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Blazers on way to Nationals Fifth consecutive appearance a record

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For the fifth consecutive year the UNB Red Blazers will be travelling to the Shoppers Drug Mart National Women's Hockey Championships. The Blazers will establish a record of most appearances in the top ranked Tournament which features the ten provincial champions.

The Red Blazers capped their "Drive for five" with a sweep of 3 weekend games over the Moncton Northern Stars to capture their fifth New Brunswick Senior A Championship. Last Saturday UNB won an early morning game 5-2 over Moncton, despite a long snowy trip to Cocagne, the site of the entire series. Rookie Jennifer Reicker led the way with a hat trick, JoAnne Gillies and Charlene Arsenault chipped in singles. Saturday night former Moncton star Janet Hudson led UNB to victory with a spectacular individual effort in scoring the game's only goal. Veteran goalie Wendy Dickinson handled 14 shots to notch her first shutout of the season. In Sunday's final game goalie Sue Keirstead set a UNB record with her fifth individual shutout to backstop a 2-0 win.

Rookie Candy Michaud handled all the games scoring.

So now UNB advances to the National Tournament. Next Wednesday the Blazers will fly to North Battleford, Saskatchewan. They will open play Thursday with a pair of games against Newfoundland and later Manitoba. Friday will see the ladies open the day against perennial powerhouse Ontario, UNB will wrap up their round-robin part of the playoffs with an evening game against Nova Scotia. The top 8 teams advance to quarter-final play Saturday.

The Red Blazers will be out to improve on their fourth place finish in P.E.I. last season. They became the only Atlantic Province team to finish above sixth place in the Shoppers.

Red Blazers Captain Carol Cooper knows it will not be easy, but will certainly be possible, "We will have to work hard, but the experience we got in P.E.I. will be a help, now we know what to expect in the playoffs. We know that we have to be ready for 4 really tough days."

Barring complications the Blazers will go to Saskatchewan almost healthy. "Only Kathy Potts will be out of the



The hockey action seen here is bound to be surpassed when the Red Blazers take to the ice at the Shopper's Drug Mart National Women's Hockey Championship next Thursday in North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

lineup, but she's been out for the season since January. I's been a long time since we were completely healthy," says UNB Coach Mike Power "having Boom-Boom Cox and Carolin

Boushel among others, back in uniform will be a moral boost." According to the coach this could really be a big year for UNB. The team has raised almost \$10,000 as well as logg-

ing 45 games and 30 practices in preparation for Saskatchewan, and that makes them take the competition much more seriously than if their way was paid.

AUAAHL Honours Three

By JEREMY EARL
Sports Editor

STU Tommies coach Larry Wood, was named Coach of the Year at the Atlantic Universities' Athletic Association Hockey League's awards banquet, held in Halifax on Saturday, March 8th.

Also honoured were the UNB Red Devils right winger John Leblanc, and STU's defenceman Phil Huckins and goaltender Terry Wickham. All three were named to the first All-Star Team.

Wood coached the STU Tommies to an astounding third place finish in the NBPEI division. Known throughout the Atlantic Provinces as an easy win, the Tommies proved many sports fans wrong by posting an impressive record of 14 wins and 10 losses.

This may have been a bad year for the Devils but it was a great year for John Leblanc. While the team was floundering he managed to amass 38 goals and 26 assists for a total of 64 points. This placed him 6 points ahead of Dave Purcell of St. FX and won him the AUAAHL scoring race.

While UNB's individual star was winning the scoring title, STU veteran, Terry Wickham, was providing his team with

strong goaltending managing to turn aside 735 of the 829 shots that he faced in the season. Wickham only missed 100 minutes of play in the entire season and logged a seasonal goals against average of 4.17.

However, without the strong defensive play of Phil Huckins, Wickham's perfor-

mance would have been tarnished. Huckins' strong blue line defense did not prevent him from earning 31 pts. (6 goals and 25 assists) in the season.

Had it not been such a good year for Huckins and Wickham the STU Tommies would, probably, not have rebounded as well as they did.

The "Gumper"

By MARK SAVOIE
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At the start of the 1952-53 NHL season the lowly New York Rangers signed a young goalie from the Kitchener Rangers. Twenty-one seasons and four Stanley Cups later the goalie retired, and the last of the five great goalies of his era was gone from the NHL. The man was Lorne (Gump) Worsley, and he recently graced the Aitken Centre with his presence.

In his first season he won the Calder Trophy as rookie of the year, but the next season he didn't get into a single game as his job was given to another hotshot rookie named Johnny Bower. He got his job back the next year and kept it until the end of the 1962-63 season when he was traded to the

Montreal Canadiens for Jacques Plante. He played for the Canadiens until he left the team mid way through the 1969-70 season. He was then sold to the Minnesota North Stars, where he stayed until the end of his career in 1973-74.

While with the Rangers he played in the game in which Andy Bathgate broke Jacques Plante's nose, prompting Plante to wear a face mask and changing the way the position was played forever. Despite seeing first hand the first usage of the mask, Gump did not adopt the mask until late in his last season, "There were six games left and we were out of the playoffs, so I thought, 'What the heck, might as well preserve my good looks,'" he

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calendar of events

Saturday, March 15th
Hockey
-Baltimore at Express

Thursday, March 20th
-Rochester at Express

Women's Intramural Ball Hockey Schedule

Mon. Mar. 17th CONSOLATION GAME

6:30 p.m. 3rd place vs 4th place

Mon. Mar. 17th FINALS

7:30 p.m. 1st place vs 2nd place