

Notes from Viking Cup '92

by Frank Denis

After arriving at 3:30 pm Edmonton time on December 28th, the Red Devils made the one hour trip to Camrose on a chartered bus. They held their first practice that same night at 9 pm local time (midnight in Fredericton) for those who left Fredericton at 8:30 am it made for a very long day.

The Red Devils were joined in Toronto airport by the Boston Bruins who were on their way to Winnipeg following an 8-1 loss to the Sabres in Buffalo the night before.

You've all heard that a hockey card is worth more if it is personally autographed; while the same is true for Viking Cup posters. For an unsigned poster advertising the tournament it cost a dollar. For the same poster signed by all the Red Devils the cost was 10 dollars.

Several players who have played in the Viking Cup have gone on to play in the NHL. Most notable are James Patrick (Rangers), Dave Tippett (Hartford), Petr Klima (Edmonton), Greg Paslawski (Sabres) and Bobby Holik (Hartford). Says Klima "The 1982 Viking Cup is the best tournament I've ever played in."

Duane Sutter who played several years in the NHL scouted the tournament for the Chicago Blackhawks. The Blackhawks have two players on their roster who participated in the Viking Cup. They include goaltender Dominic Hasek and defenceman Frantisek Kucera.

Not making the trip out west for UNB were forward Jason Lessif and defenceman Rob Boldon. Lessif reportedly injured his knee over the holidays and Boldon was still suffering from mono which has kept him out of the lineup since early December. To replace Boldon, the Red Devils had Jason Butler who plays for the Fredericton entry of the junior league made the trip.

Captain Murray Nystrom was deemed ineligible to play in the tournament because of the 24-year-old age limit imposed at the tournament. Nystrom practiced with the team and served in a coaching capacity during the games.

All of the players competing were billeted by families in the Camrose area.

All of the tournament games were broadcast on a local cable television station. Previewing the upcoming UNB-Camrose game, the announcer said "Camrose will have a tough time against UNB. The Red Devils play in the tough Eastern division of the CIAU against teams like McGill." He was right when he said Camrose would have a tough time because UNB whipped them 10-2 but wrong on the latter point.

Strange but true: In their final two games of the tournament, the Red Devils had only one power play opportunity. That power play ironically occurred in overtime in the semi final victory over NAIT.

Viking Cup tournament all-stars: Forwards: Trevor Boland (UNB), Alexi Lozhkin (USSR), Greg Geldart (NAIT). Defence Mike Cavanagh (UNB), Libor Prochazka (CRSR). Goalie Chris Somers (UNB). Tournament MVP honors went to Sergey Brylin of the USSR.

On Sunday morning the team travelled for a little "rest" and relaxation to Banff. They spent Monday skiing at Sunshine Village. Conditions were ideal. Seven inches of fresh powder, -8 degree temperature and no lift lines made for a great day. Shortly after skiing, the bus went to Calgary for the all night flight home.

The wipeout of the ski day award goes to Derek Scanlan who fell and then slid back first into a tree. Scanlan came away from it with a torn jacket and a nasty looking scar on his lower back.

Red Devil forward Scott Winchester had to be helped from the ice in the early going of Saturday's final against the Soviets. He suffered a serious leg injury as the result of turning his leg in a rut while checking a Soviet. The injury might require surgery. Up until then Winchester was having a good tournament by notching two assists.

Game by game of Viking Cup

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UNB 10 Augustana 2

Camrose Albt. UNB opened the Viking Cup Tournament on New Year's Eve by scoring a decisive 10-2 victory over the host Augustana University College Vikings from Camrose.

Forbe MacPherson led the Red Devils with 2 goals and 2 assists to capture the player of the game award for UNB.

UNB led 4-0 after the first period on goals by Joey MacTamney, Jamie Colvin and MacPherson with a pair. The four goals came on the Red Devils first four shots of the game.

Ed Borque brought the Vikings as close as they would come with his goal early in the second period.

The Red Devils got second period goals by Trevor Boland with a pair and singles by Ken Murchison, Gord Christian, Derek Scanlan to lead 9-1 after 40 minutes.

Christian scored his second midway through the third to close out the scoring for UNB. Andre Legace beat UNB goaltender Greg Reid from close in with only 4 seconds remaining to make the final 10-2.

For goaltender Reid, it was his first start of the season in the UNB net. Red Devil coach Mike Johnston, who has played Chris Somers all season long explained his decision to use Reid following the game. "Reid has to get into some games so we know what he can do and he gains confidence. I had it in mind to start him on a few occasions last term but I just switched for one reason or another."

