

Devils Outgun Tommies In OT

by Frank Denis

Last Saturday night the UNB Red Devils met their cross-campus rivals, the St. Thomas Tommies at the Aitken Centre,

looking to avenge their 5-1 loss to STU three weeks ago. It was by no means an easy task for the Devils, but they did prevail to beat the Tommies 5-4 in overtime in dramatic fashion.

For the first two periods, both teams lacked the intensity normally associated with their play. There were many errant passes, and it seemed that any time there was flow to the game, it was interrupted by an

official's whistle. UNB coach Mike Johnston said that one of the reasons there were so many mistakes was because of the intensity of the rivalry between the two teams. As a result, the players tried too hard to make the perfect pass, in some cases, costing their team.

The first period was probably the longest period the Red Devils have played this year, but none the less, they came out of it with a 1-0 lead on a goal by Mike Sutherland. Sutherland, who has been one of the more consistent goal scorers this season, interrupted a St. Thomas pass at centre ice and then broke in alone on STU goalie Rick Poirier. Sutherland took full advantage of his breakaway and put the Devils on top 1-0.

Red Devils forward Steve Kippen make it a 2-0 game with his 7th goal of the year shortly after the start of the second period. After the Kippen goal, STU began to goad UNB into taking needless penalties, and it cost the Red Devils as they gave up three power play goals in the period. The Tommies tallied twice while defenceman Costa Papista was serving a five minute major. Papista had earlier intervened with authority after STU's Dan LeBlond had taken a vicious swipe at Scott MacDonald's trapper while the puck was under it.

In the second intermission coach Johnston told his players that if they stayed out of the penalty box, they had an honest chance of winning the game. As it turned out, the players listened to Johnston as there were no penalties called against UNB in the third frame.

An early St. Thomas goal in the final period made the game 4-2, and many UNB supporters felt it would be tough for the Red Devils to overcome a two-goal deficit. Kippen's second goal of the game midway through the period lifted UNB's confidence level up a notch, and they began to play the hockey they are capable of

playing. Dan Altherr then capped the UNB comeback with a goal after some nice passing between Brian Clark and Gord Christ-ian. Altherr got a pass at the blue line and then had a clear lane to the net. He blasted a high slap shot past Poirier.

The final five minutes of the third period were very exciting as both teams had their share of quality scoring opportunities. St. Thomas had three two-on-one's in that time and had it not been for the exceptional goal-tending of MacDonald, UNB would not have had the chance to play in overtime.

Prior to the game UNB was 0-2-1 in overtime. They would have been satisfied with a tie but were definitely out the win. Both teams came out flying in OT. It wasn't long before Red Devil forward Tom Gemmell was in alone on St. Thomas goalie Poirier, but he never got a decent shot away. Then it happened.

UNB forward Corey Anquetil carried the puck over the blue line, then backhanded a pass to teammate Ken Murchison whose shot beat Poirier and gave the UNB Red Devils their ninth win of the season.

Coach Johnston was pleased with how his team played. He was especially impressed with the performance of MacDonald and Gemmell. Johnston hopes that his team can carry the momentum they had against St. Thomas into their games this weekend against Mt. Allison and UPEI. "We're going into those games on a high, and we're certainly going to press for second or first place in our division. We've got a good objective, and hopefully the guys will be focused on their goal and keep on top of their game."

The Red Devils play the Mt. Allison Mounties tonight at 8 PM and then tomorrow host the UPEI Panthers at 7:30 PM. Both games are at the Aitken Centre. It should be an exciting weekend for Red Devil's fans.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Peggy Ackerl, 17, of Montreal, PQ has been chosen as this week's UNB Female Athlete-of-the-Week. Peggy had a really super weekend, leading the women Beavers to first place at the AUA Invitational at Acadia. This is the first time the UNB women have defeated DAL or been first in a conference Invitational in many, many years. Her personal results were: 1st - 200 back - 2:29.35 (a UNB team record and CIAU Championship qualifying time), 2nd - 100 free - 1:01.36, 1st - 50 free - 0:27.99, 1st - 200 IM - 2:34.36. She also swam on two 1st place relays:

400 Medley Relay - 4:41.20 (6th fastest CIAU time in Canada this year) and 400 Free Relay - 4:06.80. According to coach Fisher "Peggy has a really good weekend. She swam back to back races on both Saturday and Sunday and still managed season best times. With continued work and effort Peggy will have a tremendous AUA Championship, and will be ready as well at CIAU's in March." Peggy was also named AUA Female Athlete-of-the-Week for this performance.

Steve Kippen, 21, of London, Ont. has been named as this week's UNB Male

Athlete-of-the-Week. The first year Arts student had a big game against cross campus rivals STU as the hockey Red Devils defeated the Tommies 5-4 in overtime. Steve had 2 goals and one assist in the game against the Tommies and was also selected as the Coca Cola player-of-the-game. He is continuing his strong play, as he has played extremely well in his last two games. So far this season Steve has 8 goals and 8 assists for 16 points in 13 games. According to coach Johnston "Now that he is in the line up on a regular basis Steve has certainly shown he deserves to be there."

Beavers Victorious

by Lynne Wanyeki

Both the Men's and Women's UNB Beavers swim teams returned victorious from last weekend's AUA conference meet in Wolfville. The Acadia University Open saw the UNB Women's team move from the middle of the standings to finally topple the long-reigning Dalhousie Tigers. The UNB Men's team won with a large lead over the Dalhousie Tigers. Swimming on both Saturday and Sunday, the UNB Beavers proved that they are more than capable of winning the AUA's three weeks from now.

The Men's captain Gardiner MacNeill said of the weekend it was a great weekend. The team has finally pulled together and pushed themselves on. We were all hopeful at the meet that the Women would come through and they did. It was very good performance."

The final points standing was as follows:

UNB
Men - 148
Women - 98

Dal
Men - 121
Women - 91

Acadia
Men - 85
Women - 73

MUN
Men - 47
Women - 60

Mt. Allison
Men
Women - 41

Jay London had a very good performance winning three events: the 200m back (2:17:11); the 200m individual medley (2:19:44); as well as the 400m individual medley (5:05:53). Brian Woods also captured first place in the 200m freestyle (1:57:83). The Men's relay team won the 400m freestyle Relay (3:40:45). The team was comprised of Paul Halmazna, Phil Chaplin, Joy London and Brian Woods.

Peggy Ackerl had an excellent weekend, and obtained personal best times in the events she swam. She won the 200m Backstroke in a time of 2:29:35, which broke both the UNB Record, and CIAU qualifying time. She also won the 50m freestyle (27:99) and the 200m individual medley (2:34:36). Peggy Ackerl has been named Female Athlete-of-

the-Week for UNB and the AUA.

Chrissy Hashimoto had a couple of good swims as well, winning the 100m Backstroke (1:11:7) and the 400m individual medley (5:13:3) for which swim she qualified for the CIAU's in March.

The Women's Relay team (Peggy Ackerl, Chrissy Hashimoto, Edie Fisher and Katie Naylor) won the 400m freestyle Relay (4:06:8) and the 400m Medley Relay (4:42:20). This is the 6th fastest time swum in Canada this year.

The UNB Beavers swim at home this Saturday against Mt. Allison. The meet will take place in the LB Gym, on Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. Spectators are encouraged to go out and cheer this winning team on.

