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# Hockey **Reds lose heartbreaker 4-3 in Tommies Overtime Upset**

## by Neil Duxbury **Bruns Sports**

Deja Vu. Site: the Lady Beaverbrook Rink. The teams: the Reds and the Tommies. First Period: dominated by the Reds. Rest of the game: Johnny Lorenzo shut out; Tommies build on emotion to win at the death.

However I'm not talking about January 11th here, this is the 15th of March and STU have just dealt UNB their second loss of 95. The Reds now have a mountain to climb if they want to face UPEI/UdeM in the MacAdam division finals. The name of that mountain is Johnny Lorenzo.

It started well enough for the Reds when a pass found Karl Taylor, who shot the puck past an advancing Lorenzo. STU replied with a goal from Ryan Black after 5 minutes on powerplay caused by offences from Alastair Still, Todd Sparks and Dan Sherstenka.

The Reds quickly restored their advantage when Derek Cormier made an inside move and placed the puck over Johnny Lorenzo's shoulder. The lead doubled when Taylor got his second on a feed from Mike Cavanagh and Cormier.

The second period was merely there as a spacer between the first and third periods. Very little of interest happened, STU had a more potent offence but the Reds' defence remained solid as the score stayed at 3-1 UNB.

The Reds started the third on a more positive note, keeping Lorenzo alert with many passes off the boards near his goal.



Karl Taylor opens UNB's account.

Meanwhile Frank LeBlanc had been keep- it will be played at the Aitken Centre ing the Tommies at bay for over 40 scoreless minutes. However with less than six minutes to go Jeff Taylor scored and the tone of the game altered. With the standing room only crowd cheering them on the Tommies attacked with more confidence. Mike Bondy tied the game up with just over two minutes remaining as he powered behind the UNB defense, took the puck past a committed LeBlanc and picked a spot in the expanse of net available. The Reds attacked with greater vigour but could not find an opening. A ten minute overtime period followed. However little changed. The Reds' attack could not penetrate STU's solid defense and just after the half way point Carlos Assayag found himself in front and had

plenty of time to beat LeBlanc. The battle recommences Saturday at 1pm. Should a third game be required, Photo Judd DeLong

on Sunday at 1pm. The Reds finished the regular season last weekend on a road trip. Friday night they clinched the MacAdam Division title with a 6-1 win over basement dwellers MtA. Saturday they squeezed past a big UdeM team 3-2 in front of strong goal tending from Frank LeBlanc. LeBlanc made 24 of 25 saves in his comeback game against MtA and 39 of 41 against UdeM. LeBlanc was not the only Red making a comeback. Alastair Still marked his return after an arthroscoped knee with a goal and an assist and Chris Peach returned Saturday in place of Craig Brocklehurst. High scorers for the weekend were Todd Sparks - 2 goals and 2 assists - and Derek Cormier - 2 goals and 1 assist. Other scorers were Rob Knesaurek and the Naylor twins Friday night and Wade Simpson Saturday.

# **After Memorial Worries Reds host Bluenosers**

by Caroline Gross **Bruns Sports** 

Varsity Reds mens basketball coach Clint Hamilton believes that this weekend one can see "playoff style games in the Pit". This weekend the Reds will battle against St. Mary's and Acadia in the Main Gym and Hamilton expects them to be "the biggest basketball games seen here in a while."

Mens Basketball

The Reds have four consecutive four point games remaining in the season. Hamilton believes that the Reds have a good chance to go after a playoff spot since most of the other teams in the league have played their four point games. The Reds have a total of six games

remaining before the AUAA's in March, four of which are home games. In regards to the AUAA's Hamilton states that the team is "ready to make a run at things". Last weekend the Reds dropped their third straight AUAA contest and will be battling to stay out of the league basement after suffering a 83-78 overtime loss to Memorial Seahawks on Saturday. The Reds blew a 39-34 halftime lead as the teams were tied 69-69 after the regulation 40 minutes. The Seahawks tossed in 21 points in the extra time to down the Reds

Andy McKay and Stanleigh Mitchell lead the Reds scoring with 17 points each McKay tossed in four in overtime after having been held to only two in the first half. Meanwhile 14 of Mitchell's points came in the final 20 minutes as well. Rookies Jon Kriener added 15 points and David Low had ten in the losing cause.

The Reds fall to 5-8 tying with UPEI for the league basement.

Sunday was not much better for the Reds as they were defeated 80-66 again by MUN. The Reds trailed 40-35 at the half and were never able to catch up to the Seahawks. MUN's Mike Woods lead the Seahawks with 26 points in their weekend sweep. The Reds got 15 points from McKay and Mitchell tossed in 13 as they got knocked to the league cellar with a 5-

record this weekend at the Pit as they entertain St. Mary's 8:30pm on Friday and Acadia at 3pm on Sunday.

Robin Fougere, a rookie with the team, stated that she is both "excited" and nervous about the AUAA at Dal A native of nearby Dartmouth, she is looking forward to competing near her home and she feels that the meet "will be exciting since it will be close with Dal." She also said that the team members feel the "pressure to place as high as they can" in order to win the meet.

While the past season has been a successful one for the athletes shattering several records along the way and four athletes already qualified for the CIAU's in March, despite not being ranked nationally, the Varsity Reds are looking to continue their success both as a individuals and as a team at the AUAA this weekend.

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