

Big summer for Dogs

by Brian Munn

After finishing last in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League for the second season, the Saint John Sea Dogs have been working hard all summer to shake the trend. In their first off-season under new General Manager Jacques Beaulieu, who took over the duties from Bob "Tipper" LeBlanc during the 2006-07 season, the Sea Dogs have certainly been making some noise.

The team had the first overall pick in the QMJHL Entry Draft in Drummondville, Quebec in June, using it to select 6'3, 210-pound defenseman Simon Despres. The team then managed to trade up in the draft, and used the 10th overall pick to claim high-scoring winger Steven Anthony of Dartmouth.

Despres, a solid puck-moving defenseman from Montreal, is already gaining praise from his new club. "You rarely see such a combination of skill and size in such a young player," said Beaulieu. "His skating is smooth and effortless, his puck poise is outstanding and he has a shot that is both powerful and accurate. He's the total package. We are very pleased Simon will be in a Sea Dogs jersey this coming year."

Anthony, 16, played for the Dartmouth Subways of the Nova Scotia Major Midget AAA Hockey League last year. The 6'3, 190 pound centre recorded 33 goals and 31 assists in 35 games with the Subways. He was ranked third overall by Central Scouting. "Our scouting and coaching staff feel we got the two best players in the draft," said an enthused Beaulieu.

With the third overall pick in the Canadian Hockey League's Import Draft, the Sea Dogs selected top-ranked goaltender Robert Mayer of Switzerland. Dubbed an NHL star in-the-making by scouts, Mayer, 6'0 and 189 lbs., played both junior and professional hockey for the EHC Kloten Flyers in Switzerland. He was also named top goaltender in the Under-18 World Championships in Finland in April.

Beaulieu said he is thrilled to have Mayer in the fold. "We worked very hard for this pick," he said. "We actually brought Robert in to see the city and to see the organization. We have added a lot of depth in our goaltending and we feel strongly that Robert is going to be a high NHL pick and is going to play a lot of games for us over the next couple of years."

Mayer's agent, Scott Russell, said his client is "extremely excited" about coming to both the CHL and the Sea Dogs, particularly with 2007-2008 being his NHL draft year. "He's a very unique, special player," said Russell. "The fans are going to absolutely love this kid. He's highly-focused and he knows what he has to do this coming year."

"This fabulous underage goaltender was easily the best goalie at the World

U-18s and would be a top eight overall pick if available to the NHL this year (2007 NHL entry draft)," stated Red Line Report, a scouting review.

The Sea Dogs also signed Jordan Knox, a right wing who put up big numbers in three seasons with the Summerside Western Capitals of the Maritime Junior 'A' Hockey League. Knox will be filling one of three 20-year-old positions available with the Sea Dogs this coming year.

Five-foot-eight and 180 pounds, Knox was second in scoring with Summerside last year, netting 89 points (42 goals, 47 assists) in 53 regular season games. In 164 games played over three years with the Western Capitals, he scored 119 times and added 137 helpers for 256 points.

"Jordan is going to be a key part of our team," said Beaulieu. "He had NCAA options, but chose to come to Saint John. He's going to have an immediate impact for us. Beaulieu noted that Knox has shown strong leadership with the Western Capitals, including serving as team captain. Knox was also named the Canadian Junior 'A' Player of the Year in 2005-2006. The magnitude of that award is illustrated by its past winners who include NHLers Dany Heatley and Mike Comrie, and Phoenix Coyotes prospect Kyle Turris, selected third overall in the 2007 NHL Entry Draft.

With four major additions to the team, the Sea Dogs are set to climb out of the East Division basement this season. With such hyped additions, high expectations are reasonable.

The team will open the 2007-08 regular season on the road, facing the defending President's Cup champion Lewiston MAINEiacs on September 13. Their home opener is Friday, September 21, when the Sea Dogs host the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles.

V-Reds soccer gets ready to kick off 07-08 season



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Varsity Reds men soccer begin their 2007-2008 home schedule on Saturday, September 15 facing the UPEI Panthers at 3 pm at College Field. The women's team opens the day against the Lady Panthers at 1 pm.

1972 recreated, kinda ...

One boy's opinion on the biggest series of the summer

by Brad Greenpant

1972 was an eventful year. Republican Richard Nixon beat George McGovern in the US Presidential election, eleven Israeli athletes were killed at the Munich Olympics, and the Godfather was released.

Many people around the world remember these events when thinking about 1972, but not us Canadians. Instead, we remember the magic that Paul Henderson created that one September evening, scoring late in the third period to beat the Russians to squeak out a series win for Canada in the Summit series.

This was one of those moments where everyone remembers where they were, and thirty-five years later, the series and the goal are considered to be one of the most defining moments in Canadian history.

