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UNB hosts Acadia Saturday

Devils' potential looks good in weekend split

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Len Hercun and Pat Morrisette were the offensive leaders of the UNB Red Devils this past weekend when they travelled to Halifax to meet the defending champion St. Mary's Huskies and the Dalhousie Tigers.

Hercun scored a goal in each of the two contests, including the game winner against Dal and Morrisette picked up three assists in the weekend action.

Saturday UNB lost to SMU by an 8-2 score, which is not an accurate indication of the calibre of play. Sunday they put forth a superb effort to haul out a 4-3 win over the Tigers.

Charlie Miles recorded the other UNB goal against St. Mary's, in addition to Hercun's goal.

Scoring for SMU were Allan MacRae with two and singletons coming off the sticks of Greg Sanford, Doug Chase, Dave Nowlan, Scott Grady, Bob Dugan and Dean Hartwell.

St. Mary's jumped into an early 2-0 lead when Sanford and Chase took advantage of what UNB coach Bill MacGillivray termed "the boys being rattled."

However, UNB's Miles and Morrisette combined to take advantage of a delay penalty to SMU's defenseman Scott Grady. Goaltender John McLean came off in favour of the extra attacker and Miles converted a Morrisette pass into the Devils first goal, making the score 2-1 at the end of the first frame.

Huskies Nowlan and Grady made it 4-1 going into the third period after UNB failed to put the puck passed SMU's Craig Haskins in goal in the second period.

Finding it difficult to contain the stronger, offensively minded Huskies, the Red Devils netminder John McLean was bombarded with MacRae's pair of tallies and Dugan's marker before Hercun scooped up a rebound from a Red Devils captain Doug MacDonald shot on goal and backhanded it into the far corner of the net past a sprawling Haskins to make the score 7-2.

Dean Hartwell finished the scoring for SMU as both McLean and a tiring, shell-shocked UNB team grimly hung on in the dying minutes of the game.

With barely time to recover from the effort of keeping up with the fast, powerful Huskies, UNB was on the ice to meet the Tigers in a penalty filled contest with officiating in a style reminiscent of what the Red Devils and other teams in Fredericton were subjected to last year with the New Brunswick Amateur Hockey Association, Referees Division.

MacGillivray felt much of the roughness of the game came as a result of the poor officiating.

"The officiating was inconsistent," the UNB pilot commented following the contest. "In some places they were calling the game too tightly and in other places they were too loose. There was a lot of action after the whistle that they let go."

Mike Barry, Glenn Fisher, Don Kinsman and Len Hercun were the goal-getters for UNB against a persistently tough Dal team.

The Tigers offense was sparked by a pair of goals from Rick Roemer and Tom Mann's single tally.

Several donneybrooks developed in the first period which led to the ejection of two UNB players, and overall it was a poorly controlled

contest with Dal picking up 35 minutes in penalties and UNB players were to see 54 minutes in the 'sin bin'.

UNB's Dave Neill and Gerry Kelly were both sent to the dressing room in the first frame after being involved in scuffles with the Tigers players. Neill was reputed to have pulled the hair of an opposing Dalhousie team member.

It was Mike Barry at 2:48 of the first period who opened the scoring as he tucked away the puck after John Hawkes carried the play into the Dal zone and fired a shot at netminder Jim Palmer.

Glenn Fisher gave UNB a 2-0 lead when he took a pass from Pat Morrisette and blasted an unbelievably hard shot at Palmer. The Tigers puckstopper made the initial save but lost the puck off his glove on the stick side and it ended up in the net.

Phil Jones, a first year goalie playing in his first-ever intercollegiate level hockey game, was more than equal to the task of fending off the Tiger attack until Rick Roemer scored his first goal at 19:12 of the first period.

Don Kinsman combined with Barry and Morrisette for the only goal of the second period, at 8:53. Tom Mann narrowed the margin to one goal about half way through the final frame before Roemer scored his second tally of the game at 16:32 to tie the contest.

It was a fast tiring Red Devils squad which fended off the steadily growing Dalhousie offense as they gunned for a win in front of hometown fans, but with 2:57 remaining to play Len Hercun scored the unassisted winner on a beauty of a goal with a rising wrist shot from about 30 feet out.

Using Doug MacDonald as a decoy, Hercun made the two-one rush down the ice then lofted the puck into the net.

MacGillivray was pleased with his team's efforts over the weekend against both teams but in particular their ability to come back and win against Dalhousie.

"Overall it was a team effort," he said of the victory. "They showed they could bounce back and pull it out for the win."

As was said before, the 8-2 loss was not indicative of the play against the Huskies. Such factors as poor ice conditions, a smaller ice surface and the psychological factor of trying to prevent the St. Mary's team, who had in pre-season action scored an average of 16 goals a game, from continuing that trend.

Although the local Halifax newspaper had dubbed MacGillivray's Red Devils easy prey for both SMU and Dal, UNB proved to be anything but easy.

