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Indoor Soccer at UNBS

By ANDREW McKENNA

Indoor soccer will take center stage at UNBSJ's Athletic Center when the 12th Annual UNBSI Alpine Invitational Soccer Tournament takes place Feb. 6th through the 7th.

The competition will be divided up into four divisions consisting of three teams each. At the deadline the following teams will be attending: UNB Saint John, Joe's Sports Shop, the A and B Canada Games Team, Inverton Syndicate Financial Planner. Saint John Shipbuilding, Mount Allison Mounties, Chatham Soccer Club, Moncton 7-Up Rovers, and the Atlantic Senior Select.

The Red Baron's are being coached by Jeff Craft with Brian Adhim.

Three of the competitors are a compilation of the best players from league A university.

Joe's Sport Shop from Portland, Maine is comprised of players from the Portland Gorham and Prerquirle cam-

pus of the University of Maine. The best players from the Saint John City Recreational Indoor Soccer league will be competing at the Inverton Syndicate Financial Planner while the Atlantic Senior Select pulled in the best college player in the Atlantic Region.

UNB Fredericton, who had the title by defeating the UPEI Panthers last year have yet to confirm their intention to play. After single round robin action in the section, the top eight. teams will be selected based on total points, most goals scored, fewer goals against, and goal difference. If necessay, ties will be considered.

Tournament organizers and UNBSJ outdoor soccer team coach Gary Warell will be acting as a referee, forcing him "to limit his role with the team."

Action gets underway on Saturday at 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. resuming at 9:30 a.m. Sunday until 4:30 p.m. Fundy Cable will cover the final, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Each game will be 50 minutes and in two halfs.

Herb's NHL Puck-Ups

By Herb Barton

We all know Montreal has won more Stanley Cups than anybody else and have hardly ever missed the play-offs. What demonstrates this the most is the fact the Canadiens have a winning record against every NHL team with the exception of the Edmonton Oilers. Edmonton has 14 wins, 12 losses, and 2 ties against Montreal. It's amazing no other team has a winning record against the Canadiens. This year Montreal is in a heated battle with the Boston Bruins for first place in their division. They have the best goaltending tandem in the league and are getting lots of goals from sniper Stephane Richer.

On the other side of the NHL ladder there's the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Leafs played .500 hockey most of the season but recently have had problems. They haven't won for 12 games. The current slump has been blamed on coach John Brophy. According to Goalie Alan Bester, "Brophy has tried everything but nothing works." Of course the rumours of Brophy's firing be-

ing imminent have surfaced. The name at the front of the list of possible replacements is Team Canada coach Dave King. King is definitely the



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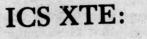
best coach outside of the NHL but is committed to the Olympic Team until some time after the Olympics. Even then it isn't certain he wants a NHL job right away. Still the Leafs just seem to beat themselves no matter what they do.

When the Rangers acquired Marcel Dionne last year there was some doubt how much he

would contribute to the team. This year he has averaged a point per game and been a big contributor on the power-play. This is demonstrated by the inefficiency of the Rangers power-play in games he has missed. The Ranger powerplay has gone 9 for 59 without him. It's nice to see an old guy play well in a young man's game.

Word from L.A. is that King's minority owner will buy Jerry Buss' 51% of the team. Hopefully McNall will let his general manager do whatever is necessary to produce a winning hockey team in L.A.

The oldest player in the NHL is now 38 year old Gilles Meloche, the number one goaltender for the Pittsburgh Penguins. It is hard to believe any goaltender would play 19 years in the NHL but this guy has. Not only has he stuck around for so long but he has played for terrible teams like the California Golden Seals, Cleveland Browns, Minnesota North Stars, and the Penguins. This guy is a sucker for punishment, but that doesn't mean he's all pucked up.





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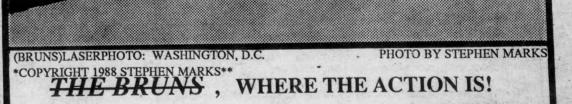
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