

Mounties Tie Devils

by R. SIMMS

After the 4-4 tie with Mount A on Saturday, Coach Kelly of the Red Devils had the following comment: "Mount A were really "up" for the game. I was very pleased with the way we played. It was the most impressive performance of the year and the team is starting to move."

All teams seem to be up for their games with the Devils. Mount A, like St. Thomas and St. Dunstan's proved to be no exception.

The first period was scrappy with heavy checking. LeBlanc gave UNB a 1-0 lead at the 10:45 mark only to have Vellan of Mount A tie the score less than a minute later (11:17).

The play began to open up at this point but both teams seemed ineffective at taking advantage of good scoring opportunities. This pace continued through the second period with Garnet Stairs scoring the only marker. He stuffed the puck between the Mount A goalie's legs with only 32 seconds remaining in the period.

It looked as if UNB might pull away when Belliveau scored in the opening minutes of the third period to make it 3-1. But Mount A fought back again to score just a minute later on a goal by MacLearnon. UNB and Mount A traded the third period with Leach scoring for UNB and Doyle for

Mount A — making it 4-3. The climax came when MacLearnon scored his second goal of the game to tie it up with only 4 minutes remaining in regulation play.

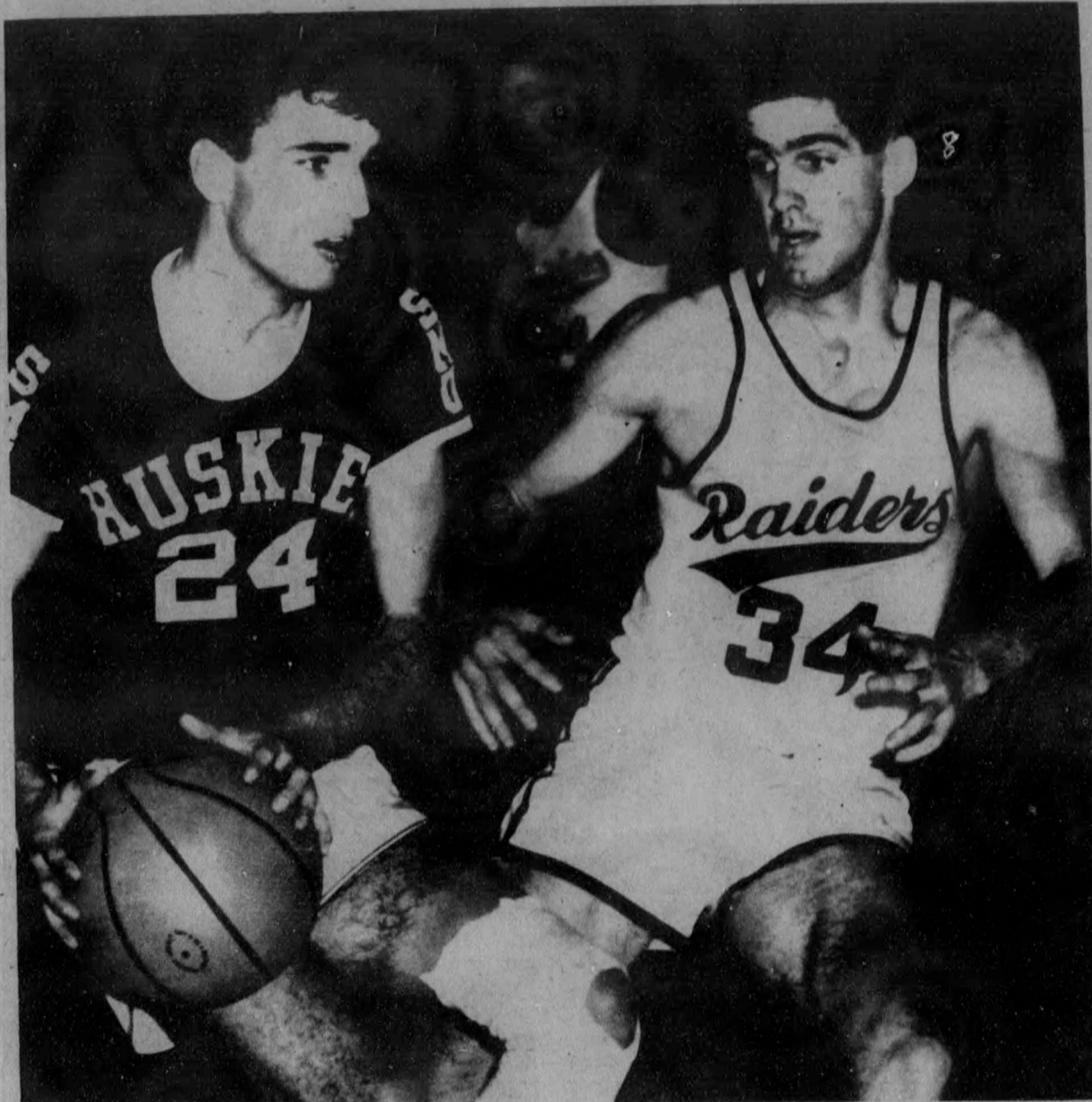
In an exciting 10-minute overtime period, both teams missed good opportunities to score — Darrell LeBlanc hitting the goal post at one point. In the third and overtime periods, Wrigley and Drover were outstanding defensively.

Summary: UNB 4; Mount A 4.

1st Period:
UNB — LeBlanc (Morrell, Naylor), 10:45; Mt. A. — Vellan (MacLearnon, Atridge), 11:17.

2nd Period:
UNB — Stairs (McCluskey, Winslow), 19:28.