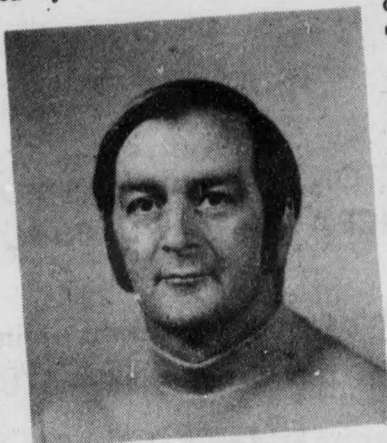
Barring the fact that their performance needs no explanations or excuses, it should be mentioned that the Red Devils were playing with two makeshift lines as they were without the services of Brent Hallett out with a shoulder injury, Mark Rickard, who was under suspension by the AUA and Bill Loughery and Gary Brown, who were both ill and unable to make the trip.

Mike Barry and Charlie Bird, who usually play with Hallett, had new linemates in the persons of Don Kinsman and Glenn Fisher. Fisher also played on a line with Pat Murray and Bruce Dumville, alternating with Jim Matheson.

The difference could be seen

when the Devils took to the ice Sunday and immediately took advantage of the larger ice surface to launch their skating offense.

The penalty killing units employed by the UNB coaching staff



Coach
Bill MacGillivray

proved to be effective, versatile and flexible, fortunately for the Red Devils, because they had to play a large portion of the game a man or two short.

It was also evident that UNB was putting a man in front of the net and having him hang in there despite the physical pounding he took. As well, the defensemen were getting their shots on the net, which is something they were not doing in the Saturday game against SMU.

UNB played their style of play, controlling the puck out of their end and passing into the offensive zone.

Several rookies to the Devils were most impressive in their individual styles of play and the

Sports comment

Best vs Gange

Delays, delays. Gange and Best are at it again.

The long awaited for match between the two steel heads has been set back again. Last weekend, Best had been injured but he recovered quickly with some help from five nurses and some chemicals from the Toole shed. The five nurses have not been heard from since.

Best was psyched up for the fight when Gange travelled to Halifax to broadcast the Huskies-Devils game. Well anyway, Best heard the broadcast and had to be revived by five more nurses and some chemicals from the Arms.

Upon resuscitation, he could not be contained and phoned some Italian friends (from Sicily) in Halifax and had a contract put out on Gange's mouth.

Gange is now convalescing at the Hilltop Hospital drinking nourishing steaks and onion rings. He signalled across the tube to this writer that "If skill won't wipe him out, onions will. When we (Gange and his partner, Mad Dog Martello), get through with him, he'll be right out of 'er."

When Best and Thing (Best's partner) were told about Ganges comment in an interview at the Derby, Thing replied (yes, folks he speaks) "Uhh, da bum stinks anyways."

Martello could not be reached for a comment (thank God) this week but now that his office (social club) hours are known he will be contacted.

The five nurses are still missing, at the Arms.

See ya next week.

way in which they fit into the team's overall style.

Pat Murray, who did not see action Saturday against St. Mary's was used against Dalhousie and displayed a lot of hustle and came up with a number of scoring opportunities he was unable to capitalize on.

Mike Hawkes is another rookie who has a strong fluid skating style enabling him to cover a lot of ice with a minimum of effort. However, MacGillivray pointed out that the junior Hawkes didn't manage to get untracked in the weekend action. Still, his size and obvious abilities should contribute well to the Devils defense.

Charlie Bird, another UNB rookie, Hustles in a style reminiscent of Allan Archibald, a Devils stalwart of past years. Bird plays with a consistency uncommon in rookies at the intercolleg-

iate level and despite taking quite a bruising in the contests, stood up to heavier, stronger opponents.

Phil Jones is the rookie netminder this year on the UNB team and played in his first ever intercollegiate game. It turned out to be quite the cliff hanger for the previously Midget AA goalie from the Quebec system. However, Jones feels "I can take anything after that."

In other league action this past weekend, the Memorial Beothuks split their games with Acadia Axemen, losing Saturday 8-5 and registering a 6-4 victory in overtime. St. Francis Xavier dumped the Moncton Blue Eagles 6-2 in the other league confrontation.

This Saturday night the Red Devils will play host to the visiting Acadia Axemen. Game time has been set for 7:00 p.m.

University of New Brunswick Red Devils 1975-76 Varsity Hockey Schedule

Nov. 15	Acadia at UNB	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	UNB at U de M	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 22	UNB at Mt. A	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	St. F.X. at UNB	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 7	UNB at UPEI	2:00 p.m.
Jan. 17	UPEI at UNB	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 23	Mt. A at UNB	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	UNB at Acadia	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	UNB at St. F.X.	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	SMU at UNB	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 13	Dal at UNB	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	UNB at MUN	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	UNB at MUN	2:00 p.m.

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