

Red Devils host NS teams

by Frank Denis

The UNB Red Devils will play host to two Nova Scotia based AUSA schools this weekend. The Capers from UCCB in Sydney are here tomorrow for a 2 pm game at the Aitken Centre and then the St. FX X-Men are in town on Sunday also at 2 pm.

Last weekend the Red Devils split a pair of games on the road and left an opponent feeling pretty lousy.

On Sunday the Red Devils dropped a 4-3 decision to the University of Moncton Blue Eagles. The previous evening down at Saint Mary's in Halifax UNB rallied from being down 2-0, to score 8 unanswered goals and come away with an 8-2 win.

Late in the second period of Saturday's game, UNB evened the game at 2 on goals by Forbie MacPherson and Rob Boldon.

The game remained deadlocked until midway through the third period when UNB opened the floodgates and poured it on.

In only 90 seconds UNB scored four times with goals coming off the sticks of Murray Nystrom, Karl Taylor and Trevor Boland with two.

That made the game 6-2 and for all intense and purposes out of reach for the SMU Huskies.

After a disappointing season last year the Huskies were on their way towards respectability

According to first year Red Devils Forbie MacPherson, physical fatigue is something that affected SMU "I'd have to say that our team is in real good physical condition. In

Steve Kluczkowski.

The player of the game was UNB goalie Chris Somers who stopped 32 shots directed towards him.

Sunday's game against Moncton was yet another case of UNB being unable to capitalize on opportunities early in the game.

Trevor Boland was sent in alone on Blue Eagles goalie Anthony Hill, but was denied.

For the Moncton game, the Red Devils dressed only 17 skaters when the limit is 18. The reason for that was against Saint Mary's UNB defenseman Richard St. Amand suffered a slightly separated shoulder. He decided it would be best for it

to heal completely instead of risking the chance of it being separated completely. Forward Clyde Simmons was forced to miss the game after being called for checking from behind in the SMU game. It was his second such infraction thus far in the season and the league may rule that he must sit out more games.

Scoring for UNB were Murchison with two and Boland who scored his ninth goal of the season for the Red Devils.

Serge Theriault, Martin Lamoureux, Mathieu Beliveau and Gilles Mattais accounted for Moncton's 4 goals.

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Saint Mary's coach McCauley

by going 2-0-1 in the first three games. That was until they hosted the Red Devils.

"Our players are pissed off at themselves and certainly not happy for what happened. It's definitely put a bee in their bonnet," said Huskies coach Norm McCauley following the game.

"We were right there in the game and then we were out of it. It's a matter of mental focus, and we lost ours.

"UNB has a well-balanced team, with good goaltending defense and four solid lines. We really lost our focus - a combination of mental and physical fatigue" added coach McCauley.

our games so far we tend to pour it on in the third because maybe the other team's conditioning is a bit behind what ours is."

In the past few games the Red Devils have left the majority of their scoring for the third period and MacPherson has an explanation for that. "We've played most of our games away from home, so our opponents are pumped for the first two periods and once we slow the game down we start potting some goals."

Rounding out the scoring for UNB in Saturday's contest were Ken Murchison and Brian Wilson. Accounting for the lone SMU goals were Jon Fargo and

AUSA Hockey standings as of Nov.5

MacAdam division

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
UNB	4	2	0	31	23	8
PEI	3	1	0	21	12	6
UDM	3	3	0	22	22	6
STU	2	3	0	19	24	4
MTA	0	3	0	6	15	0

Kelly division

SMU	3	1	1	30	22	7
ACA	3	2	1	31	24	7
DAL	2	1	2	24	24	6
UCB	1	1	4	27	26	6
SFX	1	5	0	17	36	2

Swimmers shine in front of full house

by Andy Legere and Jeff Roach

After this weekend the UNB Beavers left no doubt in anyone's mind that they are a force to be reckoned with in AUSA swimming. The Beavers hosted their annual AUSA Invitational Meet which stretched from Friday to Sunday with Saturday being a Varsity-Mania event. The swim meet was attended by seven teams from Quebec, Maine, and the Atlantic provinces. University of Maine at Orno, with forty-four athletes, sweetened the pot along with the University of Sherbrooke, both non-AUSA competitive teams.

The first meet of the year in the AUSA saw UNB's competition trying to follow their lead. The Beavers are strong this year, very strong. Not only did our swim team outrace the competition but on Saturday the Men more than doubled the point totals by Second place U of Maine. UNB also won an outstanding twenty-five of twenty-eight events on Saturday.

The Beavers results have steadily improved over the past few years and this year is no exception, following that pattern with an extra kick. It seems that the team the Beavers Coach, Andrew Cole, has amassed could be the best UNB has seen. "Our calibre is very high this year. We still have the whole season to go

and already we are racing at last years AUSA times. We have a good shot at being ranked nationally for both men and women, that has not happened at UNB for the last fifteen years." Third year veteran Paul Halmazna echos his coaches feelings, "Our women are exceeding expectations and our men's team will without a doubt destroy our conference. The team is strong, a powerhouse."

What is the reason for the calibre. Coach Cole feels this is easy to answer, "... solid leadership and good recruits. We got lucky when things worked out as well as they did for the team. There was a lot of effort put into getting the best talent for this season." Cole grins, "We have the fastest four men in the conference, all on one team."

A few of these recruits that Cole is so high on are Iain Tennent and Dave Kiruluta out of St. John's and the Newfoundland Aquauarena Club, Tim Brown a native of Grand Bay, NB and Jason Lukeman from Port Hawkesbury, NS.

All four figured prominently in the weekend standings with Lukeman, Iain Tennent and Dave Kiruluta finishing 1,2,3, in the 50 Metre freestyle final on Saturday, traditionally the fastest and most intense event in swimming.

Although this may have been the most exciting race of the meet there were some

equally impressive performances from the rest of our team. More than 75% of UNB's athletes finished in the top three positions in a particular event and first place finishes were scored by Angela Pickles, Tim Brown, Stephane LeBlanc, Jason Lukeman, Jeff Roach, Shelly Wyand, Iain Tennent, Adam Sparkes, Derek Smith, Sean Penney and Keith A. Dwyer. UNB also captured gold in all male relays swum throughout the weekend and the Women's 4x50 metre Medley relay on Sunday. To top all this off Rookie Jason Lukeman was named Male Swimmer of the Meet.

Gladly all these accomplishments did not go

unnoticed on the Saturday leg of the Meet as Varsity-Mania was there in full force. It was nice to see over 400 people, packed in like sardines, enjoying themselves. "The Varsity-Mania crowd on Saturday was as loud and as large as any crowd for swimming in this country, at any level," says Coach Cole. It was a total entertainment package on Saturday: good swimming in the pool and Varsity-Mania's third annual bellyflop competition off the ten foot spring board! Yes these floppers are a hardy bunch competing for first prize in such categories as Most Pain, Crowd Pleaser and Biggest Splash. The defending

Champ Heapster took top honours again this year with a form that he calls, "270 pounds of twisted steel and sex appeal". Okay back to the swimming.

Judging by this weekend's performance the Beavers will have little trouble establishing themselves as the team to beat in the AUSA's. The question is how far can the Beavers go. This question will be answered as the season unfolds on what looks like a very interesting year. Catch the Beavers in action this weekend at 2:00 pm at the Sir Max Aitken Pool against Mount Allison.



Part of the full house at Varsity Mania swim meet on weekend