

"Boom Boom" Cox leads Blazers to victory

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The UNB Red Blazers evened their season record at 1-1 Sunday, as they squeezed out a 3-2 victory over Moncton Jaguars in Dieppe Arena.

It was the Blazers goaltending that made the difference as UNB found themselves outshot 27-14. Sue Keirstead started the

game for the Blazers and surrendered only one goal, before she was forced out of the game with a sore back after the first period.

Veteran Wendy Dickenson took over and was outstanding the rest of the way, particularly the last period when she made eight stops.

Janet Hudson had given the Jaguars a 1-0 lead in the

lead would stand up, as midway through the second period the defensive style of Moncton and the goalkeeping of Mish Martin had stymied the Blazers. However, midway through the second frame, Moncton made a goaltending switch that worked to the advantage of UNB. Anne-Marie Levi came in to finish the game, the thought of playing against their former

team-mate brought the Blazers to life, and just three seconds later Barb "Boom-Boom" Cox rifled a powerplay goal through Levi's legs. UNB continued to carry the play to Moncton and two minutes later Sandy Ward lifted the puck past Levi. The tough Moncton team staged a rally late in the second period, and Gisele Goutreau got a goal with 2:43 remaining.

The dramatic third period saw the play confined to the neutral zone as the Blazers tried to out hit the opposition before they could organize. The physical approach worked when Gail Costello bumped a defender off the puck and found Rose Pothier in front, Pothier deked Levi to the ice and tucked the winning goal behind her. The Jaguars pulled their goal but couldn't get the puck back as "Boom-Boom" Cox and Carol Cooper won successive face-offs with time running out.

In what was a very rough game, the Jaguars took 12 out of 15 minutes in penalties handed out. This was a big win for the Blazers as Moncton are one of the best teams they must beat to retain the provincial championship. Not only that but beside Levi there are four other former Blazers now with the Jaguars.

The next game for UNB will be this Saturday at 7:30 when the girls play host to the St. John Golden Lites, a team coached by former Red Blazers coach Dale Currie, at the Aitken Centre. This will be another big game, and the Blazers hope to have France Thibodeau, a 12 year veteran of male leagues in the North of the Province, back after a week's absence. Unfortunately it now appears it will be after Christmas before center Anne Campbell will be ready after she reinjured her ankle in a practice last week.

Red Devils in first place

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Strong goaltending by Kevin Rochford powered University of New Brunswick Red Devils to two victories last weekend in Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference action.

The Devils, now 6-2 in Conference play and 13-2 overall, started off the weekend at the Aitken Cen-

tre Friday with a 6-3 decision over Saint Mary's Huskies and kept the momentum going for a 4-3 decision Saturday over Acadia Axemen. The Devils have now won six games in a row.

UNB was scheduled to play defending conference champion University of Moncton Blue Eagles Wednesday in the Hub City, with the next home game

scheduled for Tuesday when arch-rival Saint Thomas Tommies invade the Aitken Centre for a 7:30 start.

Saturday's close game against Acadia saw Tom St. James net the winner with just over three minutes remaining in regulation time. Dave Mancuso, Mike Kelly and George Kelly also counted singles for the Devils, who trailed 3-2 entering the third period.

On Friday, Brian Thomson, Scott Clements, Steve Adams, Dave Bluteau, Mark Jeffrey and Mike Jeffrey all scored one goal for the Devils, as UNB led 3-1 following the first period and outshot Saint Mary's 42-36.

For his part, Rochford played the entire SMU game and the final two periods against Acadia, allowing just four goals in the five periods. His goals-against average now stands at 3.61.

The game Tuesday Nov. 29, against STU is the last home date for the Devils before the Christmas break.



Athletes of the week

A hockey player and a basketball player are the latest winners of athlete-of-the-week honors at the University of New Brunswick.

In Hockey, goaltender Kevin Rochford played five of six periods as the Red Devils picked up a 6-3 triumph over Saint Mary's Huskies and a 4-3 decision over Acadia Axemen to improve their regular season record to 6-2. Rochford allowed just four goals in the five periods, improving his goals-against average to 3.61. He has allowed 18 goals in five games, and stopped 81 per cent of the shots fired at him.

"Kevin came up with two very solid performances against SMU and Acadia," coach Con MacAdam said. "He is playing the best hockey in five years at UNB."

Rochford has previously earned a berth on the AUSA all-star team. He is a business administration student and hails from Pierrefonds, P.Q.

In basketball, second-year player Jennifer George scored 54 points in two weekend victories, including 38 against Saint Mary's on Saturday. All tolled, George shot an excellent 51 per cent from the floor and 90 per cent from the foul line. The scoring feats are even more remarkable since George played just 30 minutes a game on average.

"Jennifer is just now showing her ability to dominate," coach Coleen Dufresne said. "If she continues to play with the intensity she now has, I can see no one stopping her. An All-Canadian nomination is well within grasp."

George, 18, is a second-year physical education student and a native of Sackville, N.B.

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