

# SPORTS

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## Red Devils end losing streak



Photo by Jamie Rowan

Ken Murchison and Joey McTamney break into the STU zone

by Frank Denis

It's a given today that any sport's team will suffer its share of winning and losing streaks throughout the course of the season. Prior to the second weekend of January the UNB Red Devils had been unbeaten in 7 of 8 games. Up until two days ago the Red Devils had lost their last three including an 8-5 defeat at the hands of the Mount Allison Mounties last Sunday. On

Wednesday night UNB snapped their 3 game skid with a 4-3 win against their cross campus rival Saint Thomas Tommies.

Red Devil captain Murray Nystrom believes his team needed to beat STU to regain momentum. "This is a perfect game for us to end our streak because we were so pumped for it with the rivalry and all we needed a game like this to turn things around."

The Red Devils who once had a 7 point lead atop the

MacAdam diversion now have a three point lead over a re-surgant University of Moncton team although UNB has played one fewer game.

Wednesday night's game down at the LBR was your typical STU-UNB affair; a packed house, hard hitting and lots of intensity. There was even a loose dog running around making sure everyone was happy (and probably looking for his owner).

UNB began the game in fine

fashion by scoring on their first three shots in the first 6 minutes and chasing STU goaltender Shane Corston to the showers early to be replaced by Rick Poirier who was back after having been sidelined with a hand injury. Scoring UNB's first three goals were Hugh Hospodar with two and Clyde Simmons. Both Simmons and Hospodar's second came on breakaways and Corston had little chance of stopping them. Hospodar's first of the evening came as a result of a nice pass from behind the net by forward Steve Kippen.

The Tommies then got on the board while shorthanded as Ron Hatfield converted a Wade Stewart pass and narrowed the Red Devils lead to just two. Less than a minute later Jamie Colvin scored what proved to be the game winner for UNB while on the powerplay. Shayne Arsenault pulled STU to within two again as he notched a goal with only ten seconds remaining in the first frame.

After that frame both teams tightened up defensively and only one lone goal was scored the rest of the way and that was by STU forward Ron Vaive.

Both Chris Somers for UNB and Poirier for STU kept the game close right to the end with some spectacular saves. Somers' efforts earned him player of the game honours.

The win was a nice way to rebound following an 8-5 loss to Mt. Allison earlier in the week. Scoring for the Mounties were Morty Goree with a pair, Peter Christian, Brad Russaw, Brad Demone, Don Lane, Rick Clark and Chuck Loreto. Gord Christian was the offensive sparkplug for UNB with a two goal performance while singles were marked by Colvin, Simmons and Hospodar.

Tonight the Red Devils host the Moncton Blue Eagles and it's a game Nystrom says will be tough. "Moncton is on a streak and back to national champion from so it certainly won't be easy. Hopefully we can take our game against STU and carry it over to our game against the Blue Eagles tonight."

Tomorrow night the St. Mary's Huskies paid an annual visit to the Aitken Centre. Game time for both is 7:30 pm.

## Bloomers down Husson in second half effort

by Kelly Craig

Last Friday night the UNB Red Bloomers hosted the Ladies of Husson College. The Bloomers got off to a bad start in the first half but soon bounced back to win the game by a score of 75-60.

UNB started the first half off very slowly. Husson came out and took advantage of the errors that UNB made. The second half was a much better one for the Bloomers as they straightened out the wrinkles and overcame the Husson ladies by 15 points.

Heading into this game there was no real team preparation. The week was a bizarre week for the Bloomers as the team is plagued with injuries. Currently, Tracy Ross and Jill Jackson are on the Bloomers injury list. There was no consistency in practices and the game was very difficult for the Bloomers in this respect.

The Bloomers were not effected that much by the Christmas break as they practiced daily until the 20th of

December. The team was pushed to the limits through the month of December as they not only practiced basketball one and a half hours a day, they also had to prepare for exams.

Coach Claire Mitton was pleased with the second half effort in the Husson game last Friday. She has an optimistic outlook on the rest of the season. The team is most definitely progressing in the right direction. "The girls are coming of age," stated Mitton when asked how she felt the team was progressing.

The Bloomers are currently standing in a three way tie for second place. They have a 4-2-0 record along with UPEI and DAL. Memorial University stands atop the league with a record of 6-0-0. It is surprising to see Memorial at the top of the league and undefeated. It will be interesting to see if the Bloomers can knock them out of the top spot as the season progresses. The Bloomers hope

to take the top spot so that they will have home turf advantage for the playoffs.

This weekend the Bloomers travel to the island to take on the Lady Panthers of UPEI. UPEI is a much improved team from last year. They have made a lot of changes in their program and are currently battling the Bloomers for second spot in the league. The Panthers are a team that never say die. They are a shooting team and everybody works together. The

Panthers are a quick team but the Bloomers enjoy playing a high paced game.

UPEI's Heather Campbell is ranked fourth in the AUSA for scoring while UNB's own Kara Palmer is ranked third in the AUSA for scoring. Currently Kara also is ranked sixth in the league for rebounding. However, both these teams play as teams. Every member will be important if either team hopes to be the sole owner of second place in the league.

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## Athlete of the Week

Rookie swimmer, Shelly Wyand, of the UNB Beavers has been named the UNB Athlete of the Week. Shelly won all three events she was entered in as the Beavers captured their dual meet against the host Mt. Allison Mounties. Shelly led the Beavers, winning the 200 I.M., 200 back, and 200 breast.

Coach Andrew Cole felt, "Shelly showed some strong team leadership potential and tremendous versatility on the week end" and was impressed with results as the Beavers prepare for the AUSA championships that are just three short weeks away.

Shelly is a first year, Bachelor of Arts student, from Charlottetown P.E.I.