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UPEI holds out to win 6-4

Devils late period heroics fall short...again

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The UNB Red Devils have proven all season long they can play great hockey in the final period but unfortunately that wasn't enough last Friday as the UPEI Panthers held on for a 6-4 win.

Kevin Foley (31) received starting net duties for the first time this year after an impressive performance in the Devils 8-3 thumping of Acadia a week earlier. This, however, was not to be Kevin's night. After only 46 seconds, UPEI's Randy Muttart (14) scored the games' first goal on a deflection from just outside the crease. And before the goal could be announced the Panthers added another when Foley misplayed a weak blue line slap shot from Dave Shellington. Two goals in 14 seconds spelled the end of Kevin and the entry of Dean Frost (31).

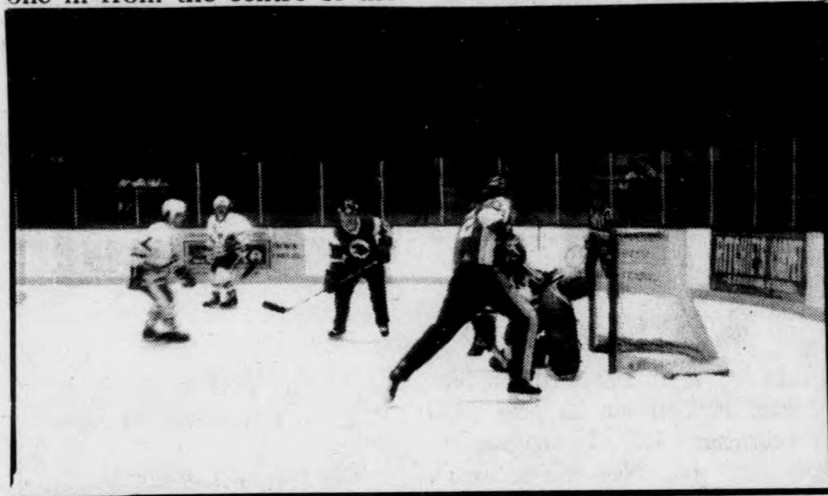
Dean was unbeatable for

UNB has been plagued by their inability to clear the key area since the untimely injury of their bigman Paul Murphy. Efforts to fill that void have been in vain.

This affliction followed them into the second period as well; Shelington (12) tapped one in from the centre of the

to turn the momentum around.

With 32 seconds remaining in the period it came in the form of a squandered open net opportunity resulting in a scramble outside the crease until Ranato Marino fanned a dribbler past Panther star net-minder Rob Brown who'd



Dean Frost robs UPEI's Dave Shellington

key and Todd Steffens (10) delivered another from outside the crease.

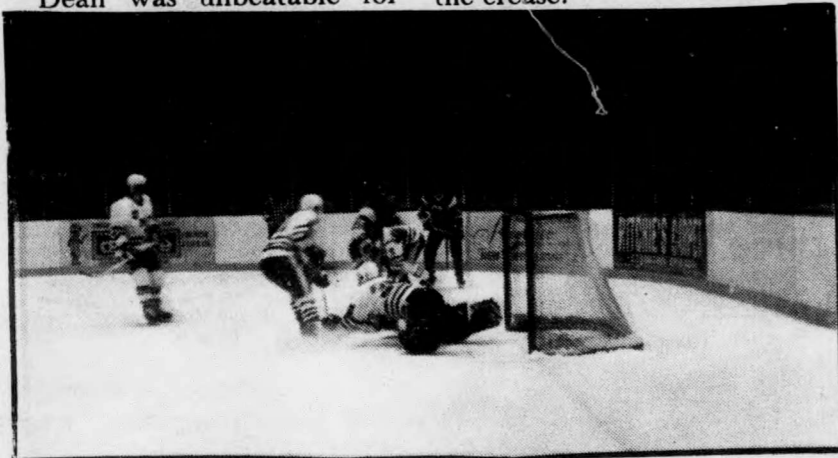
frustrated the Devils all evening.

Indeed, not the most glamorous of goals but it was all UNB needed. An newly inspired Devils team, lead by Johnny LeBlanc, stormed into the final period and rattled off three unanswered goals in less than five minutes. LeBlanc scored the first two and assisted on Charlie Cameran's goal to bring UNB within one.

The crowd came alive.

The intensity was never let up, even after the Panthers got a fluker when a bizarre rebound off the glass behind the net left the puck free for Randy Muttart to tuck away and complete his hat trick.

