

# Red Devils prepare for season

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The hockey Red Devils -coming off their most successful season in history - have begun initial preparations for the 1984-85 season, with Coach Don MacAdam expecting a different type of UNB team this campaign.

The Devils captured the AUAA title - along with the hearts of many people - last year by beating perennial champion Moncton Blue Eagles in the conference final and then giving eventual national champion Toronto Blues their toughest competition of the season in two games played before capacity crowds at the Aitken Centre. Some of the key cogs of last year are gone - the names of goaltender Kevin Rochford and defencemen Scott Clements and Dave Bluteau spring to mind - but many are still around; Mike Kelly, Mark Jeffrey and Tery Balcom to name just a few.

Also, the success of last season helped Coach MacAdam in the recruiting wars, with Robbie Forbes, John LeBlanc, Charlie Cameron, Pierre Gaudet, Mark Hovey and goaltender David Lutes just some of the new faces in camp.

In Forbes, the Devils landed the former captain of the Halifax Lions of the Nova Scotia Metro Valley Junior Hockey League and the circuit's leading scorer for the past two seasons. The big centreman also led the Prince Edward Island loop in scoring three years ago.

Another big gunner MacAdam landed is John LeBlanc, who chalked up 74 points in 68 games with Hull Olympics of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. The P.E.I. Summerside Western Capitals provided the Devils with two other newcomers, forward Charlie Cameron and big 6'1", 195 pound defenceman Pierre Gaudet. Both played a big part in their team winning the Island championship.

Comparing the team of a year ago to the one he will ice this coming season, MacAdam sees a contrast in style.

"Last year we were steady defensively but couldn't score goals with any consistency. This year, we have a number of players who should be able to score consistently, but Paul Murphy is the only defenceman we have coming back, meaning we have to rely

a lot on our new people. We have far more scoring ability starting the season this year than we had at any point last year, and will have to gear our game accordingly."

UNB will start the season off against the team that eliminated them last year, with Toronto at the Aitken Centre for games Oct. 5 and 6. Following that, national runner-up Concordia Stingers

will be here on Oct. 13 and 14 while Three River, P.Q. is booked into the Aitken Centre on Oct. 19. It is by far the most demanding exhibition schedule the Devils have had in quite some time.

"The games will give us a real feel for how we rank nationally. The winner of the Atlantic Conference this year plays the Quebec champion, so we will have some idea

what the competition in Quebec will be like should we win the AUAA title."

The Athletic department is also selling season tickets for the general public this year,

with five exhibition a games and 12 AUAA contests selling

at a package price of \$25 for adults and \$15 for those 18 and

under. On an individual basis price would be \$47.50. Students are admitted free of charge to all regular AUAA contests.

"We have a very exciting season lined up," MacAdam said. "The AUAA is as competitive as any conference in the country and the five exhibition games are against some of the best teams in the country."

## Red Blazers rounding into shape

By MARY SCOTT

The UNB Red Blazers women's ice hockey team are still looking for some new players. With dryland training for the girls entering its third week the Blazers coaching staff still are hoping to see a few new faces. UNB has lost seven players from last years provincial championship squad and so far only four new players have come forward. This is nothing new according to Blazers coach Mike Power, "last year at this time we were worried about numbers, but by time we got on the ice in October some more girls had shown up, they usually hear

about us by word of mouth," but, says the second year student-coach "the sooner new members show up the more benefit they receive."

The biggest problem seems to be on defense where Rose Pothier has moved leaving a hole in the lineup. To this point no defender has shown up for the sessions. In goal Wendy Dickinson last season's Most Valuable Player is back for her third year, but back-up Sue Kierstead has retired with back problems. With Kierstead apparently out, a second goalie is high on the shopping list.

Four of last year's wingers

were lost to graduation, leaving some vacancies up front. Sandy Ward and Carol Allport a couple of veterans provide the bodies for the left side, while Alison Lee is all alone on the right-wing. Center remains the Blazer's strong suit with three second year players back, France Thibodeau, Barb Cox, and Jo Anne Gillies.

The club hopes to hit the ice around the second week of October, and will be looking for games before the end of the month. So any girl interested in joining up still has time to come out. After the team gets on the ice it will be hard for late comers to catch up.

The Red Blazers are a part of the University club system and is open to all students, faculty, and alumni. Both experienced and inexperienced players are members, and most of the protective padding of the game can be provided by the club.

The team is in the West Gym at the following days and times:

Monday, Oct. 1 - 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 3 - 8:30 p.m.  
Monday, Oct. 8 - 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 10 - 8:30 pm.

New members are welcome to come out. For more information call Mike Power at 453-4985 or 454-1719.

## Lady Harriers ranked 10th

Survive death of their van

The 1984-85 Season marks the first year of national ranking for Cross Country Teams in Canada. During the first week of school, the Lady Harriers found themselves ranked 10th in the nation by virtue of their achievements from last year and the return of the majority of the team members.

This news sparked the girls determination to win their 5th straight AUAA title. The girls will have to work very hard to hold off the strong competition expected from Dalhousie this year. Luckily there is one month of preparation time left before the AUAA battle in Moncton.

This past weekend the girls travelled to Orono, Maine for a dual meet against the always strong contingent from U.M.O. Unfortunately the superb U.N.B. van could not make the whole trip and alternate source of transportation had to be flagged down. The van failure coupled with the start of of Home Coming football game forced postponement of the race for 3 1/2

hours. As the race began it was apparent that the long wait had had its effect on the girls as they turned in a less than spectacular performance.

Margaret MacDonald lead the field through the 3.6 mile course to finish 1st in 21.14. U.M.O.'s depth was proven as they grabbed 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place. Terry Lee Daman turned in a strong U.N.B. effort finishing seventh

in 22.43 followed closely by Tammi Richardson in 11th place in a time of 23.20. Lynn Sutherland also turned in a good effort for U.N.B. finishing 13th in 23.40. Lynn Poole was not far behind in 15th place in 23.55. Gina Spear, the only rookie on the team and a sprinter turned middle distance runner, put in a strong effort, finishing 17th in 24.20.

This weekend the girls face a very important race when they go against their AUAA competitors on the AUAA course in Moncton. The girls will have to all run their best in order to defeat strong competition from Dalhousie and Memorial.

The race is on Saturday, September 29 at noon in Centennial Park in Moncton and all spectators are invited.

### RED RAIDER BASKETBALL

OPEN TRYOUTS FOR MEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL WILL BE HELD ON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1984

and

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1984

AT 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M. IN THE LADY BEAVERBROOK GYMNASIUM

ALL CANDIDATES FOR THIS YEAR'S EDITION OF THE RAIDERS MUST ATTEND THESE TRYOUTS SESSIONS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Coach Don Nelson or Coach Phil Wright at 453-4580.