

# The grades are in for the Devils

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Well the season has ended and it's time for the first annual Brunswickan Red Devil report card.

## Forwards

**Trevor Boland:** The teams most valuable player this year. He led the team in scoring with 49 points and finished in the top ten in CIAU scoring. One of the most consistent Devils who showed up to play every night. **Grade: A+**

**Todd Sparks:** Sparks started the season off slow and built momentum with every game. Led the team offensively in the playoffs and should be the team's rookie of the year. **Grade: A**

**Clyde Simmons:** The fans favorite player fired the team up with his big hits and excellent skating ability. He was one of the team's top defensive forwards and produced 9 goals. Clyde also cleaned up his game and skated away from retaliation penalties. **Grade: A-**

**Toby Burkitt:** Burkitt was flying until the end of the season when a thumb injury forced him out of the lineup for a few games. He scored 29 points in 23 games in his first year with the team. **Grade: A-**

**Gord Christian:** A hard nosed winger that came to play every night. His 9 goals and 12 assists were a vast improvement over his

13 points last year. Was a member of the O'Donnell-Knesaurek line that was so productive in the first half. **Grade: B+**

**Rob Knesaurek:** Another hard nosed player who scored at least one goal in every playoff game except the last one. The big winger used both his size and outside speed to drive to the net. Look for even bigger things from him next season. **Grade: B+**

**Alastair Still:** A leg injury forced this rookie out of the lineup for most of the first half, but when he returned he killed penalties and also scored some key goals including the game winner in the UPEI series. **Grade: B+**

**Forbie MacPherson:** Forbie found himself struggling in the first half, but turned it on when he centered a line with Sparks and Boland. Averaged over a point a game and had a good playoff. **Grade: B**

**Jamie Colvin:** After finishing with 38 points last season people were expecting him to be right up there again this season, but Colvin managed only 29 points. A good year none the less. **Grade: B**

**Ken Murchison:** A lot was expected of last year's MVP. He scored 12 fewer points than last year and did not have much luck in the second half. His leadership

and hard work will be missed next year. **Grade: B**

**Mike O'Donnell:** Another player that shone early, but didn't do much second half, O'Donnell needs to work on his game away from the puck. 18 points in 25 games is nothing to be ashamed of. **Grade: B-**

**David Myles:** The coaches were looking for a few more points than the seven Myles was able to register in the regular season. His hardwork ethic should pay off with an increase in his point total next season. **Grade: C+**

**Scott Muscutt:** Muscutt is a good player, but with the depth on this year's team he found himself dressed for only 9 of the team's 26 games and had a goal and 2 assists in that span. **Grade: C+**

## Defencemen

**Kelly Reed:** An offensive defenceman that finished second in team scoring with 4 goals and 28 assists. Reed was the best defenceman and filled the void that Neil Hawryluk left when he did not return this season. **Grade: A+**

**Rob Boldon:** This former Ottawa 67 was his usual self in shutting down the opposition. Injuries forced him out of the lineup for four games at the end of the season, but he rebounded and played well in the playoffs. **Grade: A-**

**Brian Wilson:** Bart, as his teammates call him, was another stay at home player. Could have finished off his checks a little bit harder, but overall a good year. One of the most improved players in his five years with the team. **Grade: B+**

**Derek Scanlan:** It seemed that Scanlan was a marked man by all AUAA teams. Took some big hits, but kept on ticking. An excellent skater that notched 11 points in 20 games. **Grade: B**

**Mike Cavanagh:** Cavanagh appeared to be sleeping at times handling the puck on the blue line or passing to a spot he should never have passed to. Still he contributed with 6 goals and 18 assists. **Grade: B**

**Karl Taylor:** Karl played half the year as a forward and the other half as a defenceman. Made a contribution in both areas although his 1 goal can be deceiving. His leadership is one reason the team was able to do as well as they did. **Grade: B+**

**Dan Sherstenka:** A broken jaw left this rookie playing hurt for most of the games after Christmas. Used on the powerplay by the coaches, he should return next season with a better idea of the AUAA league. **Grade: B-**

**Jeff Kirkbride:** Jeff was a late cut this season, but found himself dressed when the team was hit

with a rash of injuries and suspensions. In the five games he played the coaches saw what he could do in the AUAA and could be a regular next year. **Grade: C+**

## Goaltending

**Greg Reid:** Reid battled Chris Somers out of the number one job late in the season. Proved to everyone just how good he is and will be the team's number one next year. **Grade: A-**

**Chris Somers:** Perhaps the problem with Somers this year was that everyone expected him to play like he did last year. He struggled through some games and found himself being pulled. Shone in the playoffs. **Grade: B**

Sean Flynn, Dean Parsons, Shane Easter, and Chris Platis did not play enough games to be evaluated.

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