

The Express continue in their losing way despite vastly improved play by most of the team members. In last Sunday's game they played well for two periods the Express played perhaps their best hockey of the season but two periods does not make a game. You could actually see the team wilt away during the third period. "We lost confidence. . ." is the way coach Demers put it.

Despite the loss some good signs came out of the game last Sunday. It seems that Richard David has again found the net, for he accounted for two of the Express goals, after going thru three games of not finding the blueline. Another thing was that the defense was not to be totally blamed for the loss; as has been the case in past games. To be sure they didn't play a great game but they played better than they have been playing. With the addition of Terry Johnson, Lee Norwood (Injured) and Jean Hamel all of whom are solid defencemen with pro experience the defensive corp should not longer be the weak point on the team. Gaston Therrien, who is up with Quebec along with Johnson and Hamel, will also be a welcome addition to the blueline.

It seems that Rick Dudley may not be long for these parts. It is expected that Winnipeg GM John Ferguson will buy out the remaining year on Dudley's contract thus releasing him from the Jet's organization and the Express. It is not expected that the Express will offer him a contract to play here according to a team spokesman. Dudley would like to stay in Fredericton to help the team but the Express spokesman does not feel that the team can afford him.

A couple of locals seem to be making Express news lately. One is Wayne Hallihan who is on a 25 day amateur tryout with the team. It seems from all indication that he will not be with the team much longer. Another local who has been raising some eyebrows is the President of the team, Danny Grant. Yes folks, remember him, he scored 50 goals once when he was with Detroit. It seems that he has been constantly working out with the team. Grant was to have played last night but technicalities with the league will keep him out of the lineup for a few days.

Red Sticks to Nationals

The Red Sticks had a dramatic finish to the end of their regular season play over the last week. Their last home game against Mt. Allison was postponed twice and finally had to be played at Mt. A. in order to get the game played. College Field was under water all week and unplayable.

Mt. A. and University de Moncton were tied for second place in the Western Division and both were gunning for a playoff berth. The AUSA rules states that the team with the highest goal average against the top team in the case of a tie would be the team to go. U de M's goal average was zero because we had beaten them 11-0 in two games. Mt. A's was also zero in a 5-0 loss to us. All Mt. A. had to do was score 1 goal to get a better goal average. It didn't matter how many we scored against them. Needless to say they didn't play very much defense. The final outcome UNB 8 - Mt. A. 2. Donna Phillips scored 5 goals, Susan Grady, Mary Lu Heckbert and Mary McCann scored the others.

The Red Sticks continued on from Sackville to the AUSA playoffs in Halifax. The 4 teams were Dalhousie with an 11 and 1 record, Memorial (9-2-1), Mt. A. (4-5-2) and UNB (9-1-1). We play 1 less game in our division.

The first game of the tournament saw Dal easily beat Mt. A. 2-0. Both teams seem to be going through the motions. Mt. A. was very weak, as everyone knew, and seemed to be content to just be in the playoffs. Dal was thinking ahead to the finals.

The game of the day was

MUN vs. UNB on Studley Field. Their only previous meeting in Nfld. had resulted in a 1-1 tie so both teams were really to see the outcome. This game was most important due to the fact that 2 AUSA teams would go to the CIAU Nationals this year so the finalists in the AUSA would both go.

The game was end to end the whole 70 minutes, with both teams having equal chances. Mary Lu Heckbert got the only goal of the game at the 12 minute mark on a deflection past the goaltender into the high right hand corner of the net. The game was an exhausting one as MUN continually put pressure on to score but Krista Richard in goal turned them back time and again with some spectacular saves. Both teams were equally matched.

MUN easily defeated Mt. A. 4-0 in the third place game.

UNB didn't feel nearly the pressure going into the final game. They already had a berth in the Nationals and despite the outcome of this game knew they would have one more crack at Dal - at the Nationals.

The Red Sticks played the first half in a continuation of the MUN game in that long passes into space worked well for us - where our forwards could run onto the ball and get breakaways. Unfortunately Dal played much more defensively than MUN and constantly got the ball to go on the attack. As a result the game was pretty much played in midfield. Dal had the ball in our circle about 3 times and scored twice. They were both excellent goals but showed men-

tal lapses at crucial times by UNB defense.

The second half, UNB came on stronger. They stuck to their short passes game plan and totally dominated the second half. Dal only got it over the 25 yard line 5 times. UNB had 5 excellent chances to score. Mary Lu Heckbert flicked 2 high shots at goal that hit their goalie and Susan Grady in the face - both were in the net. Susan had the goalie out of position and barely missed the net. Mary McCann had the goalie beaten twice and she came from nowhere to stop the ball. She was the whole Dal team in the second half. Spectators would not have believed Dal was ahead when watching the second half. Unfortunately the game is not decided on dominance of play as the Red Sticks surely would have been the victors.

Tuesday the Red Sticks leave for UBC in Vancouver for the CIAU Nationals. It will be the toughest CIAU yet with 6 of the strongest teams ever. All boast National Team past or present players and all 6 teams have been at CIAU's before so there will be no easy games. U of Toronto and York from Ontario and UBC and Victoria from the West.

UNB played its first game at 1 p.m. on Thursday against Dalhousie. They will have 2 games on Friday and 2 on Saturday in the round robin affair. The finals are slated for Sunday.

"B" Rugby

After being presented with the Thorpe cup Saturday the Ironmen were assured a playoff spot and Sunday's game didn't mean very much. But the Ironmen realized, it was a prime opportunity to get it all together for the play offs.

Rick Hutchins had a fine game at hooker, winning the ball consistently on UNB put in and also taking it away from the Saints on their put in. The Ironmen's backs played super rugby show casing the "new found talent" of Mike Hawkes at outside centre. Dave Demers and Kevin Gallant played very well in view of a one man overlap the Saints had after a UNB player was injured. Be sure to be at College Field Saturday when the Ironmen "B" play the Exiles at 3:00 p.m.

Curling

Curling will begin on Saturday, Nov. 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Capital Winter Curling Club. Membership fees for the year will be \$20.00. Instruction will be provided for the beginners. New members are especially welcome.

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