This is why Hockey Canada and the Russian Hockey Federation have decided to have a commemorative series, taking another kick at the Summit Series can. Eight games, Team Canada versus Team Russia, the only difference this time being that the players are all juniors.

Thirty-five years ago, Canada was a hockey-crazed country. We dominated the sport. No other national team even compared to Team Canada.

Today, Canada is still a hockey crazed nation, and almost every person in the country has embraced the game and made it part of their everyday lives. The difference between now and 1972 is that the world has caught up.

Before the eight-game "Super Series" began last week, Cana-

ans from every part of the country were sizing up both the Canadian and Russian squads, wondering who would be victorious.

The extremely skilled Russians, led by offensive threat Alexei Cherepanov, were considered to be the underdog by most. Analysts believed that the Canadian's hard forecheck and ability to score while still playing a tough, physical game would be one of the many reasons why the Canadians would emerge victorious.

Four games into the series, it looks as if the analysts were right.

After seeing the Canadians dominate the Russians for four games, some -- not including this guy -- have begun to say that the Canadians will sweep the Russians. Anyone who says this should be careful, though, because the Russian team still has fire in their stomachs and their pride to maintain.

As one team dominates another in sport, the winning team usually begins to develop arrogance. Brent Sutter, the coach of Team Canada has proven in the past that he can keep his players head's in check, but after winning four games straight on foreign soil, this will be a tough task.

If you combine this with the Russian's desire to prove themselves rather than be embarrassed at the hands of Team Canada, it will make for rather entertaining hockey.

Even though the Canadians have dominated thus far, and will most likely end up winning the series, do not turn off the series.

In 1972 it was the Canadians who had to pull off the amazing comeback, now it's the Russians turn to pull off a miracle.

And even if the Russians do not succeed, it will still make for some pretty entertaining hockey.

Co-Bench Bosses for UNB Women's Hockey



File Photo /The Brunswickan

by Hunter Gavin

Angie Roulston and Don Davis have been named as co-coaches of the UNB V-Reds women's hockey team. Both Roulston and Davis are familiar with the program, having been involved with the team for the past few seasons.

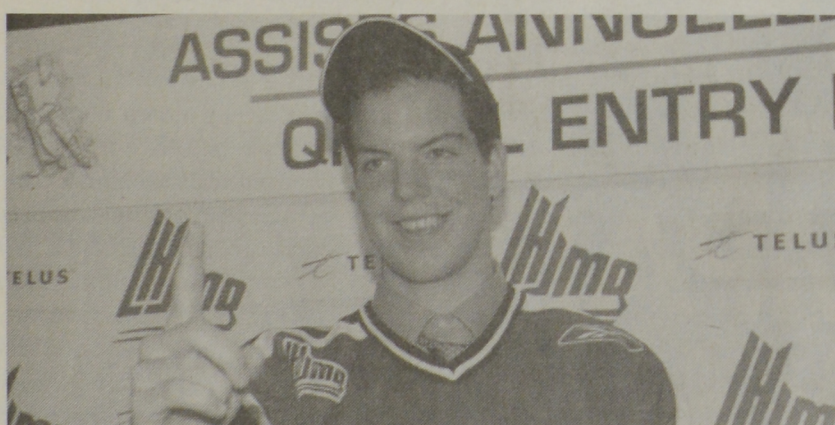
The appointments were announced by Kevin Dickie, Director of Athletics at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. "The Fredericton sporting community is well aware of how talented Coach Don is and we have been fortunate to have him with our program for the last three seasons. Don has also been acting as the interim coach throughout the summer," commented Dickie. "Angie has done a terrific job with the team for the past two years as an assistant coach and we are pleased to welcome another female head coach to the V-Reds program."

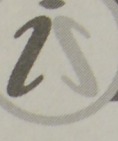
The coaching positions are part time, but the hiring process became quite lengthy due to various work commitments and busy schedules. Davis is currently in Antigonish, Nova Scotia attending St. Francis

Xavier University and working with the X-Men football team. Roulston is in Kenora, Ontario for the summer and will begin an internship at Fredericton High School this coming academic year.

In addition, the team will welcome Andrew Lavoie to the coaching staff. Lavoie, who will serve as an assistant coach, was an assistant coach with the Minor Midget Capitals last season. An additional assistant is expected to be named to the coaching staff later this summer.

The search for a new coaching staff began at the end of last season, when it was announced that Head Coach Mark Francis would not be returning to the team. Kevin Dickie applauded Francis for his work as coach, saying "Mark has done a terrific job growing our women's hockey team into one that has become competitive in Atlantic University Sport. He is also a tremendous person who has added a great deal to our Varsity Reds coaches group. UNB thanks Mark for his time, energy and passion, and wishes him the best of luck in future endeavours."



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