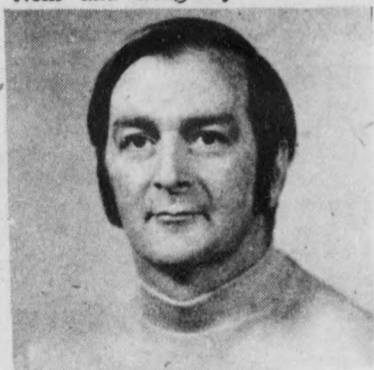


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Devils dump playoff hopes after weekend disaster

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own end of play, mounting any kind of respectable offensive came more by good luck than good management.



Head Coach
Bill MacGillivray

involved in bouts of fisticuffs, the latter winning his fight handily. As a result of the scuffle Loughery had with Acadia's Greg Thiel, the Axe-man was ejected from the game.

Early in the second period, Devils captain Doug MacDonald got things swinging again when he caught Hume out of his crease and unaware and tried to make him part of the boards behind the Acadia goal. In the ensuing scuffle, MacDonald emerged with a minor for charging, his teammate Mark Rickard was assessed two minutes for roughing and Axeman's Harold Killam collected a fighting major, a game misconduct and an automatic minor with the misconduct.

The final period of the aggressive but not particularly good game, in which UNB picked up a total of 28 minutes in penalties in the first 40 minutes of play compared to Acadia's 19 penalty minutes, plus two misconducts was uneventful with Acadia picking up the only penalty a tripping minor, three minutes into the final frame.

One difficulty which UNB ran into early in the game was a mix-up of their forward lines caused by the injury to Dave Kent. Kent, a promising young rookie, received a painful crack on the nose which kept him out of action for most of the first period.

A second injury was received by Don Kinsman late in the match when he was the recipient of a high stick, resulting in a split lip which required eight stitches to close it.

ST. F.X. 6 - UNB 1
It is usually assumed that when a team loses a game by a 6-1 score that the brunt of the blame should be rested on the shoulders of the

goaltender. Against St. F.X. Sunday, it was the Red Devils who let goalie John McLean down rather than the other way around.

McLean faced 39 drives by the X-men and put in a stellar performance before the large following of St. F.X. fans.

"If everyone had put in as good an effort as John (McLean) did today," said MacGillivray following the loss, "we would be coming home with a 6-1 win."

Barry Sutherland and Bob Stevenson paced the offensive attack each with a pair of goals. Singletons were registered by Peter MacKenzie and Lauchie MacDonald.

Charlie Bird was the spoiler of Fred Cuvelier's bid for a shutout as he tallied the lone UNB marker with just 2:04 remaining in the game.

Cuvelier was successful in holding out 23 Devils shots on net.

The Antigonish crowd was treated with some of the rough stuff antics the Devils employed this weekend as well. Defenseman Pat Morrisette started it off when he decked X-men's Mike Haworth in a scuffle in front of McLean's crease five minutes into the first period.

Both Morrisette and Haworth were in their respective penalty boxes when Haworth made a sudden lunge over the heads of the official timekeeper and scorer in an attempt to resume his encounter with Morrisette.

As a result of his actions, Haworth, a first year defenseman from Calgary, was given a match penalty to accompany his minor. Morrisette picked up a fighting major.

In the dying seconds of the game, UNB's Glen Fisher tangled with X's Pat Loftus, a match that ended in a draw. Both were given majors for fighting.

Barry Sutherland picked up the first of his two goals and gave St. Francis a 1-0 lead with his tally coming at 13:17 of the first period.

By the end of the second frame, Bob Stevenson with his first and Peter MacKenzie gave St. F.X. a 3-0 lead.

Despite the close scoring efforts of the various forward lines for UNB, they were unable to find the combination to split the St. F.X. defense and beat Cuvelier. As a result of Lauchie MacDonald's tally and both Sutherland and Stevenson adding their second each for the day added up to a formidable 6-0 lead.

It looked as if UNB would be shutout until Bird redirected a pass from his centre, Mike Barry and rapped it home late in the final period.

UNB displayed flashes of their old winning form but never in any sustained efforts. The line of Doug MacDonald, Lenny Hercun and Jerry Grant showed some of their old form on several shifts, with wingers Hercun and Grant each drilling hard shots netward.

The line centred by Mike Barry with Charlie Bird and Glen Fisher on the wings (dubbed the 'D' line over the weekend) accounted for the lone goal and showed sporadic bursts of passes, one of which almost ended in a goal but Fisher was unable to get his stick on the puck as it slid by the crease.