UNB 4 Czech 2

Camrose Albt. The Red Devils ended the round robin portion of their division by defeating the Czechoslovakia Junior Selects on New Year's Day 4-2.

The win left UNB with a perfect 2-0 record ahead of the 1-1 Czechs and the 0-2 Augustana Vikings.

For all of the Red Devils it was their first game against international competition and coach Mike Johnston was satisfied with how his team played. "We had to adapt because the guys weren't used to playing that style of hockey."

That style of hockey includes lots of stick work and skaters with agility and speed. While UNB was physically stronger they had to concentrate on the Czech's free wheeling style.

Trailing 2-0 early in the second period, the Red Devils started their comeback on a shorthanded goal by Ken Murchison. They tied the game on eventual player of the game Joey Mac Tamney's goal. Brian Wilson fired a shot past Czech goaltender Robert Slavik before the second period had ended to give UNB a 3-2 lead.

Clyde Simmons used his speed to score UNB's fourth goal at the 12:27 mark of the third period. Simmons broke in on the Czech goal but was stopped by Slavik on his initial shot. Simmons managed to bang home his own rebound.

Chris Somers made several big stops in goal for UNB to keep his team in the game. Somers faced 37 shots from the Czech Selects.

UNB 5 NAIT 3

Camrose Albt. In what has to be considered one of the most exciting Red Devil games in recent memory, UNB edged out the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) 5-4 in overtime of the semifinal game.

With 7 seconds remaining in the first overtime period Red Devil forward Trevor Boland capitalized on a NAIT mistake deep in the UNB zone and rushed the length of the ice. Boland fired a shot high over the shoulder of Don Davidge in the NAIT goal.

Boland, who scored three times in the game, credited NAIT for having played a strong game. "NAIT played a really good game. They're a lot better than the teams we play in the AUAA," said Boland. "It was one of their few mistakes in the game that allowed us to win it."

Twice in the game UNB had to comeback from a two goal deficit.

Goals by Boland and Dominic Niro tied the game at 2 early in the third period after Kevin Lavig and Greg Geldart had given NAIT a 2-0 lead.

NAIT scored two more goals only twenty one seconds apart in the third. Geldart and Brad Falles accounted for NAIT's third and fourth goals.

The Red Devils who are making a successful habit of playing comeback hockey evened the score after Jamie Colvin and Boland scored for UNB.

That sent the game into overtime and set the stage for Boland's heroics.

Rebels hoping for change

by Janet Lloyd
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Two years ago, the Rebels nearly beat the Dal Tigers in the AUAA volleyball finals. Last year, the Rebels were soundly beat by Dal. This year, the Rebels are struggling just to make the AUAA finals, but change is in the air.

A strong player from that great team two years ago has returned. Geoff Colter. He's back and he's bad! Says Coach Paul Belanger, "Geoff is a very strong player. He played for me two years ago, but sat last year out because he was working in British Columbia. He's a leader - I mean he wasn't a leader on the team two years ago in the sense of being a captain, and he isn't a captain on this team, but everyone looks up to Geoff because of his experience and physical ability. All he did last year out in BC was weights and he's put 10 pounds on his upper body easily. He's going to be a actor."

Another change that took place over the holidays was the

withdrawal from University of rookie setter Eric Pinfold. His position will be filled by Geoff Mabey, a setter of UNBSJ fame. This adds an athletic, left handed setter to the roster, who has been working

with the team all year as manager.

The new and improved Rebels will be taking on the U de M Blue Eagles tonight at 8:00 pm and tomorrow at 1:00 pm, at the LB Gym.

Taekwondo

After a period of contemplation upon the matter and many hours of written work, Taekwon-Do is now made available to students of both UNB and STU through the Sport Club unit of the Physical Recreation and Intramural Program which is a part of the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation of UNB.

Taekwon-Do is the Korean art of hand and foot fighting. Although it is an excellent form of physical fitness and self-defense it aims to achieve in the trainee a high degree of courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-discipline, self-control and indomitable spirit.

U.N.B. Taekwon-Do will meet for training each week on Saturday (8:00am-9:00am) and Sunday (4:00pm-6:00pm) at the L.B.G. Dance Studio. The training fee is set at \$45 per term and this includes membership with the provincial and national associations and the Chung Won Institute of Tae Kwon Do.

All instruction is given by world Taekwon-Do federation certified Black Belts and all rank testing is done by W.T.F. certified Master Instructor. For more information contact Shane at 457-2060.