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The NHL has entered its second half of the season and it looks like teams are beginning to tune up for the all important "second season" or otherwise known as the playoffs. The Calgary Flames looked like their normal selves on Monday night when they battled the Canadiens to a draw in Montreal something many teams have struggled to do this year, especially in Montreal. The Flames, who haven't had a great year so far, are probably a good bet to win the Smythe Division. They have too much talent and have been exposed to winning too many times just to give up and die.

Speaking of the Flames, its been about 10 years since they moved from Atlanta to Calgary and we've always wondered why they stuck with the nickname "Flames". Besides being irrelevant to Calgary (Atlanta at one time burned to the ground), the crest on their sweaters looks quite dumb to be honest.

Well, goaltender Manon Rheaume who plays for Trois Rivieres of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League has raised not only eyebrows in the hockey world but elsewhere as well. It seems Playboy magazine was interested in having Rheaume pose in some upcoming issue. She declined the \$75,000 offer.

When you think of longevity in sports the first name most people would think of is probably Gordie Howe. He started playing hockey when - 1850? It must be something in the Howe genes because Gordie's son Mark is still toiling in the NHL after 18 professional seasons. He has been plagued with injuries of late but with two more teams joining the NHL schedule in September it is probably safe to say this young Howe (mark is 37) could have another five years or more to earn major league dollars. Wouldn't it be great to finish a long career in the sunny skies of Tampa?

For those who enjoy watching the NHL you've probably been watching a lot of TSN over the past week. This is good TSN's Gary Green is the most annoying color man to ever hit national television. Somebody in the TSN head office obviously enjoys throwing away money. If you caught Team Canada vs. Toronto Tuesday night and if you could stand it, you will definitely have to agree. Did you know that next week on TSN Greener is actually going to kiss Eric Lindros feet. It was so annoying to hear his bull every time Lindros stepped on the ice. Ar one point he was saying that one of the Leaf's players Todd Gill must be honored to have the opportunity to play against the great Eric Lindros. Greener give your head a shake.

Eric Lindros is a good player, but the praise has to be controlled. Bring back Howie Meeker, he's perfect.

You probably haven't seen posters or advertisements for the Red Devils game on the weekend but it's one game I wouldn't miss. STU is a much improved team since X-mas with the additions of Kevin Inch and Jeff Grant, a former Windsor Spitfire forward and son of former NHL great Danny Grant. Leadership and experience has also seen its way to the STU hockey team, in acquiring Charlie Cameron. Game time on Saturday is 3pm at the L.B.R., get there early if you want a seat.

FIVE TEAMS WE WOULD RATHER WATCH IN THE SUPER-BOWL INSTEAD OF THE BUFFALO BORING BILLS:

- 1. Minnesota State Screaming Eagles
- 2. Notre Dame Fighting Irish
- 3. Montreal Alouettes
- 4. UNB Red Bombers
- 5. Pay's Platts Pelicans

TRIVIA: Where were the Olympic Winter Games being held when Kathy Kreiner won a gold medal for Canada?

LAST WEEK"S ANSWER: NBA Rookie of the year last year - Derrick Coleman.



## **UNB-STU** battle heats up

by Frank Denis

The battle for campus supremacy resumes tomorrow afternoon when the UNB Red Devils take on the STU Tommies in AUAA hockey action. The game is set for a 3 pm start at the Lady Beaverbrook Rink.

The Red Devils who are in first place in their division with an 11-5 record following Wednesday's victory over the Mount Allison Mounties, are looking to get some breathing room between themselves and second place UPEI.

The Tommies on the other

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MTA 8

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Volleyball (M)

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Volleyball (W)

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Basketball (M)

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hand are battling for a playoff spot and are in 3rd place with a 6 and 9 record.

The Red Devils have defeated STU twice already this season by scores of 6-4 and 8-4. In both games, however, the Tommies have built up early 2-0 leads only to have the Red Devils come back.

After tomorrows game the two teams will face off against each other on Wednesday of next week. This time UNB will have to home ice advantage in the fourth and final game of the season between the two teams.



UNB goaltender Chris Somers made 30 saves on Wednesday to record his 11th win of the season

Jamie Colvin; two goals on Wednesday

On Wednesday in Sackville the Red Devils defeated the Mounties by a score of 6-4.

Leading the way for UNB were Forbie Macpherson and Jamie Colvin each with a pair of goals. Also scoring for UNB were Derek Scanlan and Rob Knesaurek.

Accounting for the four Mt. Allison goals were Mike Mullaly, Chuck Loreto, Don Lane and Troy Reid.

Chris Somers faced 34 shots in the UNB goal to record the win.

The win gave the Red Devils sole possession of first place one point ahead of the UPEI Panthers.

## Raiders cont'd

in a running feud with Reggie Oblitely (the Bill Lambeer for Acadia). UNB outscored Acadia 21 to 20 from the charity stripe (see Dick Vitale). UNB also had a shooting percentage similar to that of Acadia (46% to 51%). One may ask, well how did Acadia score so many points and UNB so few. The answer is quite simple, Acadia took 65 shots to UNB's 41.

While these comments may seem quite critical, the Raiders woes may be fixed quite easily. The implementation of several set plays would help free UNB shooters and thus improve offensive production. As fatigue played a major role in UNB's loss to Acadia, better conditioning drills could

be run to help the players. Timely substitutions would also help to keep the game uptempo, the way UNB likes it.

A special note to those people who attended the Raiders games this past weekend. It was great to see so much fan support and hopefully this level of enthusiasm will continue throughout the year. To those residences who showed up after the Bloomers game on Sunday; you deserve a good kick in the butt. If I remember correctly there was a Varsity Mania event scheduled at 1:00 pm and the girls could really have used your support.

Next Week: a Nova Scotia Recap.

