

Devils shoot for AUAA regionals

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The AUAA schedule is fastly winding down. The Red Devils schedule has three games remaining. These three games will be very important as they play Mount A. and UPEI who are right behind UNB in the standings. By the time this article has been printed they will have played STU for the last time and will have this weekend off to prepare for the two games the next weekend. They will be playing Mount A in Sackville on Saturday the 20th and then home to face UPEI in the final game of the season.

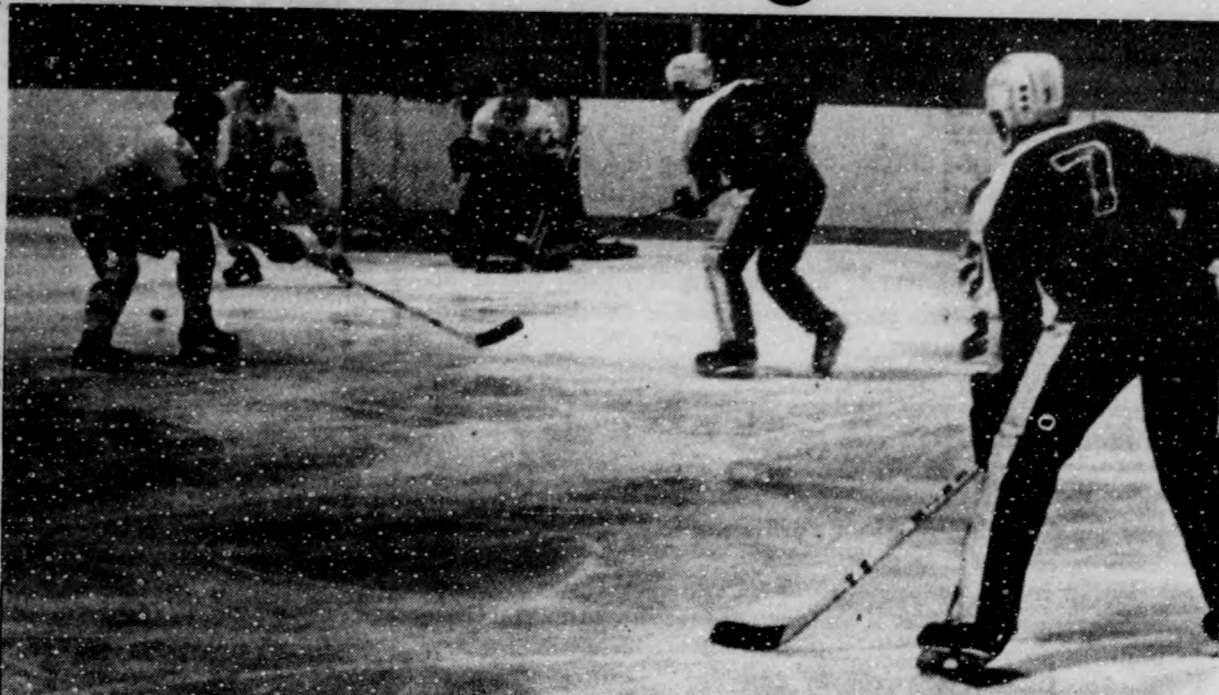
With a strong finish the Red Devils will be off to Halifax the weekend of the 27th to participate in the round robin play there. The play offs are set up differently this year with the top two teams in each Division plus two wild card teams. Both these teams could be from the same division or one from each. There is then two round robin playoff series, one in Halifax and the other in Moncton. The top two teams then face off for the right to go to the CIAU finals. These finals

will be in Moncton this year. This past weekend the Red Devils travelled to Nova Scotia to tangle with the Saint Francis Xavier X-men and Saint Mary's Huskies.

On Friday night they came out on top of the X-men by a score of 7 to 3. UNB played a very good game with good fast skating and hitting. UNB opened the scoring when Don Cameron put a slapshot from the point between the pads of the X-men goalie.

Chris Creaghan again stepped into the game and played probably his best game of the season. Gary Agnew rounded out the scoring for UNB when he put in a rebound from Mike Kelly. The first period ended with UNB out 2-1.

UNB went out in front 3-1 when Todd MacQueen put the puck up high into the net as he was tripped up as he put the rebound into the net. St. F.X. came back with a goal by Rick Gendron with a booming slapshot that beat Scott high on the glove side. UNB and St.F.X. traded goals in the period before Gary Agnew pick up his second goal of the game. The goal came when Vaughn Porter's shot went off Mike



Red Devil forward Mike Kelly (7) waits at the point, as teammate Gary Agnew chases the puck into the St. F.X. offensive zone. The action took place last Friday night in Antigonish, with the Devils winning 7-3.

Kelly and Gary put the rebound behind the X-men goalie. The second ended with UNB out from 5-3.

In the third it was all UNB as both Dave Bluteau and Mark Jeffrey's scored on slapshots. Mark Jeffrey's came on the powerplay from a pass from Dave Bluteau.

