

Fredericton Express prepare for playoffs

One point. It's been so long since the Express have won a game they were happy with a 1-1 tie vs. the Maine Mariners last Saturday night. "The point was extremely important for us," said Jessiman. "We were successful in the pass," commented Jessiman, and felt that they could have won the having outshot Maine 8-1 in the overtime period.

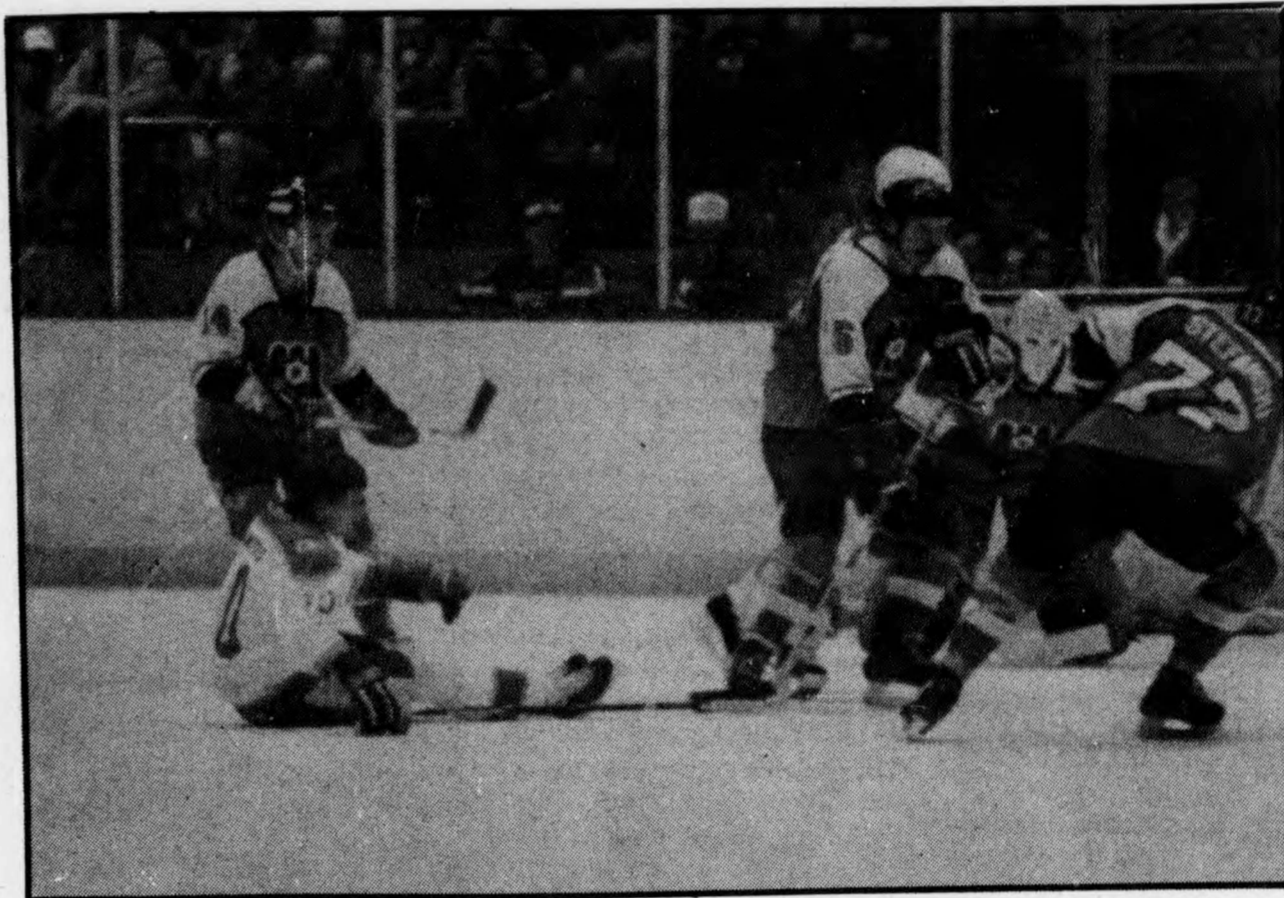
The Express have had their ups and downs this season. In the first half they were curising comfortably to what seemed to be their third straight AHL Northern Division Championship. In the second half disaster struck and they have managed to win only 4 games while dropping to third place in the standings. The Oilers, Canadians and Flames are all hovering around the same spot so it may get hairy around playoff time as the teams fight for that final playoff spot. Jessiman feels confident that the team will make the playoffs. Eight of their next eleven games are at home which should give them an advantage. Also, people are coming back from injuries. Eagles is performing well and Dobson is still getting himself into shape and Jimmy Mann is expected back shortly while Dan Wood is expected back by the weekend.

