

Blazers drop game to Nashwaaksis boys

By MARY SCOTT

The post-Christmas blahs seem to affect everybody this time of year and the UNB Red Blazers Women's hockey team are no exception. The rust gained from a 4 week vacation cost the women their 9 game unbeaten streak last Monday night when they lost a 4-3 decision to the Nashwaaksis Bantam Rep boys, a team they had beaten 4-1 in November.

UNB had upped the streak to 9 the day before when they travelled to Dieppe for a 7-1 win over the Moncton Senior A Flames. The Flames, a first year entry in the New

Brunswick Women's Hockey Association, held the game close for much of the way, going into the last periods the Blazers nursed a slim 2-1 lead. A 5 goal third period outburst put the game away. Carol Allport had 2 goals for the Blazers, with singles coming from Joanne Gillies, Cathy Potts, Boom-Boom Cox, Paula MacDonald, and Anne Campbell.

Monday night on their home ice the women went out to a fast lead on Carol Cooper's seventh goal of the season, they held the lead only 30 seconds before Lyle Davidson tied it

up. Joanne Gillies with her tenth goal put the Blazers back in front at the 17:11 mark, but again the Reps tied it on Shawn Waugh's goal with 1:20 left in the period.

The Bantams took a lead on a second period goal and increased their cushion to a pair with a goal midway through the final period, before Allport closed the gap with her ninth of the season at 10:59. UNB would get no closer however, the determined forechecking of the boys kept the team penned in their own end the rest of the way. The final 4-3 score snapped a streak which had the Red

Blazers unbeaten since November 28th.

The two games were the beginning of a busy stretch of games for UNB. Leading up to their invitational tournament, which will be held at the Aitken Center the weekend of February 2 and 3, the team will play 9 games in three weeks. They were in Sussex yesterday, for an exhibition game with the Bantam A Rep team, and tomorrow the team travels to the Kings Arrow Arena in Oromocto for a 3:15 match with the Bantam B Eagles. Both games are being promoted as fund raising

events in their towns and should draw some attention. Sunday a quirk in the schedule has the team in Moncton for a double header. At 2:30 they take to the ice at the Dieppe Arena for a game with the Moncton Jaguars, then the two teams meet again at 5:30 at the Moncton Coliseum. The games with Moncton will be the first meeting this season of the two teams that will battle for the Senior AA title in late February. After being less than sharp in their two games so far the Red Blazers are looking forward to the weekend to snap out of their Christmas Blahs.

Express in comfortable lead

With the season approximately half over, the Fredericton Express are sitting on a comfortable lead over their nearest AHL Northern Division rival the Maine Mariners. What is interesting is the Express have no players in the top 10 for scoring, and have not had anyone there all year. While the team may not have a person known as a sniper, they have a balanced scoring punch. The Express tend to rely on their defensive abilities to win games as evidenced by their being in first place while being near the bottom of the league in scoring.

This lack of scoring punch has not really hurt the Express. They have not been shut out in the 42 games they have played this season, a streak which is now at 210 games and counting.

Center Grant Martin has been named AHL Player of the Week. He now has an 11 game scoring streak going and has 9 goals, 10 assists for 19 points.

Last year at this time Brian Ford had everything going for him. He was solidly entrenched as a member of the Express goaltending corps and he won the Harry (Ha-) Holmes trophy for most outstanding goaltender for the second time. Life was obviously good for Brian Ford. Right now, Brian Ford is toiling for Muskegon of the International league.

Earlier in the season, Ford was back with the Express, and then, the numbers game struck. Nordiques had 7 goaltenders in camp this year. Dan Bouchard was safe in his job. Richard Sevigny, a high priced free agent was to be his backup and Olympic goaltender Mairo Gosselin was going to make the team.

With such a plethora of talent, there was only one way for Ford to go, down. The Express sent him down to Muskegon. He was later traded

to Pittsburgh who reassigned him to the Baltimore Skipjacks. They, in turn, sent him back to the same team in the Muskegon where they acquired him from, after last Saturday.

"I felt really," he said, "I've played here more than anywhere.", and he felt that this would help his team.

"When you start on a new team, you need to prove yourself," stated Ford, the Skipjacks haven't won in

Fredericton yet this year. Then, 46 seconds into overtime, Grant Martin, on a fluke goal, won the game for the Express. He couldn't believe that

the puck went in and he knew that Martin couldn't believe it either.

It was the numbers again that caused Ford's demotion. A very dejected Ford said, "If I can get through this year, I'll

be okay next year." One thing Ford has made clear is that he wants to stay there for the rest of the year, no more jerking around, that way he can concentrate on what he does best, playing hockey.

Intramurals continued

The purpose of our club is to provide time for figure skaters to skate leisurely without the old pressure of tests, screaming coaches, and program run-throughs. But most importantly, our goal is to skate and have fun.

New members can find registration forms either at the physical recreation office in the L.B. Gym, or at the Aitken Centre during the sessions. The fee is \$20.00 for those who have not already paid for both terms. It may be paid to Connie Morrison at the skating sessions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Connie at 454-5250 and watch for schedules and further notices appearing here and around the campus.

BADMINTON CLUB

Need some exercise? Want to have fun too? Come out and join the Badminton Club.

Mondays at 8:00 p.m. and Fridays at 8:00 p.m. at the L.B. Gym.

Memberships are only \$5.00 and this provides for your birds. All levels of skills are welcome. So C'mon out.



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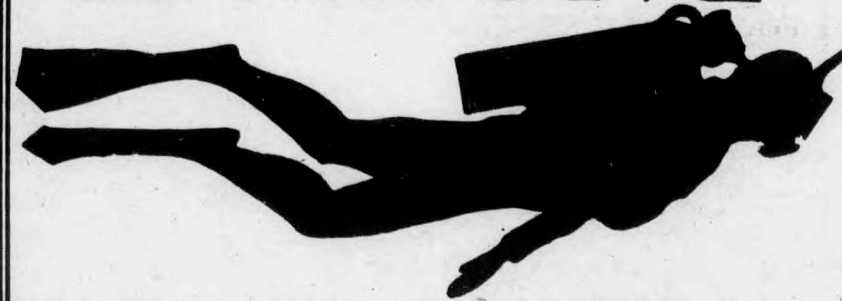
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BRAINSTORMERS

The Orientation Executive is currently reviewing numerous themes and logos to represent Orientation '85. Our emphasis is placed upon the University of New Brunswick's Bicentennial Year (1785-1985). Submissions for a theme and/or logo must symbolize the Bicentennial as well as the university itself. The winner(s) of the theme and/or logo will be awarded a series of fabulous prizes for the two categories.

Forward drawing and script entries to:
Marc Braithwaite and James Young
Public Relations/Promotions
Orientation Office
Room 106, Student Union Building

SCUBA DIVE



There are still 8 positions available for the spring scuba course. Anyone interested can still sign up by coming down to Sir Max Aiken Pool on Friday Jan 18 at 9:00 p.m., or at 6:00 p.m. in Rm 210 of the LB Gym on Mon. Jan. 21st, or by phoning either Ricky Duncan at 455-0667 or Carl Forster at 457-2562. This is a ten-week course leading to an internationally recognized basic Scuba certification. The cost of the course is \$125.00 (includes instruction and equipment). The course starts on Monday Jan. 21st. The positions will be filled on a first come first serve basis.