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Devils lose Heart breaker

Power play dominant factor
in loss to STU

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In a game marred by almost a two hour delay and enough high sticking to think it was a lacross match, the St. Thomas Tommies handed the UNB Red Devils a heartbreaking 4-3 loss Wednesday night at the Lady Beaverbrook Rink.

The unofficial reason for the delay was, the league office's failure to contact the assigned referee in Moncton, forcing a replacement to be attained within Fredericton.

UNB opened the scoring at 1:03 in the first period on a power play (a trendsetting move) when Mike Kelly, stationed outside the crease, poked in a feed from Peter Thorne and rookie Jamie Lehman.

Six minutes later the Tommies answered that effort with a powerplay goal of their own, when Bob Brown, player of the game, fooled rookie netminder Steve Tattersal with a pretty deke to tie the game.

With two minutes in the period remaining, the UNB fans received a scare when captain Mike Kelly and John Foley collided, sending them both to the ice. Fortunately they were able to skate to the bench on their own effort, unhurt, but sufficiently indignant.

Rookie netminder, and player of the game for the Devils, kept it close in the first period but couldn't keep it out when on yet another power play, the Tommies' Mike McCabe poked in the go ahead goal with 11 seconds remaining.

Almost nine minutes into the second period, St. Thomas notched up their third unanswered goal when Mark Hegarty let go with a slapshot from the left corner, and yes it was scored on a power play.

UNB finally came back with one of their own when Paul Murphy, on only his second game back from injury, delivered a slapshot that took a funny deflection in front of the net and fooled STU netminder Terry Wickham. This drew the Devils within one, and continued the string of power play goals to 5.

But once again, the scrappy Tommies fought back for what proved to be the winner, when on a (ghost) power play, rookie Phil Huckins smacked in another from about 20 feet out.

The Red Devils came within one again when Mark Jeffrey broke in close and made an unselfish feed back to Johnny LeBlanc, who rarely makes a mistake, parking it in the top left hand corner. The Jeffrey-LeBlanc tandem, one of the most feared in the league, fell unusually silent all night. "They (the Tommies) were pretty well aware of our line and they didn't give us much skating room and time to handle the puck. Every time we got the puck they were right on us," explained LeBlanc.

One of the true standouts of this game was the impressive play of the Devils' newly recruited netminder Steve Tattersal. I asked Steve how his first league game went. "I



UNB's Mike Kelly (unseen on left) opens the score after the first minute. UNB could not hold on however, losing 4 - 3 to STU. photo by Ron Hachey

think it took me a while to settle down; I was a little nervous at the start, but by the third period I settled down okay though. It could have been the

wait - I was a little shaky out there."

Steve has an excellent glove, and legs he can throw out for a

joke; with the maturing of his stick handling, the UNB Red Devils could arise with the best goaltending tandem in the AUAA.

Devils humiliate Mounties

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A very tired and travel weary Mount Allison (3 - 9) Mounties team rolled into town last Saturday, and after a few painfully long hours, they rolled out; more tired, more weary and sufficiently more humbled as the Devils skated all over them to claim the 11 - 4 romp.

The Devils' Bill MacDonald(27) opened the scoring off a feed from Jamie Lehman (14) that allowed him to break in from the side and slap one by Mounties netminder Pat McLaughlin(30).

This shorthanded goal was quickly answered by the Mounties' Steve Mundle, who used the same UNB penalty to tie up the game and temporarily cast the illusion that

this might be a competitive match up.

This was, indeed, a brief fantasy. Forty-four seconds later, UNB's Johnny LeBlanc (22), with assistance from



"man of the hour and forty-five minutes"

Paul Murphy(10) and Mark Jeffrey(11), slipped through a wrist shot on McLaughlin's strong side to again take the lead. A lead they would not relinquish.

The Devils followed this up with 2 more unanswered goals by David Goodland(5) and LeBlanc(22) to close off the period with a 4 - 1 lead.

Six minutes into the second period the Mounties drew within one as Mount A's Tom Langteine and Mark Farwell took advantage of some sloppy defense play on the part of UNB. Were the fans worried? Was I worried?

Yes! The Devils had teased us with the prospect of victories earlier this season only to watch it slip away.

Oh me of little faith! This is not the same team that has tested our loyalty through the last few months of 1985. This is a team that has seen the return of their strongman on defense Paul Murphy; the booster of their ranks with

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Athlete of the week

week ending Jan. 13

Solid performances by Cheri Moore and John LeBlanc resulted in the pair being named athletes-of-the-week at UNB for the week ending Jan. 12.

A member of the volleyball Reds, Moore contributed 32 kills and six ace serves as UNB took matches from University of Prince Edward Island by scores of 3-1 and 3-0. The weekend improved the Reds record to 3-5 and greatly improves their playoff chances.

Moore, 19, is a second-year physical education student from Gagetown, N.B.

LeBlanc powered the hockey Red Devils to an impressive 11-4 victory over the Mount Allison Mounties, scoring five goals and adding one assist. It marks the third time this season LeBlanc has been honored as athlete-of-the-week at UNB.

The 21-year-old Campbellton native is in the second year of the physical education program.