PUCKSTERS SHADED IN CLOSE CONTEST

4-3 Setback at Acadia In Face of Axemen

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Acadia — CUP — March 16.—Acadia Axemen retained their Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey Crown here tonight as they downed the University of New Brunswick Hillmen 4-3 before a packed house. Acadia took the total goal round 11-9 by virtue of their opening 7-6 victory.

A big second period once more provided the difference in the two teams as Acadia notched three without a reply to overcome an early 2-0 lead by the fighting Hillmen. Only a tremendous display of net minding by Goalie George Steele kept Acadia from widening their margin.

The Glace Bay trio of MacKenzie, Macaskill and Morrison, who picked up twelve scoring points in the opener, added six more here tonight to pace the victors. The star performer was Gint MacKenzie with a brace of markers and one assist.

Acadia opened fast but were quickly set back on their heels by the U. N. B. squad who intercepted plenty of rubber and broke fast when opportunities occurred.

Ted Bedard, playing heads-up hockey all the way, opened the scoring at 2.22 when he stole the puck from the Acadia defence and caught the short side on Roy MacLean. Bedard set up Jim Pike a few minutes later to make it 2-0 and held their margin for the remainder of the period.

In the final canto play slowed down considerably. MacKenzie scored Acadia's lone tally from Macaskill, but Ingersoll offset this a minute later as he poked the loose disk behind MacLean.

Acadia's edge was mainly on speed and a good ice surface gave them the jump all the way. The terrific body checks dished out by the heavy Hillmen failed to slow down the blue clad speedsters.

Shots on goal: Acadia, 1st, 7; 2nd, 15; 3rd, 9. Total 31. U. N. B., 1st, 4; 2nd, 4; 3rd, 4. Total 12.

Axemen Take First Game By One Score

The Acadia Axemen, Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey Champs edged out the University of New Brunswick last Friday night at the York Arena in a thrilling tussle 7-6. The game, played on slushy ice was amazingly fast, both teams going all out to take a lead into the return game at Wolfville, N. S. Wednesday night. Stars of the game were Acadia's first string wingmen, Morrison and Macaskill who scored 5 and 2 assists between them. John Wagar, defenceman, brought up from junior ranks was U. N. B.'s outstanding player. He scored two goals.

In the first period play was even but in the second session Acadia showed greater speed and ran into a lead. A slow U. N. B. defence showed a marked disability to body check or get the puck out of their own zone and as a result the forwards were overworked and had to revert to defensive tactics. Varsity had a marked edge in play in the third period but some good goaltending by MacLean plus many missed chances they were held to one goal.

Before the game was 3 seconds old 4 goals were scored. The Red and Black surprised the Axemen with two in the first minute by Bedard and Ballantyne but Moe Smith, on a solo rush and Hopper Morrison tied it up.

In the second period play was faster and rougher with both teams short two men at one stage. U. N. B. took the lead at the 3 minute mark per Wagar with Acadia defenceman Crosby in the penalty box. McKenzie tied the score at 3-3 but when Bedard and Steele went off Acadia ran riot and notched 3 goals, Macaskill scoring twice and Morrison getting the other. U. N. B. fought back however and Gaudet scored unassisted and when Bateman got a penalty for tripping Art Ingersoll flashed a hard shot past MacLean; Morrison scored Acadia's final goal before the end of the period to leave the score 7-5.

In a hard fought 3rd period Wagar whacked in the only goal for the Hillmen to leave the score Acadia 7, U. N. B. 6.

George Steele was not as sound as usual in the U. N. B. goal. Wagor was the best of a poor defence. Ralph Donkin was again the spark of the forward line. He has improved tremendously showing up well in attack. The second line was again the weak link of the forwards. Spear receiving little or no support from Northrup or Williams. The third line played well with George Kennedy best.

For Acadia Crosby was a good fast defenceman while Moe Smith played well along with Morrison and Macaskill up front.

The line-ups:

U. N. B.—Goal, Steele; defence, Ballantyne, Gaudet, Sewell and Wagar; forwards, Bedard, Donkin, and Pike; Spear, Williams, and Northrup; Kennedy, Ingersoll and Bjerklund.

Acadia—Goal, MacLean; defence, MacDonald, Crosby, Bateman and Wile; forwards, MacKenzie, Macaskill, and Morrison; MacVicair, McKelvie, and Roach; Crowell, Smith, and MacFarlane.

ST. F. X. TAKE FINAL GAME

St. F. X., CUP — Changing style radically from the initial contest by using a blanket coverage zone defense to good advantage U. N. B. was still subjected to a heavy onslaught from St. F. X. taking the first half of the game by a score of of 17-16. However after taking an early lead in the second half St. F. X. showed superiority for the remainder of the game taking the Maritime Championship by winning the game 32-27. Thus St. F. X. took the series 76-66.

