

# SPORT SCENE

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## RED BLAZERS AT LAST TOURNAMENT

By W. G. HALE

The UNB Red Blazers will be out to wrap up the long hockey season on a winning note this weekend when they travel to Toronto to compete in the Brampton Dominion Ladies Hockey Tournament. The event is the biggest ladies Tournament in the world, 179 teams will compete in 16 divisions ranging from Pee-Wee to Senior. UNB will be competing in the highest ranked division - Senior A. The Red Blazers felt that they would prefer to play in the highest calibre rather than register B or C and

face easy competition. "If we are going all that way, we want to face a test," says Coach Mike Power. "We have led up to this all year so it's not supposed to be easy."

It appears the Blazers will get their wish. UNB faces the Lakeside Flyers from London, ON in the first round, not much is known about London, but it is UNB's second-round opponent that raises some anticipation. They will probably face the Hamilton Golden Hawks. Hamilton is, bar none, the most successful female hockey team on the planet. Since 1983 they have won 3

Canadian Championships and in 1987 they won the first Women's World Championship going undefeated all the way. UNB gets some good news though, in this season's Senior Championships the Moncton team representing this province held the Golden Hawks to a 2-2 tie. "We are very close to Moncton," says Power "so, if we come to play hard, anything is possible." After the second round, a loss would end the Tournament for UNB; winning would send them against whoever advances from the top of the competition ladder.

The Red Blazers go into the weekend looking for a big finish to what has been a season filled with hard luck. "It's been a lot of fun," says Power, "but we've lost six games to storms or cancellations; we lost three weeks of ice time to the curling; we've had vans breaking down on us..." Another problem has been an unsettled lineup, hopefully that can be overcome in Toronto. "We have had players coming and going all year, it's hard to get any consistency under those circumstances, but in Brampton everybody will know their

role." Power also sees his team's first period blues as a danger. "We have lost 13 games this year, I bet ten of them came because of poor starts, not one goal, but two or three against us in the first five minutes. We have tried things to stop it, but it just won't go away."

The Brampton Tournament will mark the end of the longest season ever for the Red Blazers, it all started October 1st, and after six long months all concerned are hoping for a memorable ending.

## PEANUTS AND PINE TAR

By TIM LYNCH

Peanuts and, no not beer, pine tar, yeah pine tar. Anyways, the Grapefruit League has just about dried up and the Expos and Jays are almost ready to roll.

### Expos

The Expos will make a serious run for the NL East this year. Hubie Brooks has moved into right field to make room for Luis Rivera at short. Mitch Webster will start in center. Casey Candaele and Johnny Paderes are still battling for second base. Tom Foley can also play. If Wallach, Brooks, and Galarraga stay healthy and drive in the runs, look for Tim Raines to post career totals from the leadoff spot. However, there are a few "ifs" on the pitching staff. Whether or not Joe Hesketh and Floyd Youmans can bounce back from their problems remains to be seen. The careers of Pascual Perez and Dennis Martinez hinge on their performances this year. Newly acquired Graig Nettles can play the infield corners and will provide

some much-needed sock off the bench. A key acquisition.

### Blue Jays

If the Blue Jays hope to win their division, they should trade George Bell or shut him up. Did anyone hear Lloyd Moseby bitch about being moved out of centrefield? In last Sunday's 5-4 win over the Twins, Manny Lee was the DH and Cecil Fielder, of all people, started at third. The Jays plan to platoon Fred McGriff and big Cecil at first base. I wonder if George would or could play first? If you would like to see him traded, keep in mind that Mr. Bell did hit 47 homers last year. It appears that Sil, short for Silvestre, Campusano will be starting in centrefield over Canadian Rob Ducey. I'd love to see Dave Stieb bounce back and win 20 games (I can't stand watching him curse on the mound). Nelson Liriano could be the Jays leadoff hitter if he doesn't swing for too many fences. Right now Toronto is praying Tony Fernandez can return to his old form. Too bad Tony, but Madlock has fled to Japan.

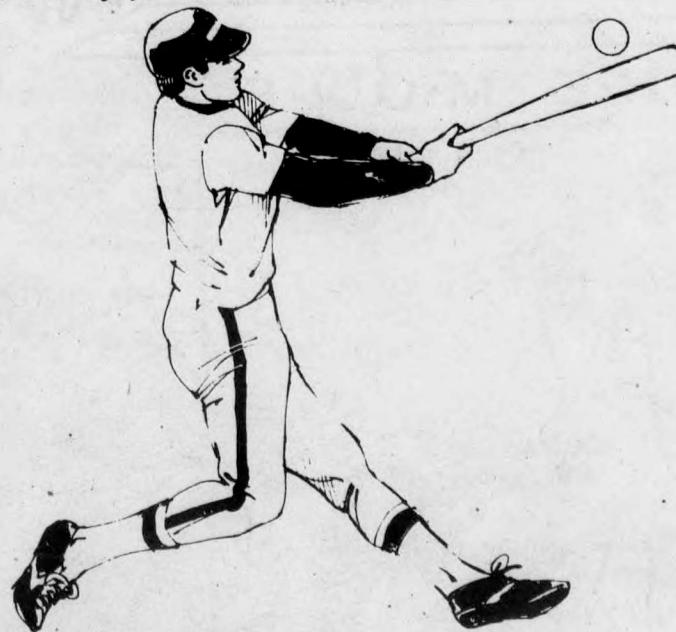
Buck Rodgers will get the Expos playing as a unit, and they'll capture the NL East. In the West, it'll be the Dodgers. The addition of Kirk Gibson, Jesse Orosco, and Mike Davis will ensure that Tommy Lasorda has a contract for a few more years. It will be Billy's boys, not the Jays, in the AL

earn the Oakland A's a ticket to the league championship series. Roger Clemens will highlight a mediocre Red Sox season by winning his third straight Cy Young award.

Canadian Junior Men's Curling Championship in North Vancouver, BC, it marked an improvement over the NB entry that posted a 2-9 record two years ago which was also skipped by Comeau... Speaking of curling, I tip my hat to Jimbo Sullivan and Company for their outstanding worldly effort. Too bad CBC didn't find it financially viable to provide live coverage...

Mike Tyson is gonna beat up on Michael Spinks June 27 in Atlantic City. Tyson's first challenge will come from Evander Holyfield later in the year... George Foreman might fight Trevor Berbick in June too. Why?...

Everyone knows Alabama has the Crimson Tide, so how about the RED BRIGADE for UNB?



East. Martin will have the Yankees playing together as a team while George and Jimmy will constantly battle. The awesome power of Jose Canseco, Dave Parker, Mark McGwire, and Don Baylor will

**FOUL TIPS:** When New Brunswick's Tim Comeau rink (he and lead Scott Archibald are students at UNB) beat Manitoba 4-3 on Sunday to record their third win at the

*Litterbox*