

LBR Red Eyes open season with win

by Al Koholic

The Lady Beaverbrook Residence's co-ed hockey team appropriately nicknamed the Red Eyes kicked off their 1991 season by narrowly edging the MacKenzie Magnets by a score of 3-2 last Sunday at the Aitken Centre.

Co-ed hockey has its own set of rules which differ slightly from regular ice hockey. The most significant change is that a goal scored by a female is worth three points, while a male goal is worth only one. As well, guys cannot cross the center line carrying the puck, they must pass it off and then pick it up again. There must also be at least three females on the ice at all times. With all this in mind, the Red Eyes held, several team meetings before the game and discussed strategy which seemed to lift them over MacKenzie.

Captain of the Red Eyes, Trudy Estabrooks, said, "Throughout the game we stuck to our game plan by going with a 2-1-2 defensive system and it worked. They were held to only a few quality shots." LBR goalie Todd Smith agrees with Estabrooks' assessment. "Our defense cleared the front of the net of opposing players and rebounds. It made my job a lot easier."

Scoring for LBR was Annette Knowlton who broke in alone on Magnets' goalie Glenn McLean and fired a high shot over his shoulder to give the Red Eyes three points with slightly less than five minutes remaining. Darren Anderson and Len Parson replied for the Magnets. Red Eye defenseman Brent Barkhouse and Bryant Magee dominated the game at times and picked their game up a notch when MacKenzie pulled their goalie in the final few minutes. "Bryant and I both feel that if our team scores more goals than the other team, then we'll win most of our games and we proved that out there today", said a perceptive Barkhouse.

Ron Taylor, last year's Red Eye coach, carries a new role with the team this year as a player and an integral part of the team. Taylor's experience in hockey is very limited. "Back home the only reason we carried hockey sticks with us when we skated on the frozen river was in case we fell through, at least we would have something to pull ourselves out."

Taylor found the transition from coach to player especially difficult at times. "It was tough because my glasses kept fog-

ging up and the boards got in the way".

The Red Eyes play their next game this Sunday at 5 p.m.

against Maggie Jean. Captain Estabrooks says the team will have a different game plan for this weekend. "We scouted

them and know their strengths and weaknesses. If all goes well, we should win."

Blazers win tournament

by Mary Scott

For the fifth time in the events twelve year history, the UNB Red Blazers returned to the winners circle at their own Invitational Tournament.

The Blazers downed the Saint John Flyers 4-0 in the final game. While Saint John had advanced with an easy 12-0 decision over a UNB B-Team, the Red Blazer A squad had a harder route. They needed a goal from Loree Boyle with 2:35 left in the third period to break a tie en route to an 8-7 win over the Charlo Devils. Besides Boyle, Josette Babineau supplied UNB with a hat trick, Cheryl Campbell notched a pair, and singles came from the sticks of Chris MacLoon and April Jost.

In the final, UNB carried the play to Saint John but could only score once in the first period, the goal that would be the eventual winner was scored by Campbell. UNB tallied the lone goal of the second period

when center Chris MacLoon converted on a partial short-handed breakaway. Jost and Babineau rounded out the scoring in the final period, the shutout was split between Traci Miller and Nicole Breau.

In the consolation final Charlo beat the second UNB squad 10-2, Andrea Stilwell and Lisa Jones had the Blazer goals.

Despite the fact that the usual two or three day event had to be condensed into one day, the tourney organizers were very happy with the final product, wanting to thank the UNB Intermural officials for their work, and also Ron Jost who handled much of the minor official duties so well.

UNB's coaches were also very happy with their team's performance. "From the goalies all the way out I thought they showed character", said Frank Denis.

"It was a new approach to go with two teams, it's a shame the other team didn't have more on ice success but our goal was to have a competitive team and a participation team, and we are happy with the overall results." Meanwhile, Coach Mike Power who has been behind the bench since 1983 was overjoyed with his team's first Tournament victory since the '85-'86 season. "This is the best group of talent we have had since the '84 through '86 seasons", says Power, "but there is more real satisfaction in what we are doing this year, in '86 we had one team of eighteen players, this year we have forty spread over a three team intramural league."

The Red Blazer's season continues this weekend as they travel to the University of Maine (Orono) for a pair of exhibition games.

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