

SPORTS

Red Devils face Moncton this weekend

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The hockey Red Devils go for their 14th Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference win Saturday when they host University of Moncton Blue Eagles at the Aitken Centre. Game time is 2 p.m.

The Devils picked up two important victories at the Aitken Centre last weekend, blanking Mount Allison Mounties 7-0 and edging University of Prince Edward Island Panthers 5-4 in overtime. With a 13-3 league record and a 21-5 mark overall, UNB now holds a six-point advantage over UPEI and an eight-point margin over Moncton. The Blue Eagles, are just one game down in the loss column.

Terry Balcom's second goal of the game 23 seconds into the overtime period gave the Devils the victory over UPEI which scored three goals in the final four minutes to overcome a 4-1 deficit. Brian Thomson, Mike Kelly and Dave Mancuso had scored singletons for UNB, with Kevin Rochford holding down the fort in the UNB goal.

"We lost our composure a little bit near the end of the game," Devils' coach Don MacAdam said. "We allowed them to get good shots off in our zone, which we knew going into the game was their strong point. Kevin Rochford didn't have a chance on any of the three goals they scored at the end."

Forgetting about those three minutes, UNB supporters had to be happy with the effort expounded by the Red and White, with Balcom's line in particular drawing praise from MacAdam.

"Terry is an excellent hockey player," the coach said. "Sean Hastings is getting better and better every game out. And Brian Thomson is a solid performer, perhaps the fastest skater in the conference. The only problem in his game when he first got here was his defensive work, and he's

overcome that. The three of them make an excellent combination.

The contest against the Panthers was a rough one, with Mark Jeffrey, Scott Clements and Bill MacDonald all making a trip to the Chalmers. While Clements and MacDonald are expected to play Saturday, Jeffrey could be out for up to six weeks.

The contest against the Panthers also established Rochford as the premiere goaltender in the Conference, at least in the eyes of MacAdam. With his effort Saturday, few could dispute the fact.

"There was some doubt with people whether Kevin of Avelino Gomez of UPEI was the top goaltender in the Conference. I think everyone made up their minds Saturday."

Saturday's whitewash of Mount Allison gave Rochford the first UNB shutout of the season, with Bill MacDonald scoring two goals and adding one assist. Dave Bluteau, Balcom, Kurt Rugenius, Al Lewis and Jeffrey tallied singletons in that victory for UNB.

"Kurt (Rugenius) has been playing outstanding hockey for us," MacAdam said. "He's definitely been one of the reasons for our success this season."

In Moncton, the Devils are facing a team they have beaten three times already this year, twice in league play in Moncton and once in Quispamsis during preseason. MacAdam has great respect for the club that has annually walked away with the AUAA championship in the past, but also has great confidence in his club.

"Moncton has a good team, but like any other team they do have certain weaknesses that can be exploited. As in the other games we've played against them, we'll work on taking advantages of their weaknesses."

As for his own club, MacAdam sees one big difference between this edition of the Red Devils and the one that represented UNB a year ago.

"Intelligence," he said.

"This team is a lot smarter than the one we had a year ago. The players this year are using their heads and making the right plays."

Saturday's contest also marks the second "noise day" of the year, with the section of the Aitken Centre

making the most noise winning a prize from the Riverview Arms. For more information on how your group can take part, contact the athletics office at 453-4580.

Also on Saturday, the Riverview Arms is offering two meal specials before the game, to be followed by

a march-up to the Aitken Centre. Between 10:30 and 1:30 Saturday, the Arms is offering a Merv Burger, fries and two beverages for \$1.99 or a rib-eye steak and two beverages for \$2.99. A march-up to the Aitken Centre for the hockey game will begin at 1:30.

Red Bloomers destroy Acadia

80 points, Now that's a Blowout

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In case you haven't noticed, Coleen Dufresne, that's one heck of a basketball powerhouse you've got under your control. With the explosive offensive punch and overwhelming pressure defence, they continue to clean up here in the Atlantic Conference, as they gear for the National Championships in March.

And for all you basketball fans out there who possibly haven't heard the score from last weekend's euthanasia drive at the L.B. Gym, well here goes. Saturday the Bloomers defeated the Acadia Axettes 121-41 and on Sunday the score was only slightly more reasonable as they swamped the Dal Tigers 83-54, and the Tigers are supposed to be the Bloomers competition in the conference. If you still don't believe the scores, don't worry, you aren't alone, there are at least two teams that wish they hadn't heard of the word BLOOMERS.

In Saturday's massacre the Bloomers opened a big lead early and never looked back as they cruised to the easy win on a 24 point performance from rookie Janet Nichols while Sue McMaster, seeing her first game action in two weeks due to a sprained ankle, hooped 20. Three other Bloomers also recorded in double figures, as Bonnie McKenzie continued her scoring prowess with 16, Jennifer George hooped 14 and Jackie Mooney added a dozen.

Then on Sunday the Bloomers took to the court against their arch rival Dal Tigers. The score could have been even worse had it not been for a first half stretch where the Bloomers lapsed offensively, but they quickly turned things around to hold a 34-26 halftime lead enroute to the victory. The win moves the Bloomers to 7-0 as they attempt to match their perfect AUAA record for the second year in a row. The Tigers now stand in second place with a 5-2 mark.

Big Sue McMaster, who is probably the real key to the Bloomers success if there is one to be singled out on this power laden team, looked very impressive on the weekend as she hooped 28

in the Dal encounter after taking two weeks off nursing a sore foot.

"Our transition play from offense to defense was still a bit slow, the baskets they scored were mainly off fast breaks, so we have to work on that some more," said McMaster, "but when we get that going right, we should be able to shut them down completely."

This weekend the Bloomers take their 11 man wrecking crew on the road as they are in Halifax on Friday night to take on the Tigers in the return half of their home and home before travelling to Antigonish for their first encounter with the St. Francis Xavier X-ettes.

Athletes of the Week

The male athlete of the week is Wayne Wiggins, the Co-Captain of the UNB Black Bears. Wayne is 22, a fourth year forestry student from Toronto.

At the Mt. A. meet this weekend Wayne led the wrestling team to victory in the 11 team meet. Wayne defeating AUAA Champion in his weight class. This 12-7 victory gave the Bears the weight class and the team victory. Coach Leo McGee feels that Wayne was outstanding on his way to the Mt. A. title.

The female athlete of the week is Sue McMaster, of the Red Bloomers, a 2nd year Physical Education student from St. John, N.B.

She scored 50 points in two games and shot over 60% from the floor in both games. She had 14 rebounds and 6 steals. She was named the Waterloo Esso player of the Game in the Dal match-up.

Sue is maturing into a floor leader for the Bloomers and her consistency on the floor will be a major factor in the success of the Bloomers.