

Two out of three ain't bad

Tip of the Cap. by Josh Fleck

The obvious pick for this week's Tip of the Cap is naturally the UNB hockey team. After falling in the AUS finals to the Saint Mary's Huskies, coach Gardiner MacDougall told the press that the Reds got a mulligan. Well, just like Tiger Woods would use his mulligan, the Reds came through in the clutch and won their second CIS banner in three years.

After getting the toughest assignment in facing the number one seeded Alberta Golden Bears in the opening round, the entire team stepped up, especially third-year forward Lachlan MacIntosh, who only had nine goals in the regular season. MacIntosh contributed two goals and one assist in a 6-3 drubbing of Alberta.

Through the regular season, MacIntosh averaged 0.35 goals per game, but in the three tournament games at the Cavendish Cup he scored an astounding five goals. For his efforts on the ice, MacIntosh earned tournament MVP.

Their on-ice success cannot be attributed to just one person, though. The coaching staff, as well as every single player, was essential to the continued success of the team. It was no easy task to get mentally prepared after the loss to SMU, so a Tip inside the Tip goes to the coaching staff.

While I'm throwing out Tips inside my Tip, I'll give one to Sportsnet for being so well informed throughout the tournament. I know it's their job and all, but they did a bang-up job. The best quote of the weekend had to have been, "John-Scott Dickson has to be one of the smartest players in CIS hockey." Those of you who know your stuff about hockey know that Dickson is rarely out of position, and is arguably the best defensive forward on the team. For this, he gets my vote for the "C" next year. But, then again, I am just a writer.

From on the ice to behind the bench

Former Reds forward Lucas Madill finishes successful transition to Reds coaching staff

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One of the hardest things for any athlete is handling the transition out of their career as an active player. For UNB Varsity Red Lucas Madill, the transition didn't involve quietly slipping into retirement, but rather stepping behind the bench of his former team, becoming the student assistant coach for UNB.

According to Madill, the switch this season from player to coach has been tough, but it's been much smoother than he expected it to be.

"You don't realize until the first game. Instead of preparing for the game for two hours beforehand, you're sitting on your hands or twiddling your thumbs waiting for it to start."

"I kind of thought in the beginning of the year that it was weird because you don't know if you should be sitting in the room with [the players] talking or outside," said Madill. "As a student assistant, you're kind of like a median, you can hang out with the guys and also talk to [the coaches]."

The Varsity Reds have had student coaches for a number of years. Head coach Gardiner MacDougall offered Madill the position as he believes that the former forward brings a lot to the role.

"I think it's important. A former player is a good buffer in the room because he has the respect and the trust of the group because he was in there last year. He gives us feedback from a different perspective; he has a player perspective as well as a coaching perspective, so it's a double win," said MacDougall.

UNB fifth-year captain Dustin Friesen agrees with his coach's sentiments about the benefits of a recent player joining the coaching staff.

"It's been a really positive experience for our players. Since he

played last year he knows where the players are coming from, he knows the coach's perspective, so it's a good line of communication, just making sure everything's understood properly," said Friesen.

While both Friesen and MacDougall are pleased with their youngest coach, Madill acknowledges that at times it's been difficult trying to get points across to the players due to their close relationships.

"Sometimes I think when you're talking to a coach you can usually interpret what they're telling you as it is coming from a coach. Now, for me, sometimes they think I'm telling them what they want to hear as a friend, not so much as a coach."

"I think they give me the benefit of the doubt just because I'm in sport psychology. Maybe they think I have more wisdom than I do, or maybe they think I have less. I don't know," he said jokingly.

Madill is currently pursuing a M.Sc. in Exercise & Sport Science, focusing on Sport Psychology under renowned sport psychologist Dr. David Scott. Scott, in addition to his teaching duties at UNB, currently serves as the sport psychologist for the Florida Panthers of the National Hockey League.

In addition to his credentials as a former player and his knowledge of the game, the education in sports psychology is one of the biggest benefits of having Madill on the coaching staff, according to MacDougall. He says that it "widens the scope of our staff, what we can bring to our players."

"The whole key [to coaching] is building confidence in players and you have to have adversity to continue to gain confidence. He's very good at one-on-one ... he can go up and talk to a guy, whether it's on the ice or off the ice. He can try some things out that he's learning in the sport psychology field and he's got the background as a player as well, so it's a good mix for him," said MacDougall.

Hoping to graduate from UNB in May, Madill is interested in pursuing a Ph. D. or possibly a teaching degree, but hopes to further explore his new passion for coaching at some level of hockey.

"I really do enjoy it. It's so much fun. I always thought I'd enjoy it, but I really do love it. It's been great."

Reds' road to the cup

GAME 1



GAME SUMMARY

First Period

1. UNB - Dion Campbell (Jordan Clendenning) 7:20
2. UNB - Luke Lynes (Lachlan MacIntosh, Kyle Bailey) 9:10
3. UNB - Lachlan MacIntosh (Kyle Bailey, Jonathon Harty) 11:10
4. ALB - Derek Ryan (Chad Klassen) 12:36
5. UNB - Jordan Clendenning 16:15
6. UNB - Jimmy Cuddihy (John Scott Dickson, Kevin Henderson) 18:05

Second Period

7. ALB - Derek Ryan (Eric Hunter) 7:21
8. ALB - Chad Klassen (Derek Ryan) 13:23

Third Period

9. UNB - Lachlan MacIntosh (Robert Pearce, Dustin Friesen) 13:02

Shots on Goal	1	2	3	Tot.
UNB	12	13	7	32
ALB	12	8	9	29

W: Travis Fullerton (26 saves)

L: Aaron Sorochoan (26 saves)

Attendance: 2,421

GAME 2



GAME SUMMARY

First Period

1. UNB - David Bowman (Dustin Friesen) 19:46

Second Period

No scoring

Third Period

2. UNB - Kyle Bailey (Alex Aldred, Kevin Henderson) 3:12
3. UNB - Dustin Friesen (Kyle Bailey, John Scott Dickson) 14:31
4. LAK - Andy Zulyniak (Andrew Brown) 19:34

Shots on Goal	1	2	3	Tot.
UNB	17	14	9	40
LAK	7	10	14	31

W: Travis Fullerton (30 saves)

L: Chris Whitley (37 saves)

Attendance: 2,740

GAME 3



GAME SUMMARY

First Period

1. UNB - Lachlan MacIntosh 18:58

Second Period

2. UNB - John Scott Dickson (David Bowman, Jonathon Harty) 1:02
3. UWO - Patrick Ouellet (Joe McCann) 8:57

Third Period

4. UWO - Kevin Baker (Jeffery Martens, Jason Furlong) 1:13
5. UNB - Lachlan MacIntosh (Kyle Bailey, Jimmy Cuddihy) 10:24
6. UNB - Lachlan MacIntosh (Kyle Bailey) 19:14

Shots on Goal	1	2	3	Tot.
UNB	10	10	17	37
UWO	1	18	11	30

W: Travis Fullerton (28 saves)

L: Brad Topping (33 saves)

Attendance: 2,715