

Blazers Bounce Back

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The UNB Red Blazers Womens Hockey Team bounced back from the break with one of their strongest efforts in some time. Monday night at the Aitken Center the ladies beat the Coliseum Commodores Bantams 2-0. Carol Cooper and Joanne Gillies handled the scoring, while goalies Wendy Dickinson and Sue Kierstead split the teams fifth shutout of the season.

In strange off the ice happenings, the Blazers were told that a Provincial best-of-three championship series had been scheduled this weekend in the east coast village of Cocagne. This despite being awarded the Provincial title as long ago as January 10th, and as recently as three weeks ago by Provincial Hockey boss Ross Keenan. Blazer coach Mike Power had only a terse "No comment" on all of this, but when pressed went on to say "A lot of people have done and said a lot of things that will come back to haunt them."

On the series itself, which opens tonight, Power thinks, "It could be a good thing, this team (UNB) hasn't had much to play for this year, we won out Tournament in January,

but its all be exhibition other then that. A good team needs to be pushed by a good opponent. We have some strong athletes, this will be a chance for us to turn them loose, I can't wait."

Some facts about the strange best-of-three series don't add up to anyone on the outside looking in. For example the team UNB is playing for the New Brunswick title is from

Amherst, Nova Scotia. Secondly, the Blazers are going to the Canadian Championships in Saskatchewan win or lose. So whats going on coach Power? "No comment on all that. I've learned hockey is a game on the ice - and off it as well." Although the coach has no comment, by watching the Blazers in a recent practice its obvious the Blazers mean business this weekend.

N. B. HEART MARATHON

by CONNIE GUITAR

In four weeks, the people of Fredericton will be seeing hundreds of runners and walkers throughout their city streets. The Heart Marathon is fast approaching and it is time to take the sneakers out of the closet and start running.

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