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Huge crowd supports Chiarello

Fundraising efforts net nearly $20 000 for goaltender's family

by Tony von Richter

The UNB Varsity Reds battled not only an opponent on the ice, but joined in a teammate's fight off the ice as well. Gene Chiarello Family Night took place at the Aitken Centre on Sunday and was a huge success. The largest crowd of the year was in attendance as the V-Reds took on the Universite de Moncton Aigles Bleu.

The V-Reds didn't waste any time by scoring the game's opening goal just over six minutes into the first period as Colin Sinclair fired a slap shot past UdeM goalie Eric Lafrance. A five-minute checking from behind penalty to UdeM defenseman Alexandre Couture allowed UNB to score twice in five minutes with Kevin Young providing a goal at four-on-four, and Jason Hegberg scoring a power play goal from behind the net. The Aigles Bleu responded with a power play goal of their own at the end of the period.

Crisp passing and hard hitting allowed the Reds to take control of the game in the second period. Kevin Werner started the period off right with a goal in the first two minutes of the frame. The next goal from Denny Johnston seemed to be the final straw for head coach Charles Bourgeois as he replaced goaltender Lafrance with Jonathan Pelletier. The move didn't seem to help as UNB received goals from Ryan Burgoyne, Calvin Watson, and another goal from Sinclair.

Andy Leblanc started for UNB and Eric Lafrance returned in net for the Aigles Bleu at the start of the third period. The Reds played a more defensive laid-back style with a commanding 8-1 lead. Even with a defensive approach, the V-Reds offense continued to roll along, without being stopped. Goals came from Scott Markowsky, a short handed goal was scored by Denny Johnston for his second of the game, and Ryan Burgoyne added another power play goal to finish off an 11-1 pounding of UdeM.

Burgoyne was named player of the game with two goals and four assists. Also contributing for UNB were Sinclair and Johnston with two goals each, while Ryan Lindsay had three assists, and five other players had two-point nights.

Leblanc and starting goalie Reg Bourcier combined to stop 30 of the 31 shots by the Aigles Bleu in the victory. Eric Lafrance and Jonathan Pelletier stopped just 19 of the 30 shots the duo faced in the loss.

After the game the real point of the evening game into focus with post-game ceremonies being held to announce the winners of various prizes that were bid upon in the silent auction. All proceeds from the auction went to the Chiarello family, as did the proceeds from the 50/50 draw, tickets sold on a chance to win at a membership to the Lynx at Kingswood, and Gene Chiarello T-Shirts.

After team captain Lindsay thanked everyone who contributed to the cause, Gene's girlfriend, UNB volleyball player Melissa Hoefman, read a message from the Chiarello family thanking everyone for their support. Dave Morell then announced that he had conducted a phone interview with Gene and proceeded to play the interview to the people in attendance.

