



Red Devils all but clinch AUAA title

The hockey Red Devils did their job last week and got some unexpected help from an outside source to inch even closer to the Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference Regular season championship.

UNB doubled Mount Allison Mounties 6-3 at the Aitken Centre last Sunday and clipped St. Thomas

Tommies 6-1 Tuesday to improve their conference record to 16-4. Meanwhile, Acadia Axemen scored a 7-4 upset over defending champion Moncton Blue Eagles, dropping the Eagles

to 13-5. UPEI Panthers are 14-5.

The Devils have four games remaining before the

playoffs, with a game tonight in Halifax against Dalhousie Tigrs and one Saturday in Antigonish against St. Francis Xavier X-men. The Devils return to the Aitken Centre Feb. 17 against Acadia and Feb. 18 against the Panthers.

As the standings are now, the Devils can still lose

even if Moncton or UPEI win all their remaining games. Those two teams also have two games left with each other. A first-

place finish brings with it the home ice advantage in the playoffs.

Mark Welton fired two goals for the Devils against

Mt. Allison, with Brian Thomson, Steve Adams, Scott Clements and Mike Kelly adding singletons. UNB outshot the Mounties 47-22.

Against St. Thomas, Ed Trail scored his first two goals of the season, with Kelly, Adams, Clements and Sean Hastings notching singletons.

Bears win big over weekend

The UNB Black Bears wrestling team travelled to Antigonish last weekend to compete in the St. Francis Xavier Open. Teams competing were UNB, Mt. Allison, Memorial University, University of Maine -Presque Isle, Acadia, St. FX and also there were a few independent wrestlers.

The Black Bears won the St. FX Open, their second big open tournament win of the year, with a total of 26 points compared to the 23 for runner-up Memorial University. Mount Allison finished third with 21 points. The Black Bears won the tournament with only 9 of 12 weight classes filled because of injuries to Wayne Wiggins, Gary Wilson, and Brian Bessey.

The team was led by the gold medal performances of Ron Richard (76 kg), Troy Shanks (72 kg) and Dwayne Wakerell (61 kg). Richard six bouts on the way to his gold medal. He won despite having to sit in the sauna for an hour because he was 4 lbs over. Shanks had no trouble making it to his final with three first round pins. Troy then put in a great effort in winning his final 4-4 by scoring the last point of the bout. Wakerell also won three bouts with pins to make the final where he decisively won his opponent 10-2.

David Bessey (80 kg) and Ray Ny (51 kg) won silver medals. Bessey was not his usual as he lost his final 9-8. Ny fought a good match but lost a decision in the final of his weight class.

Murray Reid wrestled an excellent tournament to finish third. A questionable call took a silver medal away from him. Mike Sharpe also finished third losing two close decisions to the gold and silver medalists.

Colin Codogan came up

wrestled very tough, like a real Black Bear, in winning

big to beat who he had to, his opponent from Memorial University. Codogan did it with a second round pin giving himself fourth place and sending his Memorial opponent tumbling to fifth. Mike Hopper and Terry Lawrence both at 57 kg fought well but did not manage to win a bout in a tough weight class.

Track and Field

The 1984 AUAA Indoor track and field Championships are once again just around the corner. On February 17th and 18th (Friday evening and Saturday), the Moncton CEPS Indoor Field House will be the site of two intense days of competition in track events ranging from 60 m to 5000m, and in field events. Winners at this meet not only get first place but win a trip to Sherbrooke (Canada) to compete in the prestigious CIAU Indoor Track and Field Championships.

The Bears will be in action tomorrow at the West Gym when they host the UNB Open. There will be teams from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec com-

peting. A big turnout would be greatly appreciated. This will be the final meet before the AUAA's which take place next weekend in Antigonish.