



Sue Keirstead and Wendy Dickinson discuss a few goalie tricks.



Wendy Dickinson tries to prevent Cathy Dickinson from scoring a goal. On defense is Rose Pothier.

Red Blazers prepare for tourney

By BOBBY JAY BLUE

The UNB Red Blazers resume their season this weekend after a month off-ice, and they begin with a bang.

Friday night will see the opening of the fifth annual UNB Invitational Ladies Hockey tournament. In its five years of existence this event has become the major mid-season tournament for women's hockey in the Maritime provinces. As with last year, it will be a six team event, and all games will be played in the Aitken Center.

The Red Blazers are the defending champions, and with a much improved lineup are looking to repeat, but with the strong field stacked against them UNB should be pushed to the limit. Three of the other five entrants are back from last season: The Moncton Jaguars and the Blazers emerging with a narrow 3-2 victory. Moncton brings a big tough team to the tournament, and with the goaltending of all-Canadian

Ann Marie Levi will be a team to watch.

Dave's Corner ESSO from Prince Edward Island have been the number one team across the gulf for most of the last ten years, and this year they are much the same. Typical of any P.E.I. hockey team they play a fast up and down game with lots of hitting. A former tournament champion, Dave's Corner gals are looking to take the trophy home again.

The last returning team is

the Dalhousie Tigers, the Tigers are defending provincial champions and have had a good off-season recruiting drive. Last year the Tigers came very close with their disciplined style of defensive hockey, if as rumoured they have added a couple of goal scorers the Tigers will be hard to beat.

Another P.E.I. team will be lining up in this year's games. From the town of Tignish, this will be a team mostly consisting of junior players with a couple of senior players added. Most

notably, former Red Blazers captain Lynn Gaudette.

The last entry comes from Amhurst. This also is basically a junior team and for experience they carry a few senior players. According to coach Larry Ogdon his girls need one more line to knock off the powerhouse Tigers in the provincials, and that is what they are building for in the next few years.

For the home town Red Blazers, this weekend will feature the full time return of two players who missed the first term. Centers Ann Campbell and Cathy Dickinson should add considerably to the team's scoring punch, which is the one weakness of what is a well rounded UNB squad. With the addition of Campbell and Dickinson to the forward ranks, the Blazers have four centers that are all-star caliber. Already in the lineup are Jo-Anne Gillies, and the always colorful Barb 'boom-boom' Cox.

Finally, the Golden Light

Red Blazer of the month has been announced, she is Sue Keirstead, one of the team's two goaltenders. Sue is playing her first year with UNB and was outstanding in

a 3-0 win over St. John, in which she shared a shutout with Wendy Dickinson. Keirstead is a third year Science student and a Fredericton native.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Play is from two divisions, the Red and Black, with an interlocking playoff round. All games and presentations will be at the Aitken Center.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

8:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies
8:40 p.m. UNB vs. DALHOUSIE (red)
10:10 p.m. DAVES CORNER vs. MONCTON (black)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 a.m. DALHOUSIE vs. TIGNISH (red)
12:30 p.m. DAVES CORNER vs. AMHURST (black)
2:00 p.m. UNB vs. TIGNISH (red)
3:30 p.m. MONCTON vs. AMHURST (black)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 a.m. 3rd place black vs. 3rd place red
9:10 a.m. 1st place black vs. 2nd place red
10:40 a.m. 1st place red vs. 2nd place black
12:10 p.m. loser game 8 vs. loser game 9
1:40 p.m. winner game 8 vs. winner game 9
3:20 p.m. trophy presentations and closing ceremonies.