



(17) Captain Sid Veysey

This past AUSA Hockey Season was certainly exciting, to say the least. Our representatives, the UNB Red Devils carried our colours well and provided us with some excellent entertainment throughout the year. The Devils had their ups and downs, but when it was all over they had finished second in their division, and had made it to the second round of the playoffs.

After an fine exhibition season, the UNB squad started regular season play by winning their first three games with very little trouble. In late November the Devils hosted the NHL Oldstars at the Aitken Centre and the game turned out to be novel entertainment for those who attended.

By the time Christmas Break rolled around their regular season record stood at four wins and three losses. The Devils then departed for Europe where they played against teams in Holland, England and Scotland, showing well against all competition.

After the European tour, the play of the Devils seemed to falter a bit, but they were able to finish the season strongly and take second place in the MacAdam division. In their last five regular season games, the Devils had four wins plus an exciting 5-5 overtime tie with the Mount Allison Mounties. In the playoffs the Red Devils shutout the powerful Saint Marys Huskies and then were eliminated by the Moncton Blue Eagles, who went on to win the AUSA and the national championships. Highlighting this season was the play of Scott Brogan and Kevin Rochford in the nets for UNB. Brian Craig, Sid Veysey, Gary Agnew and Dave Bluteau each played some outstanding hockey this season with excellent efforts coming from Tony McLean and John Kinch. When asked for his thoughts on the season, Coach Don MacAdam replied, "for a young team I think we did very well this season. We did have some problems but the guys really came through and finished strongly. Taking all things into account, I would have to say that it was a very successful season and I'm more than pleased with the way things turned out."

PLAYERS LEAVING.

Next year's edition of the Red Devils will not include some of their top players from this year. The team will certainly miss the skating and scoring abilities of wingers, George Wood and Phil Handrahan, Brian Craig, the spark plug of the team will be lost, as well as Bob Toner, who has to be admired for his attitude and efforts towards the game of hockey here at UNB.



(1) Scott Brogan;(4) Dave Bluteau



(4) Assistant Captain Dave Bluteau (Defense)

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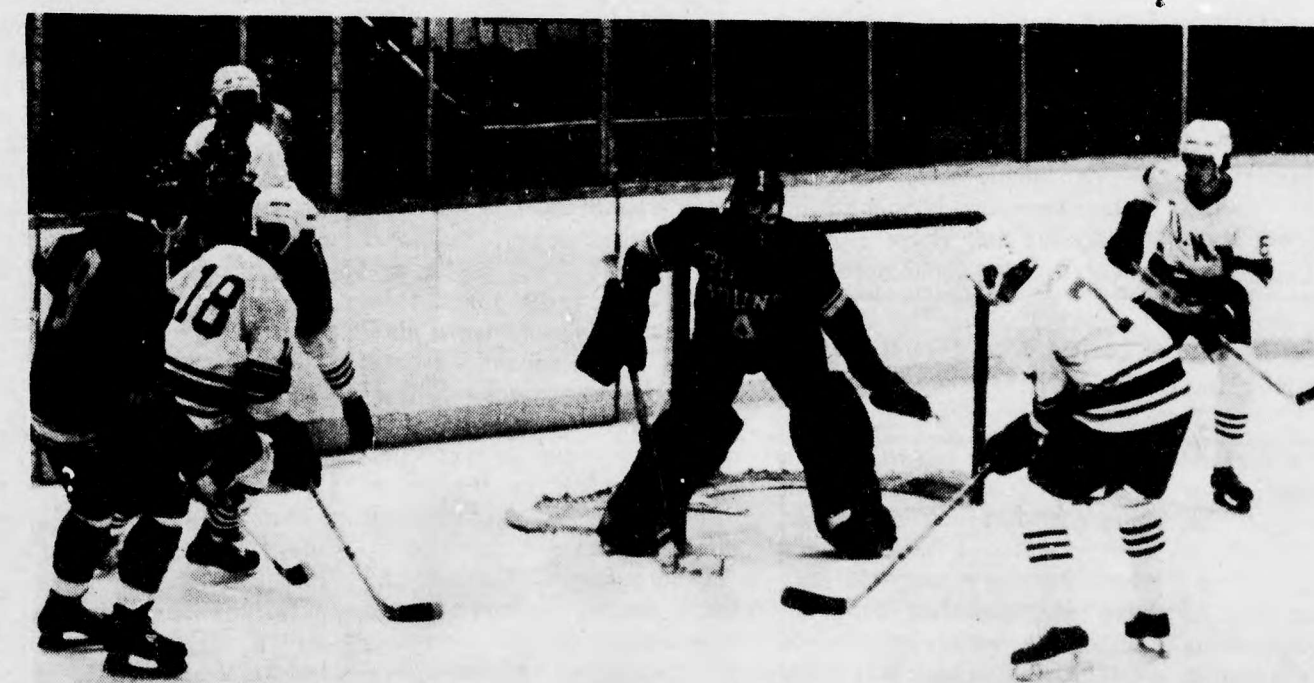
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Perhaps the biggest loss will be that of center Sid Veysey. Veysey can be described as the best hockey player to come to UNB in a long time, and he won't be easy to replace. All of the above players have to be thanked for their contribution made at UNB and they should be congratulated for their display of athletic ability and talent. Taking into account the loss of these five players, the Red Devils will have a big gap to fill next season. Goaltending is not problem with Rochford and Brogan tending the nets and none of the blueliners will be lost, so the big problem will be offense. Rookies like Jim Somers, Marcel Pineau and Allan Lewis will have to take over and try to fill the holes left by the likes of Veysey, Wood and Craig.

Coach MacAdam had these words to say about the team. "Coaching the Red Devils this year was a total pleasure. These guys gave me 100 per cent and all I can say is that they've made me proud to be their coach. I look forward to coaching them again next year."

The UNB Red Devils are a group of hardworking athletes who demand the best of themselves everytime they hit the ice. They provided us with some excellent hockey and they should be admired and praised for their accomplishments. Congratulations on a fine season and good luck in the future.



(18) John Kinch (RW); (7) Claude Grenier (Def); (8) Gary Agnew (LW).



Assistant Captain (14) Brian Craig (Centre)