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Blazers begin new League - continued

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schedule as they kept in shape for whatever playoffs they faced in February; many of those exhibition games were against the boy's teams they will face in the league. What then are the advantages of playing in the league? "We get to play more games midweek, and do less travelling," says veteran defender Debbie MacLoon. "It will also be nice to know weeks in advance when we play; before this, we would find out Wednesday we had a game Friday."

UNB is 1-1 this year in exhibition play, having split

games with boys teams from the city. MacLoon is very pleased with the prospects for the coming season: "We have so many new players, you must wonder how well we will play when we have been together for a little while. Right now we look good, but we have a chance to be great." As great as last year's squad, which came within two goals of a bronze medal in the Nationals? "Yes, certainly. Most of last season's key players are back, and if you look at the younger players like Paula MacDonald and Carolyn Boushal, you can see them getting so much better. If Paula improves on last season,

she has the ability to be one of the best players in Canada." For the record, MacDonald is an 18-year old Fredericton beginning her second full year with the team; last year, she was the second leading scorer with 30 points in 32 games.

While UNB coach Mike Power has been talking about his bumper crop of rookies, MacLoon feels the veterans still have an important role to play. "We are going to get super years from people like Anne Campbell and Joanne Gillies; overall, there are 11 of us back from last year, so we should really work together well." MacLoon is part of an

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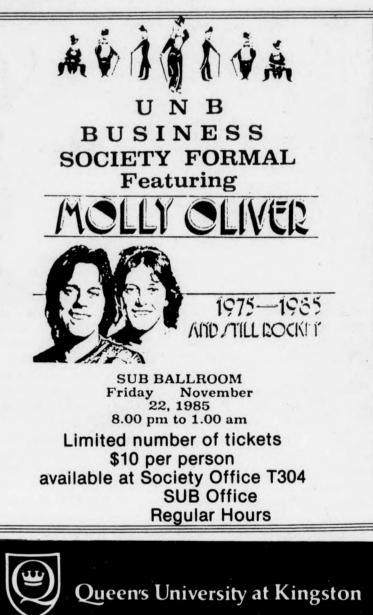
taller. However, this is not to

be, and he is currently spen-

in two years."

The Red Blazers are still week.

experiment by coach Power; awaiting word on who they she is working on defense with will face in this year's Senior A a new partner, converted left- playoffs; their old rivals, the wing Sandy Ward. "I think Moncton Jaguars, are having Mike moved Sandy back to organizational problems. The take advantage of her strength other big event on their and speed; once she gets some schedule is the UNB Invitaexperience, she should work tional Tournament in January. out well; it's good for me since So it will be a big and busy I haven't had a steady partner year for women's hockey at UNB, and it all starts this



by MARK SAVOIE

A quick look at the Fredericton Express roster will reveal the great number of established NHL names on the team. These names include Andy Schliebener, Gord Donnely, Michel Petit, and Neil Belland at defence. Tony Currie, Marc Crawford, Jere Gillis, Mark Kirton and Gary Lupul dominate the forward line. Even at their supposed weak link in net, Wendell Young has performed excellently on a consistent basis.

Wendell Young has been about the only consistent thing about the Express this season. Therein lies the problem. The Express were at one point at a low 1-4 record this season. They then promptly went out and won their next four games, including the first three games of a tough seven-game road trip. They went on to lose the last four games of this trip. Coming home against the Rochester Americans, the best team in the league thus far, they came up big with an impressive 5-3 victory. Two nights later, against the 1-9-2 Binghamton Whalers, they didn't bother to show up and lost 4-2. They remind one of the Toronto Maple Leafs of the late seventies; before they became truly pathetic; in that they can play well and beat the good teams one night, and play lousy and lose to the bad teams the next. The Maple Leafs of the period mentioned had an inordinate ability to beat the dominating Montreal Canadiens and the up-and-coming New York Islanders. They, like the Express, had their problems with the weaker clubs such as the hopeless Cleveland Barons and Washington Capitals. Hopefully, the arrival of Gary Lupul from Vancouver will help the Express play up to their potential. Lupul has been called a sparkplug to this date and it is hoped that he will in-

deed spark the club to bigger far, one has to ponder how and better things. Lupul, who has spent the last two and a half seasons with Vancouver, stands at only 5' 8" and 175 lbs. With the intensity and ability that he has shown thus

NHL quality in Express

ding time in the minors because of it. Red Devils outmatched against Moncton

by IAN SUTHERLAND

The hockey Red Devils came up with perhaps their best effort of the season last Saturday against the Moncton Blue Eagles; unfortunately, it wasn't good enough to defeat one of the best university hockey teams in the nation.

The Blue Eagles, who lead the NB-PEI division of the Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference, upended the Devils at the Aitken Center by a 7-4 score, including an empty net goal in the final minute. The loss dropped the Doug MacLean-coached Red Devils to 1-3 in the season, pending the outcome of a game Wednesday night against the St. Thomas Tommies.

Boudreau, Claude Lefebvre, Dalhousie at the Aitken Eric Cormier, Francois Sills, Center.

Claude Gosselin and Henri Marcoux tallied for the Blue Eagles last Saturday.

For UNB, Mark Jeffrey, Peter Thorne, Bill MacDonald and Eddie Trail fired single markers, the latter coming on a penalty shot.

The Devils were without the services of two key players in Saturday's tilt: defenceman Bruce Carroll and center Mike Kelly. Carroll was forced to sit out a one-game suspension, while Kelly, who dressed for the game, was limited to faceoff duty because of a sore leg.

This weekend sees the Devils in Halifax for a pair of games, facing St. Mary's Huskies tonight, and the Dalhousie Tigers Saturday at 2 p.m.

They return home Nov. 23 Mike Fafard, Francois for a 2 p.m. contest against

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Athletes Of The Week (week ending Nov. 10)

A swimmer and a runner are the recipients of athletes-ofthe-week honors at the University of New Brunswick for the week ending November 10.

Peter Woodward, a fourth-year physical education student from Point Claire, P.O., finished first in both the 100-meter and 200-meter breast stroke at the Dalhousie meet last weekend. Both were lifetime bests for the 20-year-old physical education student.

"Woody's performance this past weekend shows that he is on the right track for making CIAU's in the 100 meters," coach Michelle Oliver said.

For the women, cross-country runner Michele Cormier capped off a successful rookie season by placing 20th out of a field of more than 55 at the Canadian Interuniversities crosscountry championships on Saturday. The 18-year-old science student was earlier named to the AUAA all-star team and placed first at the Atlantic Junior Open two weeks ago. UNB finished sixth overall at the CIAU's in Sherbrooke, with Cormier the top UNB finisher.

"Michele has had an excellent year," coach Joe Lehmann said. "The future looks very bright for her."

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