St. Francis coach Wayne Synish-in stated before the game that his was an offensive minded club and they would have to concentrate more on the defensive aspects of the game. Against the UNB Red

Devils, St. F.X. had little difficulty snuffing out offensive rushes.

This weekend the UNB Red Devils play host to the league leading St. Mary's Huskies who sport an unbeaten record. The Devils, far down in the scoring race with three wins and nine losses, should offer little competition to the strong, smooth Huskie squad if they continue to play in their usual lack lustre manner.

Game time for the Saturday night encounter at the Lady Beaverbrook Arena has been slated for 7:30 p.m.

Sunday both UNB and STU will travel to Saint John to play an exhibition game in support of minor hockey in the area. That game will be played at 2:00 p.m. in the Lord Beaverbrook Rink.



Photo by Lorne Morrow

BILL LOUGHERY - UNB's Bill Loughery tallied one of the three Red Devils goals scored this past weekend.

Intestinal fortitude - that is something UNB Red Devils coach Bill MacGillivray feels is lacking in his squad this season, although anyone would be hard pressed to really figure out why such a group of hockey players as individually talented as the Devils cannot win games.

This past weekend the Devils dropped a 4-2 decision to the Acadia Axe-men in Wolfville and followed that up by a humiliating 6-1 loss to the St. Francis Xavier X-men Sunday in Antigonish.

MacGillivray felt that one of the drawbacks of his team was their reluctance to position themselves in front of the net and use muscle to stay there.

"Can you imagine having a bunch of guys playing hockey who, by their admission, are afraid to stand in front of the net because they might get hit by the puck?" MacGillivray stated this past weekend.

ACADIA 4 - UNB 2

In the contest played last Saturday afternoon, before a poor turnout of Acadia fans, the Devils went down to defeat to the host Axe-men 4-2.

Bill Young, Greg Hubbert, Don Bicknell and Ryan Seale tallied for the winners. Bill Loughery and Dave Neill replied in the losing cause.

Phil Jones was in goal for the UNB squad facing 38 Acadia shots on goal. The Devils threw 40 shots toward a steady Al Hume in goal for Acadia throughout the contest.

Neill gave UNB an early 1-0 lead when he fired an unassisted marker past Axemen's Hume with just 45 seconds gone in the opening frame.

The score remained unchanged until the first five minutes of the second period when Don Bicknell beat Jones to tie it up. Ryan Seale gave Acadia the go ahead goal when he scored midway through the second 20 minutes of play.

Loughery put UNB back on equal terms when he converted a pass from defenseman Gary Perry at 19:03 to complete a fine effort by both players.

Bill Young registered the winner for Acadia at 3:21 of the final frame after goaltender Jones had a piece of the puck then lost. A minute and a half later Greg Hubbert widened the margin as he scored on a breakaway following what possibly could have been termed as high sticking the puck.

Although UNB seemed to have developed a high level of skill for moving the puck back into their

Rebels fighting spirit means top spot at season's close

By RODDY MACKENZIE

Although they concluded their league schedule on a losing note, the Red Rebels volleyball team finished atop the Atlantic University Volleyball conference in a three way tie with Dalhousie and St. F.X., all with eight wins and one defeat.

Friday night saw the UNB squad in Sackville, where they easily handled the hapless Mount A. Mounties five games to none.

On Saturday they continued play in Antigonish where they encountered a steady and powerful St. F.X. team. The Rebels opened the best-of-five match with a 15-12 victory, but the tables turned quickly as the X-men retaliated

with three straight wins by scores of 15-7, 15-12, 15-6. In suffering their first AUVV defeat of the season, the Rebels' play appeared to be lethargical and lacking their usual aggressiveness.

Coach Mal Early commented "we were never really sharp. St. F.X. played well and we didn't - it's that simple."

Later on that day, UNB contested two other matches, both best-of-three exhibition affairs. They were beaten 15-11, 15-4 by a perennial powerful senior team, the Halifax Celidh. They then proceeded to edge the Acadia Axemen 11-15, 15-11, 15-13.

During the next week, UNB will be preparing for the Intercollegiate Championships (Feb. 13-15 at Mount A) by playing several

exhibition games against the Fredericton Piranhas and the New Brunswick Junior team. The first of these matches is scheduled for tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. in the main gym.

Next action for the UNB squad will be the Collegiate Championships next weekend, when they will compete against St. Thomas, Mount Allison, Universite de Moncton, Acadia, Dalhousie, St. F.X. and Memorial University. Coach Early feels his charges are ready for the challenge and should be in a close battle for the title with defending champion Dalhousie and the St. F.X. X-men. The winner of this round-robin tournament will represent the Atlantic Conference at the CIAU Nationals in Winnipeg on February 20 and 21.

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