

Devils Trip Tommies In NB-PEI Title Encounter

by Jim Doleman

On Tuesday night in a last ditch effort for the NB-PEI hockey crown the UNB Red Devils ousted the St. Thomas Tommies by a 4-2 score. This gave UNB a one goal edge in the two-game total-goal series after losing the first game to the Tommies 4-3 in Chatham last Saturday night.

Superb goaltending by Dave Inch spelled the difference for the Red Devils giving them the right to advance to the Maritime Intercollegiate finals on Saturday for the second time in three years. The St. Thomas six thwarted UNB's chances to reach the finals last year in a similar play-off.

In his second appearance following a three-week layoff due to an eye injury Inch came up with several key stops to throttle Tommie marksmen Bernie Keating and John Lordon and save the day for the Devils. Though Inch had only 22 shots to handle as compared with 32 for Keith Raymond in the STU net he rose to great heights in the first part of the third period when the Devils had trouble getting out of their own end.

'Pooch' Clark gained his first hat-trick of the year to up his goal output to 18. Bill MacGillivary copped his 16th of the season as Graham Farquharson fed him a pass from behind the St. Thomas net. Bill took it in full stride with a Tommie defender draped over his back and beat Raymond with a 12-footer on the short side. Keating and Lordon, who were offensive threats all evening for STU, fired singletons.

The Devils were never behind in the game although displaying brief defensive lapses. Clark broke the scoreless battle at 7:55 of the second period when he scored from a goal-mouth scramble. Lordon of the Tommies and MacGillivary of the Devils added second period markers to leave the series tied at that point.

Starry Ed Hospodar of STU set up Keating early in the third period to tie the game at 2-2 and put the Tommies one up in total goals.

The Devils got the break of the game at 13:48 of the third stanza when a Tommie defenseman in clearing the puck bounced the disc in off Raymond's skate to square the series at 6-6.

The last and winning tally came at 16:38 when Norm Bolitho and Frank Barteaux set up

Clark in front of the STU goal. The Tommies pulled Raymond in the final minute in favour of a sixth attacker but were unable to penetrate Inch.

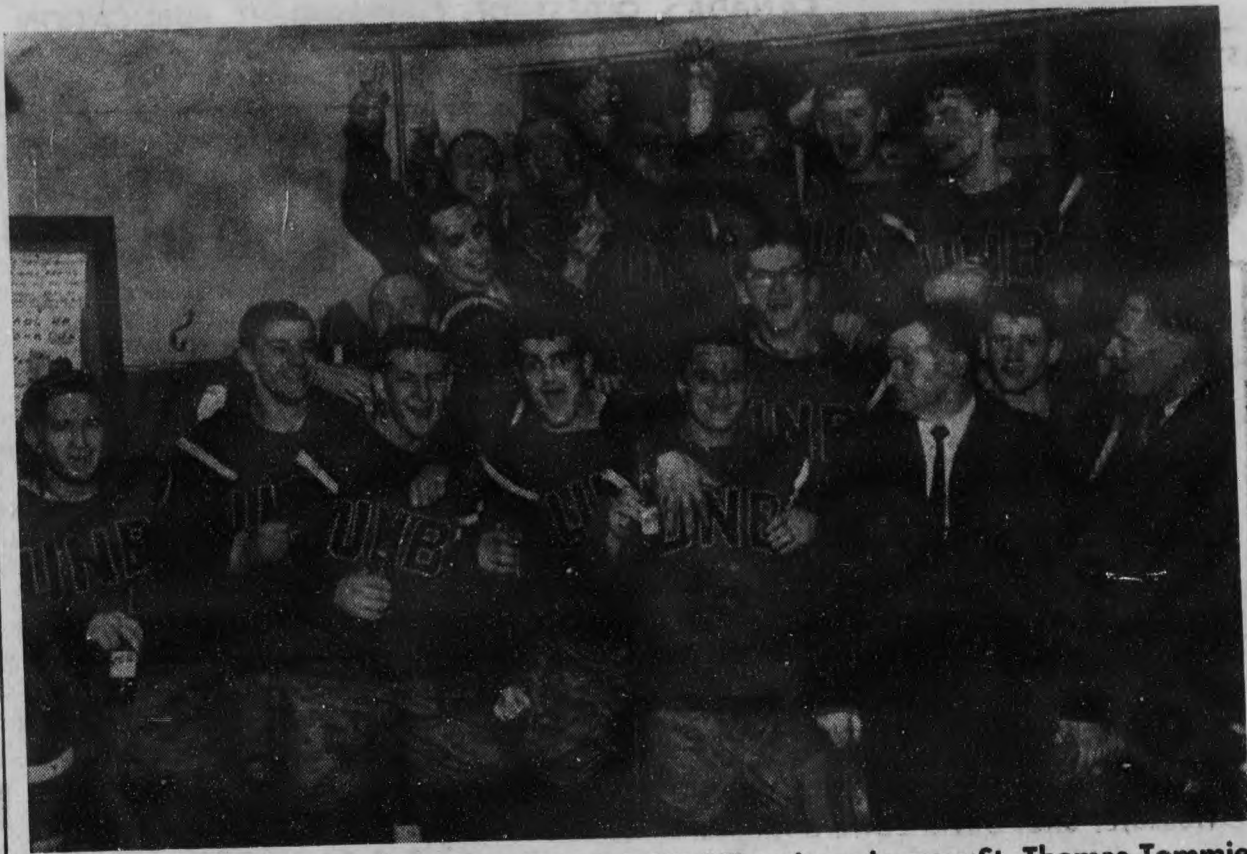
The Devils travel to St. F. X. this Saturday where they meet the X-men in the first of a best of three Maritime Intercollegiate final series. The second, and third (if necessary) games will be played at the LB Rink next Friday and Saturday evenings.

Coach Kelly commented: "All the players dug in. We got a good break on our third goal." Of the Tommies attempt to rejuvenate their third period attack through the use of oxygen Kelly added: "As far as I'm concerned oxygen gives no real advantage. The air we breathe in the LB Rink is pure enough. The 'lift' is more psychological than anything else."

Of the coming encounters, captain MacGillivary said: "I'm quite confident as far as 'X' is concerned. They'll have to stick more to hockey this time."

This win over St. Thomas raised the Devils home winning streak to 11 games, during which they have outscored opposition by a comfortable 73-36 margin.

However, the UNB squad has only managed two victories on the road in posting a 13-4 record to date.



Jubilant Devils make merry after their 7-6 NB-PEI series win over St. Thomas Tommies on Tuesday night.

SUMMARY

First Period:

No Scoring

Penalties: Wood 4:30, Marchant 11:12.

Second Period:

- 1—UNB, Clark (Bolitho) 7:55
- 2—STU, Lordon (Butler, Jones) 13:31
- 3—UNB, MacGillivary (Farquharson) 14:18

Penalties: Marchant 13:17.

Third Period:

- 4—STU, Keating (Hospodar) 1:03
- 5—UNB, Clark (unassisted) 13:48
- 6—UNB, Clark (Barteaux, Bolitho) 16:38

Penalties: None.

Stops:

Inch (UNB) 9 5 8—22
Raymond (STU) 10 10 12—32

BOMBERS QUIT AFC

At an AFC meeting of coaches and officials last week the University of New Brunswick and Mount Allison University announced their withdrawal from the Conference. Both teams have participated in Atlantic Football Conference competition for the last two years. (See next week's **Brunswickian** for full report).

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