

# SPORTS

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## Red Devils have successful first half Devils record at 7-3-3 heading to break

by Frank Denis

The UNB Red Devils ended the first half of the regular season last weekend with a win, 6-5 in overtime against Acadia and a loss 7-5 to Dalhousie on Sunday. Despite the split on the weekend UNB increased their MacAdam division lead to 6 points over second place St. Thomas Tommies who lost a pair of games. UNB ranks second in the AUAA in point totals behind Dalhousie.

UNB coach Mike Johnston is satisfied with his team's standing at the break "We're pleased where we are in the standings, we've played well at home and to be 6 points ahead of our opposition heading into the Christmas break, that's great. We're in first place and we can rest and recuperate and come into the second half a little bit harder."

Saturday's game against Acadia was like a roller coaster ride for the Red Devils and the Varsity Mania crowd. Up then down then back up, down again and finally up for the last time.

UNB got two breakaway goals from John Osborne and Tom Gemmell and then Jamie Colvin's tally in the second period gave the Red Devils a 3-0 lead. Then it was Acadia's turn to go on the offensive as they struck for four consecutive goals in less than a ten minute span in the middle frame. Norm Batherson, Kevin

Knopp, Darren Colbourne and Paul Sutcliff accounted for Acadia's four straight goals. UNB defenseman Rob Boldon tied the game at four before the second period was over with his third goal of the year.

With 7:25 gone in the final period Steve Hedington gave Acadia a one goal lead again but a Hollis Chamberlain goal tied the game at 5 and forced a five minute sudden death overtime.

With under a minute to go in the extra period Acadia was deep in the UNB zone when one of their defenders got caught in too deep. When UNB gained control of the puck it allowed them to break out 2 on 1 with Ken Murchison and Chamberlain going against a lone Acadia defender. Murchison managed to jam the puck past Acadia's netminder James Dubberley and give UNB the 6-5 win.

UNB's Chris Somers stopped 39 shots directed at him to earn the win.

On Sunday the result was not as favorable to UNB's concerns as they lost to the 4th ranked team in the nation, the Dalhousie Tigers, 7-5.

The game began on a physical note with no less than 34 minutes handed out in the first twenty minutes of play. UNB got opening period goals from Murchison and Colvin while Todd Mondor answered the call for Dal. The Tigers forechecked very effectively and



Red Devils have had a lot to celebrate so far

intercepted many passes in the UNB zone. Scott MacDonald was called upon to make several hard stops in that period.

Dalhousie tied the game at 2 early in the second and then it was Tom Gemmell time. Gemmell provided UNB with a two goal lead with a short handed and power play goal. The goal on the powerplay was the result of some hard work by UNB forward Dominic Deluca who was playing in his 4th game of the season. Deluca tied up his man behind the net and it allowed Colvin to feed the puck to an open Gemmell in front of the net. Gemmell one timed it and gave UNB a 4-2 lead.

Dalhousie's Brian MacDonald cut that margin to

one goal with his goal at the 14:43 mark of the second.

Gemmell completed his hat trick in the third but only after Derrick Pringle and Stuart Birnie had provided Dal with a 5-4 lead.

Then Dalhousie pulled ahead on a goal that goaltenders have nightmares about. With less than 3 minutes to go Dal dumped the puck into UNB's zone. The puck was on its way behind the net and MacDonald was ready to play it when all of a sudden it hit a crack in the boards and bounced out in front of an empty UNB goal where Pringle banged in the loose puck. UNB pulled MacDonald in favor of an extra attacker but it backfired on them as Craig Morrison put the game away for the Tigers.

Despite the loss coach Johnston was positive about his team's performance. "I thought the game was fairly even and maybe Dal had the edge in play the odd time in the second period but it was certainly within our grasp. We played the number 4 team in the country hard and tough". Concerning the game winning goal Johnston says "They got a bounce in the third period that helped them win the hockey game. You wouldn't think a bounce like that would happen in your own arena. It was one of those blooper goals you see on TV." Johnston continued "Sometimes you get the bounces and sometimes they go against you and we've had our share of bounces so far this year."

## Raiders can't come through

By Kirk MacDonald

A combination of poor shot selection and lack of intensity led to two consecutive losses on Cape Breton last weekend. The Raiders dropped Saturday's match 85-72 and Sunday's 75-66 to league newcomer University College of Cape Breton (UCCB).

The second game looked good at the start and UNB held a 14 point lead at one point but Sussex, NB native Jim Charters soon narrowed the gap for UCCB with his long range shooting. As for the Raider shooters, nothing could be worse than the 5 for 22 3-point shooting in the first game.

The bulk of the scoring was by 3 players, Glen Read, Jamie Watt and Bobby O'Brien who each tallied about 15 points in both games.

The main man for UCCB

was Troy James, a freshman from Boston who is leading the league in almost every category. Jones dominated the inside game and gave 21 points in both games.

Glen Read is holding his own in AUAA stats at 5th place in scoring.

The Red Raiders are looking forward to having two new players when they resume play after Christmas. Both Lee Bragg and Chris Adams are now practising with the team and become eligible in the new year. Bragg is a point guard and Adams a forward with quite a bit more size than his younger brother Duff. The older, player Adams should contribute experience and rebounding to the lineups especially since Brian Elliot can only play periodically until

his knee is completely recovered.

The record thus far looks much like last year but all in

all the Raiders are improving and will work hard over the holidays to make sure they get some wins.

### Raiders scoreboard

Saturday Dec. 1

UCCB 85 Raiders 72

Sunday Dec. 2

UCCB 75 Raiders 66

### Athlete of the Week

Kara Palmer of the UNB Red Bloomers has been named our female athlete of the week. Kara was the Red Bloomers' leading scorer in both games on the week end. She led the Bloomers with 15 pts. and 7 rebounds against Husson and 18 pts. and 8 rebounds in the alumni game. The Red Bloomers won both contests; 63 to 58 over Husson and 80 to 62 over the alumni.

Kara is a 3rd year B.P.E. student from Perth Andover, NB.

Coach Claire Mitton was impressed with Kara's play and added, "Kara continues to dominate the inside game," and feels that, "her performance is a solid stepping stone for a good second half."