

X-MEN WIN UNB INVITATIONAL



Insurance Goal — (above) Action from Saturday night's tournament has X-men's rookie centre, Jack Churchill, scoring the insurance marker in St. FX's win over St. Thomas. Churchill is one of two former Junior 'A' players

that the X-men have picked up this year. The other is Tournament All-star defence-man, 18 year-old Mike Poirier of the Montreal Junior Habs.

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Bird Pressured — (below)

In Saturday's consolation final, goaltender Terry Bird of the Red Devils foils Boston Terrier's O'Connell (16). Looking on are Boston's Bassi (5) and UNB's Hudson. Others are UNB's Furlong (4) and Madill and Boston's Quinn.

St. Francis Xavier X-men, proving that they will be a strong contender in this year's MIHL play, jolted top-rated Boston University Terriers 3-1 on Friday evening and defeated St. Thomas University 'Tommies' 5-3 Saturday to take the UNB Invitational Hockey Tournament final.

Pre-tournament favourites, Boston Terriers and UNB Red Devils, both went down to defeat on Friday as St. Thomas dropped UNB 6-5 duplicating the X-men's upset.

The strong Boston Terriers easily handled the UNB Red Devils in the consolation final on Saturday taking an 8-0 win.

St. Francis Xavier also dominated the All-Star selections as they placed three men on the team. Boston University with two and St. Thomas with one selection filled out the team.

Members of the All-Stars were Tom Purser (goal), Chi Chi Farenzena (left wing), and Mike Poirier (defence) of St. F. X.; Tom Ross (defence) and Fred Bassi (right wing) of Boston; and Kevin MacDonald (centre) from St. Thomas.

Presentations of the tournament trophy and awards to players were made by UNB President Colin B. Mackay.

FRIDAY:

St. Thomas 6 - UNB 5

The spirited St. Thomas Tommies on a goal by left winger Paul Ouellette at the 19:47 mark of third period dropped the UNB Red Devils 6-5 in tournament action Friday evening.

The game was one of the most exciting of the tournament as St. Thomas scored one goal in the first period and then proceeded to trade goals with UNB with both teams scored two and three goals respectively in the second and third periods.

UNB's first line of Ducequette, Winslow and Madill again starred as they accounted for one goal each in the Devil's loss. Other Devils

scorers were Boyd LeGallais and Ed Russell.

St. Thomas scorers were Ouellette with the winner and singles by Woods, Clinch, Daley, Keenan, and MacDonald.

St. Thomas goaltender Bowes made 24 saves while Red Devils netminder Jacobson was called on to make 17 stops.

St. FX 3 - Boston 1

In the second game Friday evening, Boston Terriers outskated and outshot the X-men but they were only able to pierce the armor of the X-men's star goaltender once. Netminder Tom Purser stopped 37 Boston drives as he

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Editor's Corner

Last weekend could only be classed as a disappointing one for UNB fans but it did at least give us a chance to watch some excellent hockey.

Friday evening's loss to St. Thomas was a shock. Let's hope that it taught the Red Devils a lesson as they were beaten by a spirited team — not, in our opinion, a better team.

Devils controlled most of the game but a few defensive lapses that St. Thomas capitalized on and the Devils own erratic shooting combined for a Tommie victory.

Coach Kelly seems to still be juggling his lineup and he used last weekend to advantage as all members of the Devils made the ice in either the Boston or St. Thomas games.

Our sympathies go to Coach Kelly as he was first hit with injuries to veterans Jeff Leach and Al Furlong and now has lost the services of Captain Jim Morell until January.

Morell, besides being team captain, has been the backbone of UNB's inexperienced defence and with Furlong's wrist still hampering his play, Coach Kelly's defensive corp will be put to the full test this weekend against Dal and St. F. X.

MIHL NOTES:

After losing to St. Thomas and Mount Allison, Acadia has come back with two wins over Dal and Moncton to share the League lead with Mount 'A'. When we saw Acadia, their size impressed us but they didn't seem to be able to skate. Perhaps they've been taking lessons. If so, Acadia may be the dark horse in the League.

Biggest surprise of the weekend was Mount Allison's 5-4 victory over St. Dunstons. The League's defending champions got off to a fast start with their 7-0 win over Dal but this probably reflects more on the Tigers than the Islanders.

WEEKEND PLAY

This weekend the Devils travel to Antigonish and Halifax for games that may be affected more by the unbelievable hours of bus travel than anything else.

From Dal's past performances, Devils should have an easy time with the Tigers but it will be a different story in Antigonish.

St. F. X. unveiled a young but strong team last weekend and Devils will have their hands full trying to contain the X-men. Reports are that Coach Kelly has been putting the Devils through a number of stiff workouts this week and that team morale is high for Friday's meeting.

St. F. X.-UNB games have always been highlights of every season and we expect nothing different this year. St. F. X. looked good in the tournament and will be favoured Friday but a strong checking game by the Devils could bring about an upset.



Rompers Repeat

The UNB Red Rompers came back from Halifax Sunday with their second consecutive Maritime Intercollegiate Girls Volleyball Championship. The Red Rompers won all seven games they played in the two day round-robin tournament.

Mount St. Bernard took second place with a 6-1 record. Acadia placed third with five wins and two losses.

Memorial University, making their first bid for the championship, tied for fourth with a 3-4 mark. Mt. A. and Kings College shared fourth spot with Memorial.

Dalhousie, 1-6, and St. Thomas, 0-7 rounded out the standings.

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