

# Devils go 1-1 over weekend

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The winning streak may have been broken, but the hockey Red Devils are still confident an AUAA Championship is within their grasp. Two good efforts at the Aitken Centre tonight and Saturday would bring that goal even closer to reality.

UNB started off this season with a perfect 6-0 preseason record, then dropped its first two regular season contests before reeling off 11 consecutive victories. That streak came to an end Saturday in Halifax when the Saint Mary's Huskies used their small rink to its fullest advantage, upsetting the Devils 9-3.

Tonight, the Devils entertain Mount Allison Mounties at 7:30 at the Aitken Centre, with all those attending the game receiving a poster of the 1983-84 Red Devils. Saturday at 1 p.m., second-place University of Prince Edward Island Panthers invade the Aitken Centre. The Panthers trail UNB by just four points.

"We've beaten both of those teams in their own buildings, so common sense would tell you we should be able to beat them at the Aitken Centre," MacAdam said. "The Aitken Centre has a larger ice surface than either of their rinks, so that should work to our advantage; we have a team that likes to skate."

MacAdam is not taking UPEI lightly, however. "They have a number of talented players; they have an excellent goaltender. It should be a very good hockey game."

MacAdam said a degree of benefit was derived from

the SMU loss. "It brought us back to reality on certain things," he said. "For example, we had three breakaways and completely missed the net on all three. That's hardly the type of thing that a first-place hockey team should be doing."

A problem all year for the Devils has been the powerplay. As MacAdam said, the personnel is there for it to be a successful weapon. The problem, now, is a lack of confidence.

"We've had such poor luck with it that the players aren't sticking to the system," he said. "It's getting everyone frustrated."

The Nova Scotia swing was not entirely unsuccessful for the Devils, however, thanks to an overtime goal by Steve Adams Friday night against Dalhousie Tigers. The marker gave UNB a 5-4 victory, with Mark Welton, Mike Kelly, Mark Jeffrey and Dave Bluteau also notching singletons for UNB.

Saturday's contest against the Huskies was a rough one all around for UNB, with Jamie Frizzell having his problems in goal and the rest of the team doing little to compensate.

"Along with being weak in goal against SMU, our offense was extremely weak," MacAdam said. "But it's just something that happens once in a while. Better now than in the playoffs."

Al Lewis, Paul Murphy and Terry Balcom tallied for UNB Saturday.

Nine of UNB's first 14 league games were played on the road, leaving the

Devils with a big home-ice advantage, seven are at the Aitken Centre, one is down the hill at the Lady Beavercreek Rink against St. Thomas Tommies and two

are in Nova Scotia, with the Devils visiting Dalhousie and St. Francis Xavier.

The two games this weekend mark the first time in a while the Devils face a serious challenge to their

first-place standing. MacAdam is hoping the players approach it in the right frame of mind.

"I would like to think the players will look forward to it as a challenge," he said.

"It's a chance for us to secure our lock on first-place. UPEI is one of the teams we have to beat this year."

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