

Raiders, Acadia split two

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After following nearly three seasons of basketball at this university you'd think you had seen just about as many types of games possible. At least that's what I thought until last Friday night. The game between the visiting Acadia Axemen and the Red Raiders combined the emotions of victory and defeat in the worst way possible.

The Raiders led the Axemen all the way in the match until the last seconds when the visitors tied up the score and forced the game into overtime. Acadia won in the extra five minutes by a score of 84-80.

The Raiders got off to a good start with the quarter score 26-16, the half score 43-32, and the third quarter score 63-50. With eight minutes and twenty-six seconds left, however, starting forward, Bob Bonnell was badly shaken up in a disastrous fall under the opponents' basket. The team seemed to disintegrate in the final eight minutes without Bonnell and relinquished a 15 point lead to the pressing Axemen who tied it up at 74-74 before the final buzzer.

Peter Barr and Bob Bonnell pulled down several rebounds

apiece as did Ron McClements in the losing cause. Bob English also played well but his ten points weren't enough to make the difference. Barr scored ten as well and Bonnell put away 12 before he was sidelined early in the final quarter.

Acadia was paced by their starting centre, Rick Eaton. He accounted for 29 points while rookie Steve Pound turned in a great performance with 26. Heaney was the only man in double figures with a neat 20 before he fouled out in the last quarter.

OVERTIME WIN

The UNB Raiders fought off the visiting St. F.X. Xavrians 85-74 in a game that went into four overtime periods last Saturday night. The match was highlighted by the 38 point performance of Raider Dave Nutbrown and the overtime rally of Bob English.

The regulation 40 minutes were not very exciting as the Raiders played a mediocre brand of ball. Behind from the start, UNB managed to tie up the match in the final seconds. A tip-in by "X"-man Bob Jacobson was disallowed by referee Toni Tamaro because the final horn had sounded. Overtime started with the score at 50-50.

The first extra five minutes ended 59-59. The second overtime saw Dave Nutbrown steal the ball from "X" guard John Gabriel and score close in for the only Raider basket of the period which ended 61-61.

The third period started off at a fast pace as Bob English scored two brilliant baskets and put the hosts ahead by four.

But "X" came back to tie it up again and force the fourth and final five minutes. The score was 65-65.

The last stanza was no contest as the exhausted Raiders gained new legs and out-distanced the visitors 20 to 9. Ron McClements scored what proved to be the winner on a pair of free throws. Good work by English and sub "Loop" Dingwall took the wind out of the enemy attack and Nutbrown held his ground despite his state of complete exhaustion. The Raiders continued to pour on the pressure to the very end and sank the worn-out Xavrians by a final score of 85-74.

There are two more home games for the Raiders in the MIAU. St. Dunstan's and Mt. Allison will be here this weekend to challenge the Raiders for the first time this season. The "aints can be expected to put up a good



Bob Bonnell (33) lays in a basket in last Friday's tilt against Acadia. Watching in dismay are Acadia's Brian Heany (13) and Steve Pound (15). bruns photo by dave macneil

Nutbrown to be honoured

This Saturday will see Red Raider Dave Nutbrown in his final home game at the University of New Brunswick. In recognition of his valuable contribution to basketball at UNB, the night has been declared his own.

Nutbrown, a physical education student in his senior year, comes from Sherebrook, Quebec. In his four years as a varsity player Dave has scored over 1,800 points and may break the two thousand mark in his remaining five games.

In addition to this recognition of his outstanding performance, Dave will receive the game ball for a souvenir and an undisclosed gift. As it is not the policy of the university to grant or award gifts to individuals the team is relying on support from those who would contribute.

Devils tie league leaders

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In a hard fought game at Charlottetown last Saturday, UNB Red Devils emerged with a 4-4 tie against league-leading Saint Dunstan's Saints.

The Devils played extremely well, and were fully vindicated after a sloppy home game against the Saints a month ago. While the Devils at one time had a 4-2 lead and could not hold it, it took a remarkable effort to keep the home team from winning. The Saints were playing their final home game on their campus rink, where they are undefeated.

UNB was an injury-riddled squad going into the game, with several casts and huge swellings in evidence. However, the Devils, playing with only three defencemen, showed plenty of guts and determination against the heavier and more experienced Island team.

The Saints looked like a Junior A team, with the defence standing at their blue line and hitting the puck-carrier, and the team head-manning the puck quickly on fast breaks. UNB employed more stick-handling, defencemen carrying the puck, and pattern-passing.

SDU scored first, at 1:50 of the opening period, when Barry Turner rifled the puck home. This was not a pleasant way to start the game, but Dave Wisener tied the score at 8:37 of the first. Before UNB had much time to rejoice, the Saints got a marker from Adams at 8:44. Wisener again tied the score on a power play five minutes later to close out the period.

In the second frame, UNB went ahead on Lon Mullin's play at 11:55. Two minutes

later, captain Don MacIntyre picked up a loose puck at the SDU blue line, moved up and drilled a low wrist shot into the net. This goal put the Devils out in front 4-2. Three minutes later, Doherty sizzled a low 40-foot slap shot into the left hand side to pull SDU to within one goal.

The final goal of the game came at 6:59 on a deflection by Saints' Ralph McCully. The Devils were just finishing killing off a penalty when their luck ran out and they had to settle for the tie.

UNB outshot SDU 41-34, a tribute in itself to the hustle and desire of the squad. Penalty-wise; SDU collected 10 minors and a misconduct, while UNB received 5 minors. UNB got two power-play goals, while the Saints got their tying goal as Ron Loughrey was returning from the sinbin.

Credit must go to the entire team for their fine effort against the top team in the league. But the performance of MacIntyre, Loughrey and Sheppard of the defence should get special credit. Loughrey at one point in the match acted as a second goalie when Lelievre was caught out of his crease. In the third period MacIntyre fished a puck out from behind the goalie just as

it was sliding into the goal and all three blocked countless shots risking injury in doing so.

UNB has three road games left and should rack up three wins. But even if they do win them all, they are not assured a play-off position as St. Thomas can get in by winning their only remaining game. If UNB and STU tie for the play-off spot the Tommies will get the nod since they beat and tied the Devils during the regular season.

A note of satisfaction for the fans who UNB robbed by the officials last Wednesday; STU was bushwacked by Dalhousie, 3-2 last Saturday where a win would have effectively sewn up their play-off spot. The Devils are at Memorial this weekend for two games at Moncton on Tuesday.

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