

Blazers second

The UNB Red Blazers lost a hard fought championship game to UPEI by a 1-0 score, to finish their 3rd Annual Women's Hockey Tournament as Runners-Up.

Despite their close loss in the final game the Blazers had a successful weekend. In the round robin the team won a 4-1 decision over the Dalhousie University Tigers. UNB scorers were Lori Bertin, Carol Allport, Mary Lu Heckbert and Kathryn MacDougall. In their second game the Blazers tied UPEI Lady Panthers 2-2 on goals by Debbie MacLoon and Carmella

Levi. In the crossover game to decide the team to advance to the Championship final UNB, with an excellent team effort, beat Day's Corner Esso (PEI) 3-2. Goalscorers for UNB were Mary Lu Heckbert, Carol Allport and Carol Cooper. Cooper's goal was assisted by Lori Bertin at the seven minute mark of a ten minute sudden death overtime period.

In UNB's loss to UPEI in the Championship Game the lone goal was scored by Anne Campbell on a power play late in the third period.

Carol Allport of the UNB Red Blazers earned a place on the All-Star team for her excellent effort as a left winger. Other members of the All-star team were: Forwards, Shelley Pepler of UPEI and Joanne Perry of Day's Corner Esso; Defence, Cathy Hendricken of UPEI and Charlene Hudson of Kent Centre; and Goaltender, Theresa Gallant of UPEI.

This weekend the Blazers will be participating in an invitational tournament in Montreal hosted by Concordia University.

Heart Fund

This year's 4th annual New Brunswick Heart Marathon will take place April 11th, 1982. For the fourth consecutive year runners from the Maritimes, Quebec, and New England will raise money for the New Brunswick Heart Foundation to aid in heart research.

The events are: 26.2 miles, 13.1 miles, and 6.5 miles. Males and females under 21, males and females 21-40, and males and females over 40 will comprise the six categories of runners. This event is part of the Sun Life Association Series and is sanctioned by the New Brunswick Track and Field Association.

Anyone interested in participating in this major annual event - either as a runner or volunteer - may receive further information by contacting:

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BRUNSWICKAN INTERVIEW: Sid Veysey

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Ed note: Sid Veysey's second year with the Moncton Beavers of The New Brunswick Junior Hockey League 1972-1973 saw him score 108 points comprising 31 goals and 77 assists. Two years later with the Sherbrooke Beavers of the Quebec Junior Hockey League he scored an equally impressive 37 goals and 53 assists for ninety points in just 48 games. In 1976-1977 with the Tulsa Oilers of the Central Hockey League in his rookie year he came in third in the scoring race with 29 goals and 51 assists for 80 points. After playing with the Vancouver Canucks of The National Hockey League and subsequently suffering an injury during the summer Sid enjoyed two successful years as the star player of the University of New Brunswick Red Devils. Now he is playing home games with the Fredericton Express of the American Hockey League. Hopefully negotiations with the Express will result in Sid Veysey becoming a more permanent member of the club.

Q: Perhaps you could tell us a little about your hockey background.

A: I was born in Woodstock and my family lives in Florenceville now. After I graduated from high school I went to Sherbrooke, Quebec and played two years of Major Junior there with the Sherbrooke Beavers. I was drafted by the Vancouver Canucks and played in their farm system for three seasons. I was in Tulsa, Oklahoma for two years and I got to play in a few N.H.L. games with the Canucks. Then I had an injury in the summer and so I decided to come to UNB, and I played with the Red Devils for two years.

Q: There is a lot of talk about you getting a contract and that of course would delay your studies. You have been playing home games for the Fredericton Express and not going away with the team so that you can concentrate upon your studies. Do you think that you will be getting a contract and if so are you planning to play with them for a number of years before continuing your studies?

A: No, if I was to receive a contract I would still be able to graduate this year. I could go to Intersession and Summer School and finish my degree there. So that is no problem. But I do not know whether I am going to get a contract. It does not really matter; I just play game by game. I am happy to play.

Q: If you get a contract with the Express and you are playing with them on a regular basis what do you see your chances are of moving back to the NHL?

A: Well, I can't really look at it that way. It would be nice to play with the Express on a regular basis. I am at the age where I am a little older than some of the other guys breaking into the NHL. They are coming up eighteen and nineteen now. If the (Quebec) Nordiques had an injury or two then they would call up the best player that they needed, so it is conceivable that I could get a shot at it again.

Q: The Fredericton Express have not started the season off too well; their win-loss record is the worst in the league. However, there has been some promising play, and the last few games have been sellouts. The fans are definitely in support of the Express. How do you see their play shaping up next year with regard to the talent which is obviously there this year?

A: Well, they can only get better. They are an expansion team this year and they are having their problems getting off the ground and everything. The effort is there and the people of Fredericton have supported them quite well. The American Hockey League is a good hockey league. There are a lot of good hockey players; a lot of people who have played in the NHL. Next year I am sure

Q: Sid, if you continue to play with the Express or any other team for a number of years; you will have your business degree; what are your plans once you retire from hockey?

A: Well, I would like to go into a business and maybe if I do have a successful career in hockey I can set up a business of my own in sporting goods or something of that nature.

Q: With your schedule of

Q: For the past two years you have been playing with the UNB Red Devils. Now of course you have made quite a step upwards to an AHL team, the Fredericton Express. How does the play compare? Obviously the Express play a much higher calibre of hockey, but what is the big difference?

A: The players are of course more experienced and there is a greater level of talent, but I think it is the positional play that makes the big difference. In university hockey players are skating all over the ice, but at the professional level people play their positions more and use their heads a little more.

Q: Is the game tougher or harder hitting?

A: No, really it is not. I have watched several of the Red Devils games and they seem to be quite chippy. There is a lot of stick swinging. I got quite a few cuts last year playing with the Red Devils but this year I have not been cut yet. So in that sense I would rather play in the American Hockey League.

Q: What about penalties and the brawls that occasionally break out at the Aitken Centre? This really is not a problem at the university level of play, but it seems to have been, particularly quite recently, a bit of a problem for the Express.

A: Well, I do not see it as a problem. Fights occur every now and then. It is part of the game and I think fights should be allowed in university hockey. It would be a lot safer for the players. In college hockey players start swinging their sticks around and this really is not good. If the guys want to fight they should drop their sticks and fight and then go to the penalty box and cool off, rather than just swing their sticks at each other.



SID VEYSEY

the Express can only do better.

Q: Some of the other AHL teams have two parent NHL teams, and this perhaps helps them to keep a more regular line and thus a stronger team. Is there any possibility that another NHL team may become a second parent team for the Express?

A: Yes, Jacques Demers, the coach and general manager has mentioned this on occasion and there is a possibility of this happening. It has its definite benefits to have two teams.

studies and not playing away games with the Fredericton Express how is your play affected? You obviously do not attend all of the practices. Is your play and timing off and are you perhaps not in the best of shape as you would be if you were playing regularly with the team?

A: Yes, I think that is true. It is tough. I try to stay in good shape, but my timing is not always there. If I am not practicing all of the time my play is not up to par.