3rd Period:
UNB — Belliveau (Madill), 2:42; Mt. A. — MacLearnon (Doyle, Atridge), 3:43; UNB — Leach (LeBlanc, Naylor), 7:45; Mt. A. — Doyle (Mills, Marshall), 8:45; Mt. A. — MacLearnon (Dillon, Marshall), 15:58.



Redden and Dougherty shuffle for position in St. Mary's-

Raiders game. St. Mary's held off last half surge to win 74-72.

St. Mary's Edges Raiders

by ANDY GORMAN

Two of the best teams in our Conference met two different fates in Fredericton last weekend. Acadia coasted to an easy victory over the young Raider squad but St. Mary's had to fight for their lives to survive a fantastic second half surge to eke out a two point victory.

The powerful Acadia Axemen, the top team in the MIAA Conference, waltzed into the Lady Beaverbrook Gym Friday night and whipped the Raiders 61-36. The Raiders played the first half in a zone defense; this was the first time that they have employed the zone this season and it proved highly successful against the sharp shooting Axemen. Acadia led 24-15 at the half.

When the Raiders went in to their man to man defense the Acadia quintet picked them apart. With the rugged rebounding of 6'4" Andy Kravack and the feathery jump shots of Konchalski and Rode the Axemen had things pretty

much their own way. Lanky Dan Patterson led Raider scorers with 10 points.

On Saturday the Raiders almost came up with the upset of the year and for a time startled the St. Mary's Huskies. In a free-wheeling con-

test, the Huskies had trouble getting their fast break going and found themselves in early foul trouble. The score at the half was 44-33 for St. Mary's. A brilliant drive by UNB took them to a 47-46 lead early in the second half, and they once held an 8 point bulge. The teams traded buckets freely and only a desperate 3-1-1 zone press by the Huskies enabled them to post a 74-72 victory. The Huskies were hampered by an injury to starry guard Buzzy McHale and their big man, Ed Brant, fouled out early. Bobby Piers and Gary Crandlemire sparkled for UNB, especially in the second half.

UNB — Patterson 16, Cotter 9, MacAleenan 8, Piers 14, Redden 12, Crandlemire 13, Oliver, Ewart, Simms, Purvis.

St. Mary's — Russell 7, Daniels 24, Brant 11, Dougherty 12, MacCarthy 8, Cowally 9, MacHale 3, J. Dougherty, Hickey, Morrison, Lucier, Murray.

The Raiders play host to Mt. A. in the Carnival game at 4:00 on Feb. 4th. Then they journey to Newfoundland for two exhibition encounters with the Memorial University Beothuks.

Rally a Success

The Sports Car Club held a rally last Sunday that took 22 drivers and navigators on a course around Grand Lake, about a 200 mile trip through Minto, Chipman and back to Fredericton by way of back-roads.

There were cars entered from Saint John and Moncton. Among them were the winners of Maritime Lobster Rally, a big sports car rally held every summer. The weather was perfect for the rally and there was only one minor accident, so on the whole the event was a big success and was enjoyed by everyone.

Tommies Edged

Jeff Leach scored with 35 seconds remaining in the game to salvage a 5-4 win over a hustling St. Thomas team last Wednesday night. It was a heartbreaker for the St. Thomas team who carried a 3-2 lead into the final period and had the game dealocked at 4-4 until Leach's winning goal.

McCluskey, Roly Belliveau, Bob Naylor and Martin Winslow picked up the other UNB

counters. Winslow's third period marker tied the game at 3-3.

Bob Monteith scoring in the first period to tie the issue 1-1, got two counters. His second gave the Tommies a 3-2 lead in the second period. Ed Lester, who gave the Tommies a 2-1 lead in the first period and Paul Ouellette who tied it 4-4 in the third were the other Tommies marksmen.

The SCRUTINEER

"What's wrong with the University of New Brunswick Red Devils?" That's the question foremost in the minds of followers of the Red and Black. Certainly they have had more than their share of injuries and have suffered the loss of two top performers in the likes of Dave Peterson and Austin Duquette but that cannot be accepted as an excuse.

The Red Devils have 11 players back from last year's championship team and in addition have picked up one outstanding newcomer in Charlie McCluskey and a pair of returnees from two years ago in Al Furlong and Jeff Leach. Yet in their last three Maritime Intercollegiate Conference games they have managed a win, a loss and a tie. While they are still in the running for the championship, such lackadaisical performances will have them out of contention before two weeks of February are past.

Could it be that this year's edition of the Red Devils are not able to play under pressure? Last season they were not top-ranked but came up with the big wins all season long after a slow start and with many new faces on the roster. Big things were not expected of them so UNB played up to their potential and put this school on the hockey map

in the process with their showing in the Canadian Championships in Kingston.

This season, most observers felt that the Red Devils would take the MHL title in a walk and rightly so. They were ranked among the top intercollegiate teams in the nation in pre-season ratings and gained top-seed in the Dalhousie Invitational Hockey Tournament in January. They have failed to live up to either of those ratings.

XAVIER FAVORED

St. Francis Xavier University X-Men have now been installed as favorites for the Maritime title with St. Dunstan's Saints as their prime threats and statistics prove this assumption correct.

Both teams are undefeated in league play and SDU have already knocked off UNB in their first meeting in Charlottetown. The X-Men have gained national recognition with their surprisingly easy 4-1 win over the Toronto Marlboros, the top team in the Junior "A" circuit and the defending Memorial Cup champions.

To count out the Devils yet would not be fair to them but it could be right. There must certainly be an immediate change forthcoming and some consistent play. They have their first chance to redeem themselves nationally when they host Loyola College Warriors Saturday in the Winter Carnival game. Loyola were the champions in the Dalhousie Tournament last month. It's down to a now-or-never situation now with only upset defeats to St. F. X. or SDU able to put the Devils back at the top of the Maritime College hockey scene.

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