Saturday was not to be one of the Red Devils best. It all started when half the players did not get any breakfast after sitting at the table for over an hour.

Saint Mary's opened the scoring early on a goal by Larry Belliveau. Things started to get worse as UNB picked up a

penalty. UNB did a good job killing part of penalty off and scored a short handed goal when Gary Agnew raced down the ice making the goalie try to clear the puck which the goalied tried to do but took a funny bounce of the boards and out in front to Gary who put it into the empty net. Unfortunately, St. Mary's jumped out 2-1 before the penalty ended. St. Mary's went ahead 3-1 and set the stage for Mike Kelly's goal to have the period end with Saint Mary's out ahead 3-2.

UNB came out flying in the second and it paid off as they tied it up when John Kinch took

a pass from Mark Jeffrey's from behind the net and put a slapshot behind the St. Mary's goalie. Even though UNB outplayed St. Mary's they ended up on the short end of the score at the end of the second period by a 5-3 score.

In the third UNB came out flat and were outscored 2-1 in the final period. George Kelly got UNB's fourth goal when he put in a shot of the goaltender from behind the net. The final score was 7-4 for St. Mary's. Saint Mary's was the only Nova Scotia team that gave UNB any trouble this season as they beat every other team at least once.

Athlete of the week

Following weekend varsity action, athlete-of-the week honors go to Red Devil, Gary Agnew, and Red Bloomer, Jill Jeffrey.

Agnew, a slick skating left winger, continued his hot hand by notching two goals in Friday night's 7-3 win over St. Francis Xavier. Saturday's contest, a 7-4 defeat at the hands of St. Mary's, saw the Montreal native add another goal and assist.

Agnew's scoring prowess is largely responsible for the Red Devils' first place showing in the MacAdam Division. He currently leads the team in scoring and also ranks in the top ten in Canada. In twenty-three games to date, the fourth-year Education student has counted

25 goals and 17 assists for 42 points.

Jeffrey led the Red Bloomers to a nail biting 65-64 defeat of Dalhousie, something the nationally ranked Tigers had not experienced in 42 consecutive league games. The 5'7" guard and team captain contributed with 16 points, 1 assist, 3 steals and 5 rebounds. Defensively, she held their top point guard to only six shots and a total of 8 points.

In Sunday's 77-63 victory over St. Mary's, Jeffrey followed with 9 points, 4 assists, 2 steals, and 3 rebounds. Season statistics show the fourth-year Physical Education student shooting an impressive 52 percent from the floor and 80 percent from the line. Jeffrey is a 21 year-old Frederictonian.

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The women's volleyball team has returned home after partaking in a 5 day tour/tournament excursion throughout the province of Quebec.

The Reds left Fredericton on Tues., Feb. 2 arriving in Montreal on Wed. After catching up on a few hours of sleep they met with their first opponents; Concordia Club (ranked 4th in Canada). The 2 teams played a total of 6 games. Although UNB was winless they did well and gained some valuable experience.

On Thursday the Reds were off sightseeing. One of the day's highlights was a tour of the Olympic Stadium. In the evening UNB played a six game contest against Rive Sud. Up to this point everything seemed to be going well until one of UNB's starting setters, Sharry Martin, sprained an ankle and was forced to sit out through the remaining of the tour. The Reds managed to win 2 of the games, while making good use of the rookies as well as the starters.

Reds back from Quebec

Friday, it was off to the Quebec Carnival where the Reds took part in the Quebec Winter Carnival tournament, consisting of eight teams: Concordia Club, U de Moncton, U de Sherbrooke, Montreal International, Dalhousie Univ., U de Leuven (Belgium), UNB and the host team U de Laval.

In the preliminary round UNB finished 3rd after defeating U de M 15-6; 15-5 and losing to Concordia Club 7-15; 4-15 and U de Sherbrooke (ranked 3rd in Canada) 7-15; 4-15.

This led the Reds into what may be considered not only the highlight of the tournament but the biggest game of the tour. The "Bonhomme Carnivale" gave the Reds the nicest souvenir they could possibly ask for: a victory over their conference rivals, the Dalhousie Tigerettes (ranked 1st in AUAA, 6th CIAU). UNB downed Dal by scores of 17-19; 15-8; 15-4.

As coach Sexsmith put it, "We played just great. We got

excellent blocking from Sue Woods, Caroline Ball and Alice Kamermans. The girls played super defensively as well as offensively."

In their final match, UNB fell to MtL International 2-15; 6-15.

Sexsmith concluded "The style of play in Quebec is similar to ours except they have an edge over us as far as serving is concerned. The Quebec girls serve with strong top spin, something which we are not accustomed to"

Overall the tour was a complete success. Everyone had a chance to play and exposure to some of Canada's top women volleyball teams will definitely help the team.

This week-end UNB will host U de M. Women begin play on Fri. at 7 o'clock, followed by the men at 9 o'clock.

In addition to the volleyball matches this weekend, Wendy's restaurant will offer to the holder of a UNB Reds/Rebel game program with the purchase of any hamburger, a free regular french fries.