

Red Blazers drop season opener

The UNB Red Blazers dropped their season opener last Sunday as they hosted the Nashwaaksis Bantem Reps, and came out on the short end of a 6-5 score.

It was not a bad outing for the Blazers however as at

one point they held a 4-1 lead and were totally dominating play, in the end however, they just ran out of gas as they tried to match the bigger stronger boys team in a hitting game

Sandy Ward notched the only goal of the first period

as she fired a sharp angle wrist shot along the ice that caught goalie Sean Doherty by surprise. 5:32 into the second period, rookie center Joanne Gillies from Belisle, N.B., put UNB up by two, but the Reps cut the lead in half as Troy Somerville scored on a hard high shot that beat Wendy Dickenson cleanly. "Big Barb" Cox and France Thibodeau got their first goals in a Blazer uniform before the period ended to make it 4-1 after 40 minutes.

The home team came out slowly in the final period and the boys took full advantage of it as they put four goals behind the new Blazers goalie Sue Keirsted before the period was nine minutes old. Trailing 5-4 with time running out France Thibodeau got her second of the day, and it looked like UNB had pulled it out, but a goal by Quintin Hunter at 18:33 of the Reps won the game, the Blazers pulled their goalie and got good pressure but couldn't tie it up due to some fine work by goalie Doherty.

The Blazers hit the road this Sunday for a game against the Moncton Women's team, as they look to even up their season record.

Hockey: Paul Murphy, a second year engineering student, gets the hockey award for his superb defensive efforts against Mount Allison, Paul now has one goal and four assists on the season.

"Paul has developed into an outstanding defenseman," said coach Don MacAdam. "His ability to read plays defensively and his offensive abilities have been one of the major reasons for the Devils' turnarounds this year."

Women's Basketball: A 5'10" rookie from Petitcodiac gets the Cafe Creme award for women's basketball. Natalie Harmer, first year physical education student, shot six-for-seven last Saturday in the Alumni game.

"Playing against some very experienced players, Natalie performed as a veteran," said coach Coleen Dufresne.

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It was another big week of upsets in the NFL, headed by the juiced-up Chargers' shocking win over Dallas. Nine of the favourites failed to cover the spread set by Harrah's, with eight of those nine favourites losing outright. Only the Raiders failed to cover and won, last Sunday. As the season winds down, look for more upsets of a more significant nature, what with the battle for play-off spots becoming tighter, and the spoilers waiting with glee for a chance to knock out a contender.

Here are my picks for the twelfth week of the NFL season (Home team in CAPS):

MIAMI over Baltimore by 6 - the Dolphins were upset last week - don't look for it to happen again this week. Shula, Marino and Co. will be back on track against the Cinderella Colts, who'll drop their second in a row.

TAMPA BAY over Chicago by 3 - tough one to pick, seeing as neither team is going anywhere.

NEW ENGLAND over Cleveland by 4 - the Pats are for real, as they proved in beating Miami last Sunday. If they don't pull the "El-Choke-O" they've become famous for, they should win Sunday to stay in the AFC East race.

GREEN BAY over Detroit by 2 - what will the Packers do next? Will they win three in-a-row by downing the Lions? Or will they continue to be consistently inconsistent? Will the Lions bounce back from being the first team to lose to (choke!) Houston? Will Billy Sims smash more cups of Gatorade? For the answers to these and many more questions tune in to "As the Football Turns" this Sunday in Milwaukee County Stadium.

CINCINNATI over Houston by 6 - it'd be asking too much to expect the Oilers to do it two weeks in-a-row.

Raiders over **BUFFALO** by 5 - even though the Bills put the final nail in the coffin of MY favourite team last week, I still think they're playing over their heads. If they win this one, I'll finally be convinced. (Good enough, V.R.?)

DALLAS over Kansas City by 7 - the Chiefs are probably the best team with losing record in the league. That won't help them against the Cowboys, though, who'll be in a snarly mood after losing to the Chargers last week.

PITTSBURGH over Minnesota by 8 - it's hard to pick a Bud Grant team to lose their third game in a row, but it's even harder to go against the steelers at home, especially since they've now won seven straight.

PHILADELPHIA over N.Y. Giants by 4 - two more teams going nowhere, fast. The Giants could surprise the Eagles, but I really doubt it - both New York teams have bitten the big one this year.

ST. LOUIS Over San Diego by 3 - Air Coryell returns to play his former team, the Cardinals (who've done nothing since they canned Coryell, interestingly enough). But after their tremendous, emotional victory over Dallas last week, the Chargers will be just too drained to cope with the Cards.

Seattle over **DENVER** by 2 - both these teams lost last week, to drop two games behind the division - leading Raiders. Neither team wants to lose anymore ground, so it should be a tough one. Give it to the Seahawks because of their strong running game.

Washington over L.A. **RAMS** by 2 - this could be a preview of the NFC Wild Card play-off; give it to the Skins in a close one - they have the edge in special teams.

San Francisco over **ATLANTA** by 6 - the 49ers are on a roll, the Falcons are stumbling. But Atlanta is an up-and-down team and this match-up has the best potential for the upset of the week.

NEW ORLEANS over N.Y. Jets by 3 - something is wrong with New York, despite all the talent on the squad. The Jets have taken over from the Pats as the NFL's biggest underachievers, while Bum's Boys are an example of what over achieving can accomplish.

RECORD:
Last week: 7-7 (.500); vs. the spread: 5-2 (.714)
Overall: 82-71-1 (.536); vs. the spread: 44-16 (.733)

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MEN'S INTRAMURAL BALL HOCKEY

HEY GUYS!! Now that the Hockey season is into full stride why don't you make the big rush down to the Intramural Office in the L.B. Gym - Room A121 between 10:00 and 2:00 p.m. -Monday thru Friday and sign up for Intramural Ball Hockey. You can sign up individually or as a team, but do so before the entry deadline on November 30, 1983. So come on down and sign up soon.

CO-ED BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

All participants in the Co-Ed Basketball Tournament are reminded to report to the Gym at 9:45 tomorrow morning. If you haven't registered but would like to participate, contact the Recreation Office immediately.