At a press conference Tuesday, the Express announced their Clear Day roster for the playoffs. This roster's purpose is to limit the number of players that can be sent down by the parent club for the playoffs. Included on this list are Clint Malarchuck, Wendell Young, Mike Hough, Yvon Vautour, Marc Crawford, Dave Morrison, Grant Martin, Mike Eagles, Rejean Vignola, Jean Marc Gaulin, Dave Bruce, Jim Dobson, Dan Wood, Neil Belland, Claude Julien, Dave Shaw, Tom Thornbury, Gord Don-

nelly, Andy Schbiebner, Jean Marc Lanthier, Craig Cox and Blake Wesley.

Jessiman had hoped for more players but Vancouver can't afford to do it. They only have 20 players and in order to sent one down, they have to lose him for 7 days. One player that Jessiman is quite high on is Kelly Glowa. He's played the last two seasons in Switzerland and the three before the Brandon Wheat Kings. The 21 year old Glowa is just the scoring punch that the Express have been looking for. Glowa was never drafted by an NHL club and thus is still considered an amateur, thus the AHL rule banning European Imports does not apply to him. He is rather small for a hockey player but he's very fast and Earl plans to throw him to the wolves as soon as possible.

The next home game for the Express is tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m.



Marc Crawford being dumped in front of the Maine Mariners net. Alan Hepple (14) looks on while Mike Hovey (5), Bud Stefanski (77) and an unidentified Express player battle for the puck.

Blazers continued

season the team has scored 104 times. No less than 11 players have surpassed their totals for the last season. Most notable is leading scorer Carol Cooper, a year ago Cooper finished 8th in scoring with 4 goals and 10

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points, so far this season the veteran defense has totaled 12 goals and 37 points, forward Carol Allport has also made an increase going from 5 points last year to 24 currently. Allport is the steady winger on the team's most consistent line,

along with center France Thibodeau and right-wing Alison Lee this trio has been together since the first practice, they have totalled 64 scoring points so far.

A line which was showing some promise before injuries broke it up will be reunited for the Nationals. Center Barb "BOOM BOOM" Cox will lineup with explosive winger Paula MacDonald, although the youngest Blazer, MacDonald is probably the fastest and strongest, her 28 points in 24 games puts her second on the team in scoring, an ankle injury kept Paula out of the Provincial series gainst Moncton and she was badly missed. Rookie Cindy Campbell shares leftwing with 11 year veteran Chris MacLoon, Campbell was the surprise of the late season as she began to find the range scoring goals from her favorite spot on the corner of the crease, MacLoon is the faster of the two wingers and uses her speed well to play the role of a defensive forward.

A native Islander will be returning home as the center on the other line. Anne Campbell will be between big strong winger Sandy Ward and Joanne Gillies, who as a center was second in goals with 15. To accomodate Campbell who has the ability to control the flow of play from center Gillies happily moved to the wing where her pesky style of play should be effective. Ward who was the team's leading scorer a year ago, has had trouble finding the net this year, but her

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Sportsview

By KEN QUIGLEY

Few can imagine the passion in which this rivalry exists. It is embedded so thoroughly within the souls involved, it is void of literary description and beyond the comprehension of regular spectators. Yes, you know of what speak, it is the infamous battle of the Media, an annual basketball confrontation between the Beloved Bruns Barbarians and the CHSR Czars.

Before I recount last Sunday's event, I would just like to thank the C.P.'s, along with the staff at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym, who upon realizing the magnitude of this competition, assisted in keeping back, a veritable flood of onlookers.

Upon seeing the players walking out onto the court, it was difficult not to envision the opening of the seventh game in last years N.B.A. final between the Celtics and Lakers. A deathly hush drew over the crowd as the referee prepared to toss up the ball. With a swing of his arm the game began. It did not take long for me to realize that CHSR had hired a ringer, a man in which I had to cover. It started off to be a defensive game, neither team able to penetrate the others armour, until after what seemed to be an eternity, the Barbarians opening the scoring with a dazzling display of passing that left the audience and the bewildered opponents in awe. Our famed field goal shooter, Terry Hobbes (you know him as Mr. N.F.L.), was slightly off his mark the first half going zero for ten. Realizing that I was way out of shape, I gave it my all the opening half (knowing I'd be dead by halftime), and scored a team high 12 points, which left us winning 20-16 at midway.

After a brief break the battle ensued. It looked to be following the Barbarians game plan until CHSR finally realized that I was able to break through their two man coverage almost at will to assault the hoop. Therefore they formed a two man—one woman defence, thus forcing us to alter our tactics. Swinging continously over to Field Goal Hobbes, he was able to hit two 30 footers in the second half.

By the time the game was nine tenths over, our Beloved Barbarians had a comfortable six point lead when an event occurred that baffles modern sport for a precedent. Just when our star forward was moving in for a slam dunk, a shot rang out from the crowd that sent him crumbling to the ground in a pool of blood. As all the faithful Bruns Barbarian teammates rushed to our fallen comrade's side, the CHSR players seized the opportunity, when we could obviously no longer defend ourselves, to run down the score and score 8 points to win the game.

By no means do we suggest that CHSR held any part in this tragedy. We concede that they won the game fairly and squarely and we look forward to a rematch.

Remember, it's not a fact, it's a sportsview.

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