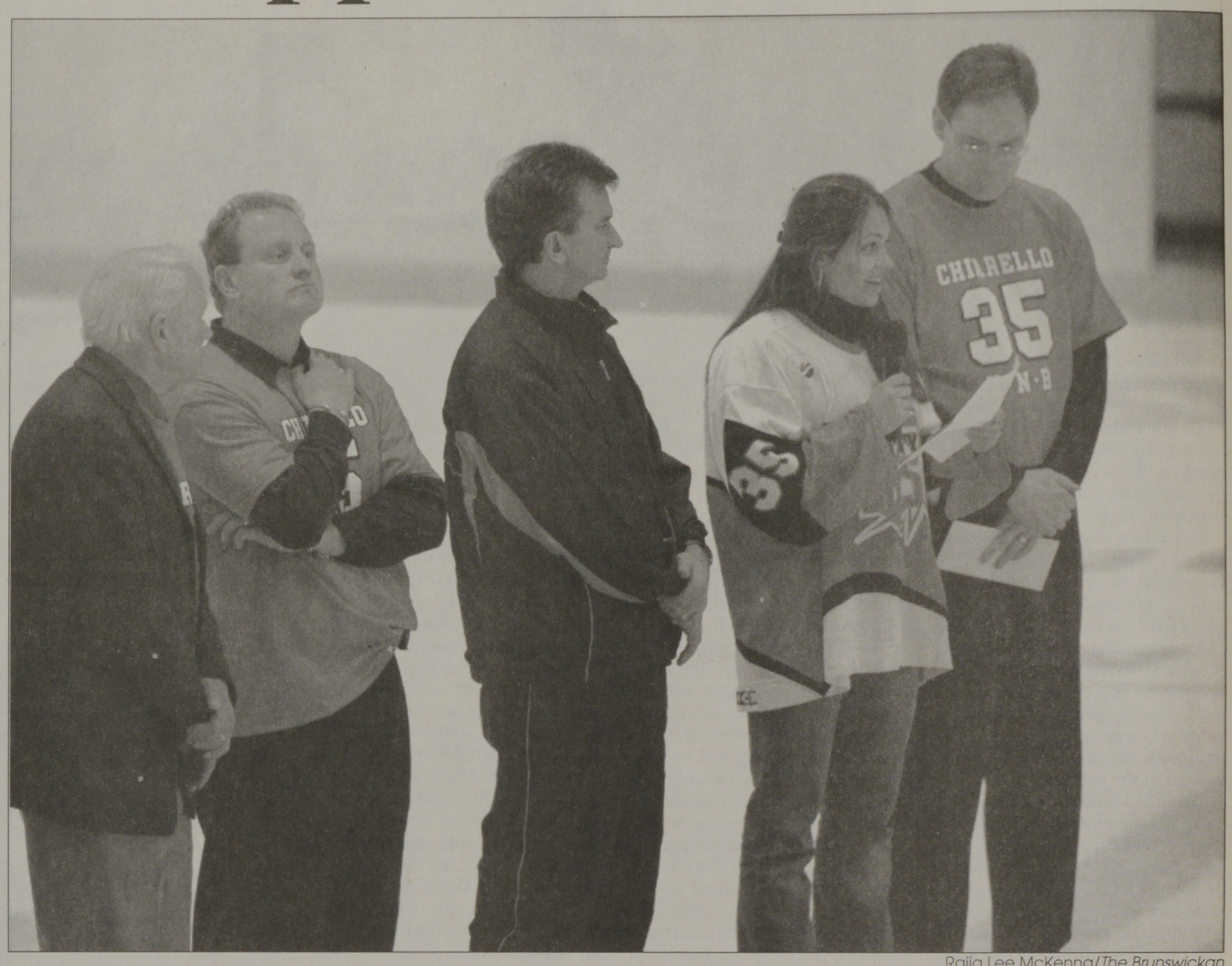
Gene said he would return to the Aitken Centre soon, then UNB Athletic Director Clint Hamilton announced that through donations and fundraising efforts, $19, 208 had been raised for the Chiarello family.

About 30 to 40 companies made donations and a similar number of individuals made donations as well. Many donations were made at the game according to Hamilton, who pointed out that "you really can't count the number of cash donations that were made on site."

Hamilton feels that the event not only helped the Chiarello family, but helped everyone keep things in perspective.

"It's probably one of the more important things that we've ever done. We did it knowing that we would get support from the community and that was obviously something that we realized for Gene. I think it helps everyone keep things in perspective... It's just a wonderful day and allowed everybody to be grounded and bring perspective to what they do, whether they're a student or an employee. Really a sense of perspective was gained by everyone as well as it's always special to be part of an evening where you see your community come together around a very important cause. [It was a] very humbling, overwhelming experience for me as director, and I'm very pleased that in some small way we could pay tribute to Gene and do something to help the family in a difficult time."

Hamilton was particularly impressed by Hoefman, saying, "I think that Melissa is a very special person and under the circumstances, the crowd, the overwhelming support that she experienced, plus her thoughts being with Gene, that she held up very well and was a very special part of the night."



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Melissa Hoefman's heartfelt message from the Chiarello family was an emotional moment for the thousands in attendance at Gene Chiarello Family Night. The message preceded one from Gene himself.

Thompson triples topple Memorial

Guard nails 10 three-pointers in dominant weekend performance

by Nathan White

The Varsity Reds men's basketball team evened their record at 3-3 with two inspired victories over the visiting Memorial Sea-Hawks this weekend at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym.

After walloping the Hawks 97-78 in Saturday night's contest, the Reds followed up with a 79-64 victory the following afternoon.

Slow starts were the story for the Sea-Hawks, who arrived two hours late to Saturday's game, then found themselves down by 15 at halftime. On Sunday, UNB's guns came out firing again and led by 13 at the half after leaving the Hawks in the dust of a 20-3 start.

Doug Thompson, who was named athlete of the week for his efforts, was Sunday's player of the game, draining six three-pointers, four of them in a second-half scoring streak where the teams traded nine straight triples from the field.

"I hit the first one and then I guess it just kept going from there," Thompson said of his long-distance success.

Darryl Bocaud nailed three threes for the losers, and led his team with 14 points, while Joe Thompson chipped in 15 for the home side. Joe Thompson also added six assists and missed just one shot from the field all day.

