

# Red Blazers handle opposition

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A year ago the UNB Red Blazers went into their fifth annual Invitational Tournament with high hopes of reclaiming the championship of this important event. All those hopes fizzled as they limped in a disappointing fourth. This season they again went in with ambitions to take top spot, the big difference—they delivered.

The Blazers went undefeated through four games to take their third championship in the six years of the tourney's existence.

Play in the six team event kicked off Saturday with a 2 division round-robin format. UNB took a 4-2 decision from the Dalhousie Tigers in their first game. Rookie Cindy Campbell was the surprise star of that game as she notched her first goal of the season, in fact she collected her first three goals of the season. The left-wing from Woodstock, N.B. has been plagued by injuries for the most part of this year, but her return to health and being put on a line with right-wing Paula MacDonald seem to have been just the medicine for her. MacDonald assisted on all 3 goals.

In their second game against the P.E.I. White Caps, the Blazers struggled for 2 periods against the under-rated Islanders. They were, in fact, tied 2-2 going into the last 3 minutes. However a 3 goal in 17 second outburst put the game out of reach and set up a 6-2 win. Alison Lee got the tie breaker to set off the explosion,

Joanne Gillies followed up with 2 straight, Boom-Boom Cox also collected a pair, while Cindy Campbell continued her rampage with her fourth of the

final when Carol Poirier rushed end to end to score a short-handed goal with 44 seconds left in regulation time, the final score: 2-1.

Aitken Centre crowd. France Thibodeau, playing despite a hip injury received the day before against the White Caps, scored the eventual winner early in the game but the back breaker came in the second period for Dalhousie. Penalties had given the Tigers a two player advantage for a minute and 50 seconds, in that span the Blazers penalty killing, particularly by Anne Campbell kept Dal at bay. Then

included the awarding of the best defense award to Carol Cooper. For the second year in a row a P.E.I. Spudette took home the Cathy Collins M.V.P. trophy, as Nena MacCloud of the Islanders was rewarded for her hard work throughout the event. MacDonald was the tournament leading scorer with a goal and 6 assists.

With their tournament under their belt the Red



Wendy Dickinson making the save.  
France Thibodeau (19)  
Carol Cooper (8)

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UNB's game with Moncton was typical of games the two rivals play. Hard hitting highlighted by tremendous goaltending. A goal early in the game by Paula MacDonald stood up as the winner, as Wendy Dickinson outduelled the goaltender to whom she served as a backup at UNB 2 years ago; Anne-Marie Levi. The final score of 3-0 for the Blazers could have been much higher however if not for a good day's work by Levi. For Dickinson it was her first shutout of the season.

But the popular goalie was just warming up. She drew the starting assignment in the final, and repeated her performance. An identical 3-0 score handed the Blazers the title over Dal. in front of a good

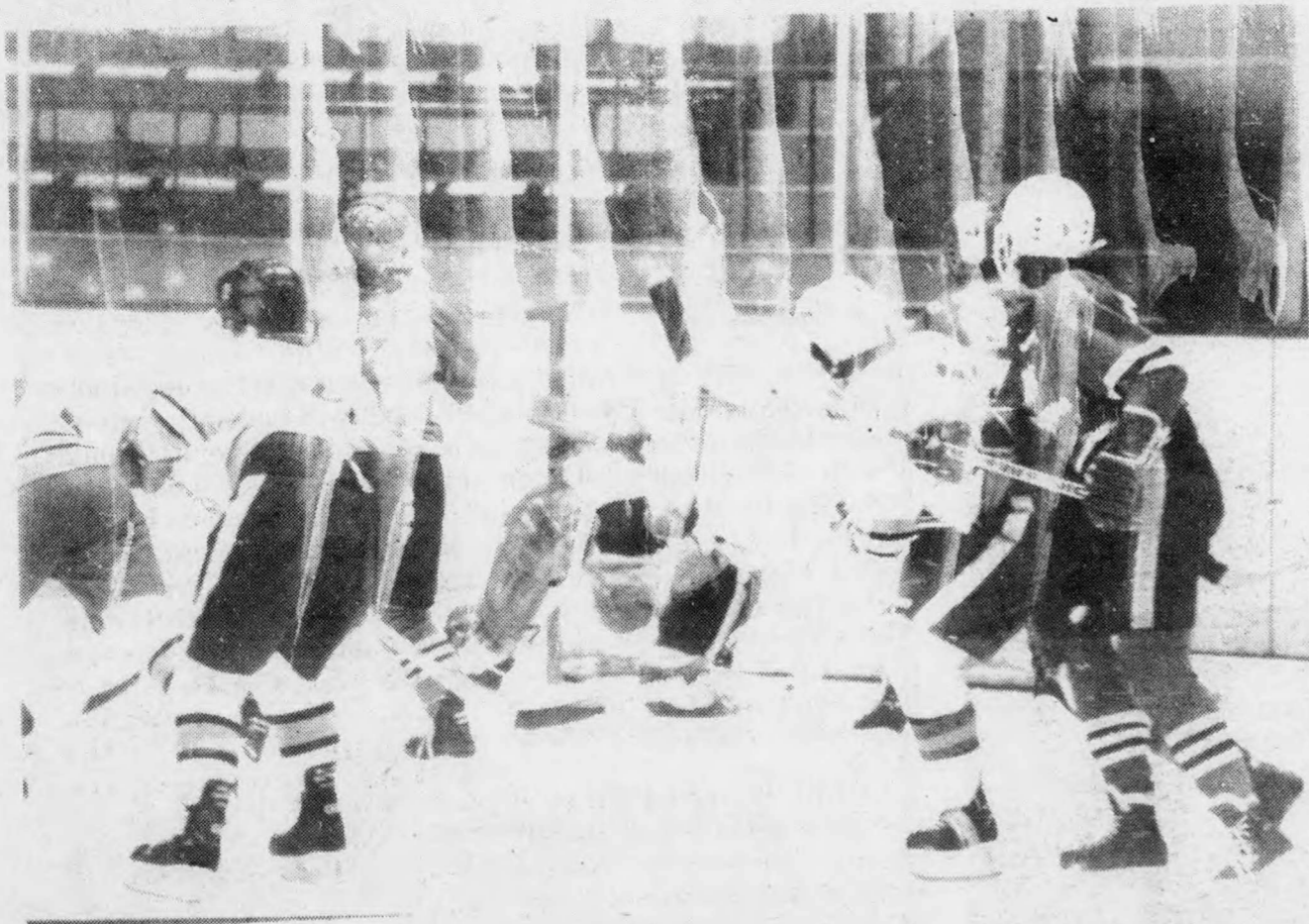
Sunday morning provided a pair of thrillers; particularly the P.E.I. and Dalhousie game. That featured end to end exciting hockey. The Tigers claimed a berth in the



Anne Campbell standing behind the goalie Wendy Dickinson making a save vs. Dalhousie.

with 10 seconds left in the advantage Boom-Boom Cox chased a puck carrier behind Dalhousie's net, stole the puck and quickly tucked it by startled goalie Terry Dick. Anne

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Which way did it go. Carol Cooper (8), Debbie MacLoon (16) and goalie Wendy Dickinson look for the puck.



Cindy Campbell moves up along the boards.

Campbell added an insurance marker in the last period to round out the game's scoring.

Don MacAdam of the Varsity Red Devils was on hand for the closing ceremonies, which

The winner will proceed to the fourth Annual Shoppers Drug Mart National Women's

Hockey Tournament in Summerside, P.E.I., March 21-24.