

Red Blazers hit by mid-season slump

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Like most hockey teams, the UNB Red Blazers Womens Hockey team has hit their mid-season slump. Since winning their own Tournament back on January 26th the Blazers have lost three straight games, in that stretch they were outscored 12 to 1.

On Saturday February 1st UNB lost to the Nashwaaksis #1 Bantam Reps 4-1, as Charlene Arsenault got what would prove to be the teams last goal for some time. Sunday the 9th saw the Nackawic Bantams rip UNB 7-0, and the next day it was the Nashwaaksis #2 Bantams winning 1-0.

All this must have UNB Coach Mike Power pretty depressed, "No not really, we have a lot of injuries, 4 of my top players were out of the lineup completely, and 5 others were playing with minor injuries." Power also pointed out that the Blazers have played 30 games so far,

and "two years ago we only played 29 total, even last year we only played 39, so I think this is a stage in a long season that you have to expect."

Checking last seasons statistics after 30 games it appears that UNB has some firepower missing as the 85-86 Blazers have 30 fewer goals than the 84-85 version. "We also have allowed 20 fewer," says Power. "This is a different team, we pass more, and rely on teamwork more than last year, then we had Carol Allport, France Thibodeau and Paula MacDonald among others, that were great individual stars, this season each line is a unit and each player has a job to do. That doesn't make us as vulnerable to injuries, which I think we have shown this year. I like this team, it certainly is more fun for me to coach." In fact with most of his walking wounded due back in the lineup this weekend for a Bantam Tournament in Woodstock, Power is looking to pay back some of

the teams that have beaten them recently, "That's true, maybe they will make the mistake of taking us lightly, I know the players have decided

to start putting things together, so we will see." So despite the midseason blues Coach Power remains upbeat, but the fact remains

that UNB must soon come around as they head into the toughest and most important part of their season.

Goaltending key for Devils

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Strong goaltending and the scoring ability of John LeBlanc powered the Red Devils hockey team to a split last weekend in games played on the road.

The Devils started off the weekend by dropping a 6-3 decision to playoff-bound St. Francis X-men in Antigonish. Last Saturday, however, UNB rebounded for a 4-3 overtime victory against Acadia Axemen. It was the first victory for the Red Devils in Wolfville in five seasons.

LeBlanc fired two goals in the final three minutes of the Acadia game to set up overtime

heroics by rookie defenceman Jamie Lehmans, who scored the winner on a nice passing play with another rookie, Terry Woods. In goal, newcomer Steve Tattersal was outstanding, allowing the Devils time to get their scoring

machine in gear. The Red Devils play their final home games of the season this weekend. Saturday, Mount Allison Mounties are in town while on Sunday league-leading Moncton Blue Eagles visit the Aitken Centre.

(Press Release from the Minister of Revenue Canada, Customs and Excise)

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The dumping investigation followed complaints by Canadian rubber puck manufacturers, including Viceroy Rubber and Plastics Limited, Goodyear Canada Inc. and supported by General Tire Canada Limited.

Hockey pucks from Czechoslovakia and East Germany are being dumped in Canada, according to a final determination made by the Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise. The apparent domestic

market for rubber pucks has grown over the years and reached an estimated six million pucks in 1984. However, in 1985 the apparent domestic market declined to about four million. In 1984 imports held a 58 per cent share of the market, and this increased in 1985 to a 63 per cent share.

The Canadian Import Tribunal will rule on the issue of possible material injury to Canadian manufacturers as the result of the dumping March 18. If it is found that injury is likely to be caused by further dumped imports, goods released from Customs' control after that date will be subject to anti-dumping duty.

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