

SPORTS

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Hockey

The Red Devils won their only pre-season exhibition game last Friday, beating the Mt. Allison Mounties 11-1. The game was played in Campbellton at the new Olympic size Memorial Gardens. The Devils dominated the game from start to finish totalling 55 shots on net to Mt. A's 19. Veterans Jamie Colvin and Trevor Boland as well as rookie David Myles had two goals each while Gord Christian, Derek Scanlon, Todd Sparks, Don Sherstanka and former FHS Black Cats star Mike O'Donnell had singles. Dan Desabrais scored the lone goal for the Mounties. The Red Devils begin regular season play against the University College of Cape Breton tomorrow night at 7:30pm.

McWethy to visit

Former sports great Dwight McWethy will arrive on campus this morning. Fredericton is just one stop on his maritime tour which continues to the end of October. McWethy will be giving several speeches throughout the weekend and hopes to take in the Red Devils games as well. The Brunswickan Sports editors would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. McWethy and we hope his stay in Fredericton is enjoyable.

This week in UNB sports

Saturday, Oct. 17

Cross country UNB at St. FX
Soccer St.FX at UNB (1:00pm at Chapman Field)
Field hockey UPEI at UNB
(4:00pm at Chapman Field)
Hockey UCCB at UNB (7:30 at AUC)

Sunday, Oct. 18

Field hockey UPEI at UNB
(1:00pm at Chapman Field)
Hockey St.FX at UNB (2:00pm at AUC)
Soccer SMU at UNB
(3:00pm at Chapman Field)

AUAA scoreboard

Soccer

UNB 2 UDM 0
St.FX 1 ACA 1
Mt.A 2 UPEI 1

Hockey (exhibition)

UNB 11 Mt.A 1
St.FX 6 SMU 4
UCCB 4 St.FX 3
UCCB 5 UPEI 5

Football

SMU 22 Mt.A 16
ACA 39 St. FX 17

UNB athlete of the week

Pat Byrne Men's Soccer

UNB ice hockey gets underway

by Frank Denis

When the UNB men's ice hockey team kicks off their regular season tomorrow night against UCCB at the Aitken Centre, head coach Mike Johnston and his players will be looking for big things.

"The outlook looks very good for our team" says Johnston. "We are a fast and highly skilled team and our defense is improved from last season, when we had one of the strongest defenses in the league."

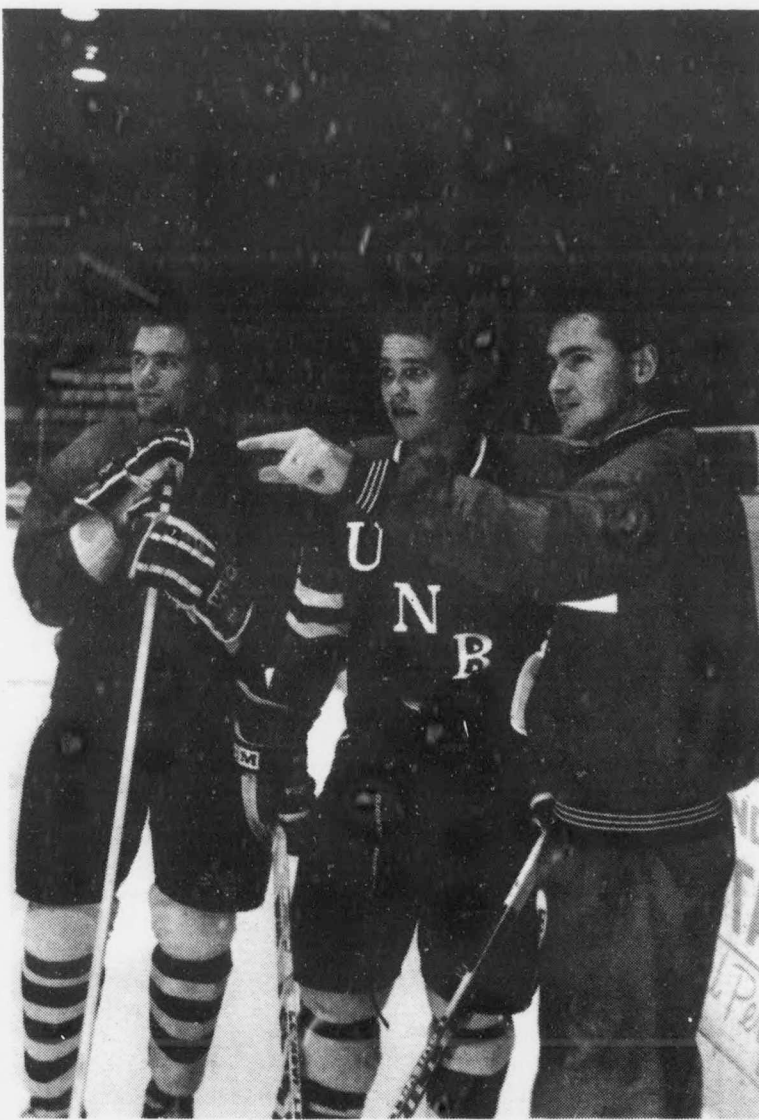
For the Red Devils, probably the area they needed to improve on most from last year is their offense and Johnston says that will be improved thanks to some newcomers.

"Up front we have someone who could really do some damage offensively in Todd Sparks. He's currently playing on a line with Trevor Boland and newcomer Toby Burkitt. Our potential up front is a little bit better than last year"

Sparks and another rookie Alastair Still attended pro camps this summer with the New York Islanders and Tampa Bay Lightning respectively. Sparks was drafted by the Islanders in the 9th round 2 years ago and Still was invited to the Lightning camp as a walk on but there were no contracts available so he decided to return to school.

Also new to the team this year are Mike O'Donnell who last year starred for the FHS Black Kats, Dan Sherstanka from Edmonton who played for Regina of the Western Hockey League and Kelly Reed who was with the London Knights of the Ontario Hockey League.

Not returning from last years team are Jim Landine, Murray Nystrom and Dominic Niro all because of graduation. Joey McTamney and Richard St. Amand are both academically ineligible to play this year. Neil Hawryluk had personal family matters in Calgary and could not return and Scott Winchester will play junior in Amherst while still going to school here at UNB.



UNB coach Mike Johnston makes point to Karl Taylor (left) and Rob Boldon at recent practice Kevin G. Porter photo

Last season Johnston had his sights set on finishing first in the division and this year is no different.

"There's no doubt that we want first in our division again this year. I think we have the team to finish first in the division and we're going to have to be realistic in what we want to achieve in the first few weeks because it will take a while to put everything in place"

Giving the Red Devils the toughest fight for first place should be Universite de Moncton according to coach Johnston.

"In our division the most improved team will be Moncton. Last year they underachieved and this year

they should threaten for top spot. UPEI is always strong, but they've lost some depth on defense. St. Thomas will be strong overall and Mt. A. will be an improved team with the return of some older players. Acadia and Dalhousie should lead the way in the other division."

The Red Devils kicked off their season last Friday with an 11-1 victory over Mount Allison in Campbellton. It was a game in which Johnston says his team dominated from start to finish. After Saturday's game against UCCB they will host Saint Francis Xavier X-Men on Sunday at 2pm. They begin regular season road play on next Friday in Moncton.

Falcons, Red Lions, Varsity Reds or Red Mariners. Which did you vote for? Story and photo on page 27.