

TOUGH LUCK SWAMP-RATS

Devils Enter Playoffs

by JOHN REYNOLDS

The stage was set and everything had fallen in as planned. The Mount A rink was full of overconfident rooters yelling abuse at the UNB Red Devils. Their 'weekly' paper the Argosy had their Mounties already in the playdowns. The fans booed Galen Parent because he's the meanie who hit our pig with his stick last year (suitable Mount A mascot). They booed Norm Bolitho because he set a football record in this past Fall's classic at Mount A. They booed 'Bomber' Andrea because the fans at UNB cheered for him. Yea, the Stage was set!

Before half of the first period was over Mount A scored. They cheered. (Fine and dandy). Four minutes later Henri Girard scored for UNB. (They looked at one another and shrugged so what?) The period ended in a 1-1 tie. They said, "Wait until we get rolling".

George Cloutier put the Devils ahead 2-1 at the 7.11 mark of the second stanza. (They weren't smiling). Netminder Ned Read staved off a breakaway by Ned Henderson, their idol. They said, "That goalie's not bad, maybe he's just lucky". Bomber Andrea carried the puck around his own goal and scooted the length of the ice to score while making the Mountie defence look sick. They said, "He looks like a pretty good player eh?" The period ended 3-2 for the Red Devils.

The third period opened with the Mounties determined to save face in front of their home fans. They slapped, shoved and pushed their way at Ned Read. The fans said, "You know, he's a damn good goaltender. Francis Hughes scored from Cloutier and George Oke. They said, "If those bums we got out there don't smarten up UNB might win". Minutes later Ed McLellan skated down the middle and dropped a pass back to Andrea. The 'Bomber' made no mistake. The fans said, "He's a DAMN good hockey player." Time ran out and the Devils won the game as planned, Mount A were hanging up their skates as planned, and UNB were going into the playoffs as planned.

You know who said, "You guys have the better team, we have a crew of overconfident bums who should have hung up the blades long ago, or better yet, never have put them on in the first place."

Yea, the Mount A fans aren't really that bad. They just have to be clued in once in a while. Why they even cheered Ned Read who came up with sensational stops time and time again, they gave 'Bomber' Andrea a beautiful gift for being the best player on the ice, they appreciated the fact that the Bob Soward-Norm Bolitho-Tom Jarret line put on the finest display of defensive hockey they had ever seen. As a matter of fact the only goals scored against the Devils came when the Mounties had the extra man and then they were screen shots from the blueline. To top it all off not one of the 'illustrious' Mountie forwards got any goals, the scoring all being done by their defencemen.

That's what they call two-way hockey and only a good team can play do it. Yea, a DAMN good team.

Moncton Too . . .

The next night in Moncton the Red Devils played the high flying Junior Beavers for the second time this year. The score was also 5-2 in favour of UNB with Ned Read again displaying his netminding ability. The scoring was well distributed with Tom Jarrett, Bob Bomber Andrea, Ed McLellan, George Oke and Francis Hughes picking up the tab.

The weekend wins for the Devils were only a stepping stone for future plans. This Wednesday night they play host to the St. Thomas Tommies who are in the last game of the Intercollegiate Schedule. The game will have no effect on league standing as UNB and St. Thomas have already won berths. The place and time of the playoffs have yet to be announced.



INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The second annual Invitational Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament will be held in the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium this weekend from Thursday through to Saturday February 25-27. This tournament will have the best basketball teams from the province and Maine making it an International meet.

Teams taking part will be Washington State Teachers' College, Ricker College, Aroostook State Teachers' College, Mount Allison University, and UNB Red Raiders. Thursday evening the Raiders meet W.S.T.C. at 8.30 pm in a tournament game which will also count in the Northeast College Conference standings because of a postponed game between these two teams a few weeks ago. At 7.00 pm Thursday the UNB Junior Varsity will play in a preliminary contest against Ricker College Junior Varsity. At 7.30 pm Friday Mount Allison University meets A.S.T.C. This game will be followed by a contest at 9.00 pm with Ricker College matched against the winner of the W.S.T.C.-UNB fixture. Saturday afternoon the winner of the two games Friday evening meet in the Championship final at 3.00 pm while the consolation final precedes this game at 1.30 pm.

Friday's Varsity Basketball Games

Last Friday evening at the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium the Red Raiders dropped their final Northeast College Conference fixture of the season to Aroostook State Teachers' College 56-45.

Captain Roy Miller of the Raiders topped all point getters in the contest with 16 points. He was closely followed by Ed Avery of the visitors who netted 15 points. Frank McHugh meshed 11 points.

Scoring Summary

A.S.T.C. — McDougall 11, Morrison 9, Burt 9, Avery 15, Faulkner 5, Storey, Bakin 7.

UNB — Miller 16, Rylander 4, Morgan, Baber 4, Browne, McHugh 11, Petrie 6, Hyndman 4, McCordick, Casey.

In the Red Bloomer preliminary the visiting Acadians dropped a 52-20 decision to the UNB Red Bloomers.

High scorer for the Bloomers were Dede Smith with 11, and Barb Barnes and Jo Ann Carr with 10 each.

Next outing for the girls will be at Mount A this Wednesday

Sports Car 'Rally'

Say "Sports Car" to the average non-sports-car enthusiast and his reaction is likely to be fuzzy. He may picture a racing car, Indianapolis Speedway style. He may visualize something vaguely highpowered and low-slung, possibly named Jaguar or Porsche. He may think you mean any open car — convertible, Phaeton, or whatever — which to him connotes country rather than city driving.

A Sports Car is one, open or closed, in whose design fast, precise steering, sure-footed and level cornering, powerful and dependable braking, light weight, and compactness take sharp precedence over passenger accommodations, comfort, economy of operation, or easy riding. For its engine size, a sports car delivers brisk performance, but it need not be powerful, by American-car standards.

The next meeting of the UNB Sports Car Club will take place in Jones House at 7.30, on Feb.

25. We hope to show a film on the Belgian Grand Prix and discuss the "rally" which will take place on Sat. Feb. 27.

maintain their unblemished record.

This is a perfect chance for you American car owners to prove to the sports car drivers that "Detroit Iron" is better than that foreign metal. All that is necessary to enter the "rally" is a car with four wheels and a steering wheel, and a keen interest.

The seventy mile course is already laid out to the north of the city. The winner will receive a cup to show his dexterity at the wheel. Departure time will be around noon from the gym. All those interested should make it a must to attend the club meeting when Dr. Laming, an experienced rally driver, will give a talk on "how to compete in a rally".

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