Andrew Munro, Saturday's player of the game with a 20-point, nine-rebound performance, again led the team on the boards Sunday with nine, and received a standing ovation from the small but boisterous crowd upon fouling out late in the game. Dave Myers added eight rebounds, five of them offensive.

On Saturday, Munro was backed by a solid 19-point effort from Doug Thompson, who nailed four three-pointers, while Dan Goggin was a perfect 8-for-8 from the line, chipping in 18 points and adding seven rebounds. Myers had five boards on the offensive end, and seven in total.

MUN forward Jeff Saxby matched Thompson's four threes, and led his team with a 31-point, seven-rebound night, but received little offensive help from his teammates, none of whom scored more than 10 points.

"We lost, we got our asses kicked, OK?" said a visibly angry MUN coach Todd Aughey after Sunday's defeat.

"We never play well down at UNB. [It's the] toughest place in the conference to win, I'll tell you that," he complained. "There's some elements associated with the game we just can't overcome. Give a hats off to this UNB club, they're the hardest working team in the conference and they deserved these two wins."

Doug Thompson agreed that UNB's hard work was the key to their success. "We're a real hard-working bunch," he said. "We had a good week of practice this week, everyone was busting their butt all week, everyone was working hard on the boards and defensively and that's where it's gotta keep going from here."

UNB coach Thom Gillespie agreed that the Reds are hard workers, but said that Memorial deserves credit for their work ethic as well.

"I think we've got a few harder-working teams in the conference, and they would definitely be one of them in Memorial. They've never quit and as a coach I was never comfortable, even with a 20-point lead and five minutes left knowing that they can shoot the basketball the way they do and they will do what it takes to make it happen," said Gillespie.

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Women take on ferocious cats with mixed results

Ward nets three as V-Reds finish strong

by Nathan White

The Varsity Reds women's hockey team ended the first half of their season on a winning note with a 5-2 road victory over the UPEI Panthers on Sunday.

Meghan Ward had a hat trick, including two power play goals, to pace the Reds, who broke out to an early 3-0 lead and never looked back.

Anne Shaw brought the Panthers within two on a power play late in the first period, but Ward restored the three-goal lead early in the second.

Meaghan Rogers responded for UPEI less than five minutes into the final frame but Labrador City's Liza-Rae Dumaresque put the final nail in the Panthers coffin with just over six minutes remaining.

Amanda Wuerth had the other goal for UNB, with Dumaresque and rookie defenseman Heather Sheenan chipping in two assists each. Panthers goaltender Brandy MacLellan had a busy night, turning away 25 of 30 UNB shots. Michelle LeBlanc made 20 saves for the winners.

On Saturday, the Reds lost a heartbreaker at home, 2-1 to the Dalhousie Tigers. Wuerth scored an unassisted marker midway through the first, but UNB was unable to hold the lead, as Rothesay, New Brunwick rookie Kate Tweedie tied it up less than a minute later.

Tweedie then set up Lori Jones' winner 22 seconds into the second period, and Tigers goalie Jennifer Smith withstood a barrage of Reds shots in the final two frames to preserve the victory.

UNB had 13 shots in each of the second and third periods after managing just six in the first, but none got past Smith. 15 of UNB's 32 shots came on the power play, but both they and Dal went 0-for-5 with the woman advantage.

Tigers freshman Coreen Jones was on the ice for both Dalhousie goals and was named player of the game for her solid work on the blueline.

Reds goalie Jennifer Swinnard made 26 saves in the loss.

The women sit in the middle of the AUS pack with a 3-4 record and return to action with a rematch against the Panthers on Sunday, January 11.



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The action was intense as UNB took on the Dalhousie Tigers in a hard fought battle this weekend.

UNB VARSITY REDS *Upcoming Games...*

January 2-4
Basketball Extravaganza
Eric Garland National Tournament
Helen Campbell Tournament

Wednesday, January 7
Hockey (m) UNB @ STU 7:00pm

Friday, January 9
Hockey (m) Acadia @ UNB 7:00pm

Saturday, January 10
Hockey (m) Dal @ UNB 7:00pm
Volleyball (w) UNB@Dal 3:00pm
Volleyball (m) UNB@Dal 1:00pm
Basketball (w) UNB @ Dal 6:00pm
Basketball (m) UNB @ Dal 8:00pm

Sunday, January 11
Volleyball (w)UPEI @ UNB 2:00pm
Volleyball (m) UPEI@UNB 3:00pm
Hockey (w) UPEI@UNB 2:00pm
Basketball (w) UNB@Acadia 1:00pm
Basketball (m)UNB@Acadia 3:00pm

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