Refusing to let up, UNB continued to control the for the duration of the game. Their ef-



Frost again stops a UPEI attacker

nearly the rest of the period until a power play allowed Kevin Muttart to again station in front of the net for the easy rebound deflection.

Down 5-0 with seconds ticking away the period, the fans seemed hesitant in reserving hope for the home team, while the devils looked for anything

Blazers begin to falter

by MARY SCOTT
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After starting the season so quickly, it seemed only a matter of time until roster changes and injuries caught up with the UNB Red Blazers Womens Hockey Club.

On Nov. 26, UNB had a 4-1 record in the FYHA Bantam League, this past week they lost their 2 scheduled league games, although in between loses they did win an exhibition game.

On Wednesday the 27th the Coliseum MacDonalds team completed a 2 game sweep of the girls with a 4-1 home ice victory. Fran Proulx got UNB's only goal, in a game which saw

them out played and outshot to the tune of 23 to 8.

Last Monday the Blazers dropped their third straight League contest 2-1 to the Nashwaaksis No. 1 Bantams. Anne Campbell scored her team leading 5th goal to supply UNB's only offense.

In exhibition play Saturday, the girls looked more like the team that got off to a 4-0 start in the League as they beat the Nashwaaksis No. 2 by a 5-1 score. The game played at the Coliseum saw Campbell score twice, with singles coming from Carol Cooper, Sandy Ward, and Charlene Arsenault.

UNB will be playing a series of 4 exhibition games on PEI this weekend as they face female competition for the first time this season. Two games will be against the defending Island Senior Champion "Spudettes" while the Bordern Whitecaps will host 2 more.

After a 10 day span of some "extremely inconsistent" hockey, Blazers Coach Mike Power is looking at the trip as "a chance to get some communication and teamwork going on the ice." Coach Power also says he wants to use the 4 games to make some decisions about his post-Christmas lineup.



Peter Thorne wins the draw

orts, however, failed to bear fruit. The problem, as coach Maclean saw it was "the team didn't seem to have the maturity or confidence around the net."

The raw character of this team must be admired. With 40 seconds remaining in the game, UNB pulled their goalie in place of a six man attack. When UPEI broke free and charged to what seemed to be a

certain goal, Dean Frost vaulted the boards and raced awkwardly toward the net to make a dramatic sprawling save. Albeit unorthodox, Dean's efforts exemplified this teams spirit and intensity, one worthy of our support.

This was a game the Devils played well enough to win, had it not been riddled with questionable officiating and bad breaks.

Express take two

by MARK SAVOIE
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There were two games of exciting AHL hockey in Fredericton last week. First there was a fast paced 8-4 victory over the Sherbrooke Canadiens, and then a pounding 8-1 demolishing of the Nova Scotia Oilers.

Against Sherbrooke the line of Alain Lemieux, Jean Marc Gaulin, and Jean Marc Lanthier came up big. The line pocketed six goals in the game, with Lanthier collecting four himself. The fourth came on a shot from the slot that brought the small crowd to its feet.

Lemieux's line is now known as the 'French Connection', but two nights later it became apparent that there is an 'English Connection' on the team as well. Tony Currie and Mark Kirton teamed up for four goals against the Oilers. The first of these came midway through the second period and touched off a four goal in four minutes barrage blowing what had been a close game wide open.

Nova Scotia proved to be too undisciplined to handle such a large deficit and then proceeded to bend the rules a bit with a vicious spear to Tom Karalis.

Karalis managed about five steps to the bench before being helped off. The fireworks started at the end of that second period with a bench clearing brawl resulting in five fighting majors, five 10 minute misconducts, and five game misconducts.

Things calmed down in the third period until little (Gary) Lupul went up against Dwayne Boetger with 3:27 left in the game. While this was going on Jim Playfair (63 PIM) decided to beat on Daniel Poudrier (2 PIM). Two Express players came to Poudrier's rescue and that prompted Mickey Volcan to leave the Novy bench. This of course started the second bench clearer of the game.

After the game, Oiler's coach Larry Kish blamed Mike Stevens for the whole thing apparently forgetting about the Tom Karalis spear. Savard, a volatile gentleman to be sure, blamed Kish, saying "I just feel sorry for the players that are playing for a goon coach." Tony Currie, who played for Kish last year, stated that he is not a goon coach and blamed the fracas on frustration. Full marks to Currie for his three goal performance and for his post game obserations.