A stubborn U. N. B. defence caused St F. X. to have trouble in getting under the basket. Because of the tightly knit man-to-man defence U. N. B. hoopsters were forced to shoot quickly whenever they got an opening.

U. N. B.'s Stu Vaudry touched off the shooting for U. N. B. when the game was less than 30 seconds old. Only a minute later, however, and Rudy Hanusiak of St. F. X. evened the score. From here on in there was a see-saw game between U. N. B. and St. F. X. with an eight all tie at quarter time.

Xaverians pulled out in front in the second half on two quick baskets from Whalen.

Ten fouls were handed out to both teams by referee Peaches Ruven. Of the ten shots each U. N .B. made five good and St. F. X. two.

Line-ups:

U. N. B.—Bruce Campbell, 5; John Roberts, 3; George Garner, 1; Miles Atkinson; Stewart Vaudry, 4; Lorne Jenkinson, 4; Al Nakash, 5; George Gagnon, 3; Art Murphy; George Buchan, 2.

St. F. X.—Rudy Pace, 5; Porgy Kehoe, 4; Bud McLean; Joe Flaherty; Dick O'Donnell; Rudy Hanusiak, 4; Lorne Whalen, 8; Pat Conley, 11; Ernie Friault.

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HOOPSTERS OUTSCORED BY 5 POINTS AT HOME

By TED SPENCER

In a fast and furious game U. N. B. basketeers edged to within five points of a blue and white clad St. F. X. squad in the first half of the Maritime intercollegiate finals at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym on last Saturday night. Playing poorly in the first half, they came back in the second to make it 44-39 at the close. Both teams played an effective man-for-man defence, the Xavierians working around for good chances at the bucket, and missing fewer of their shots as a result. Throughout the game the St. F. X. men showed an almost professional shine.

Per usual, the red and black seemed to prefer to miss, and their excellent rebound work didn't help much. The match was quite clean, the many fouls all being little ones, (that means you, Carey), and when let alone, both squads played smoothly. The blue and white showed well in the forecourt, as did U. N. B., but their defence looked less impressive. Varsity's shooting accounted for our low score. Whalen's ball-handling was masterful, and his accurate eye accounted for 14 of X's points. Conley followed him with a ten-point total, the result of some well calculated shots. Moe Atkinson was Varsity's high point man, dropping in one deadly shot from far out. Campbell and Roberts shone defensively and Roberts produced two beautiful field goals on hook shots from the key.

First Half

The U. N. B. starting line-up of Garner, Roberts, Nakash, Vaudry and Campbell kept U. N. B. on top for a short period near the start, although Conley drew first blood on a foul shot. However, Varsity began to miss, and at quarter time found themselves doubled 14-7. They seemed unable to do anything about a comeback, and at half-time the Xavierians were still out front 21-12.

Kehoe led the scoring in that half with 6 points. Our men had committed 14 fouls to 7 called against the X-men. Roberts gave a classy showing with a few costly boners, and Garner and Campbell did well also.

Second Half

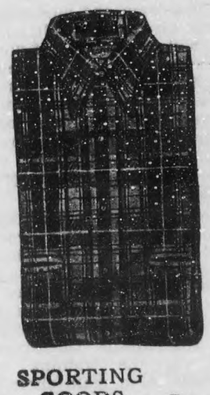
Hannusiak fouled out early in the half and was followed by Garner. The visitors were missing very few shots, and producing nice plays. Varsity followed at 6 points, then at 4, until three-quarter time when they hit their stride and on a hot streak that would not be stopped, tied it at 29 all for the beginning of the final frame. In the last quarter, the game became close and see-sawing. Kehoe went off on his fifth foul. U. N. B.'s rebounding work fell off, and the blue and white capitalized on it to work up a 4-point lead. Both scored rapidly, and the visitors held their lead despite some outstanding work by Atkinson and company. The signs read 44-39 when the contest broke up.

Tony Tomarro did a fine job with the whistle, while Carey carried the background theme on his with a staccato monotone. Foul totals read 26 for U. N. B. and 16 for St. F. X.

The line-ups:

St. F. X.—Whalen, 14, Friault, 3, Conley, 10, McNeil, Kehoe, 8, Pace, 5, Hannusiak, 4.

U. N. B.—Campbell, 4, Vaudry, 1, Atkinson, 9, Roberts, 7, Jenkinson, 2, Garner, 5, Gagnon, 6, Murphy, 4, Buchan, Nakash, 1.



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