's heartbreaking loss in overtime to UPEI and was determined not to let it happen again. The Devils come out flying and had two scoring chances early in the overtime. Then it happened, a missed call by the linesman and shortly after, the game was over. The UNB Devils hounded the referee but to no avail. The Moncton Blue Eagles had won 5-4.

Johnston described the game as being the first game his team has played well the whole way through. It was a complete team effort. Scott MacDonald, UNB's goaltender, had another solid game in nets and offensively Sutherland led the UNB attack with 2 goals and one assist. Another strong player for UNB was Dan O'Brien. The 5'8" forward played hard every shift and his intense playing style led to three Moncton penalties. O'Brien's name doesn't appear on the scoresheet every game but he is an important reason why the team is off to a successful start this season.

The Red Devils will hope to snap their two-game losing streak tonight at 7:30 PM in the Aitken Centre. That's when the UPEI Panthers visit town. At 4-0, UPEI is currently the only undefeated team in the AUAA. Tomorrow, the Devils will play another McAdam Division rival - the Mt Allison Mounties. Two weeks ago UNB recorded a 3-1 victory over Mt A in Sackville but dropped a 6-5 decision to UPEI in the Forum in Charlottetown. Incidentally, Saturday's contest commences at 2:30 PM.



Winding Up!