

The Blazers Beat

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Varsity Prep sweep their weekend games ...

Varsity Prep sweep the Westman Wildcats, while the Junior Varsity Blazers finish 1—1 in their games last week...

VARSITY PREP UPDATE:

Over the weekend, the Varsity Prep Blazers took to the ice against their long time provincial rivals, the Westman Wildcats. In the Saturday evening game, the Blazers struck first with a goal just under two minutes into the first period, however, the Wildcats responded with a goal of their own two minutes after that. The teams went into the first intermission tied at one, but the Wildcats would pull ahead early in the second period. Despite a flurry of chances the Blazers went into the third period down one goal. With perseverance, the Blazers mounted a comeback, scoring twice in the last ten minutes to secure the win.

In the Sunday matinee rematch, once again both teams played a tight checking game with quality scoring chances at both ends. The Blazers capitalized on a scrum in front of the Wildcat net a few minutes out of the first intermission. The second period brought more of the same with each team trading two goals each; with the Blazers maintaining their one goal lead into the third period. In the third, the Blazers continued the barrage on the Wildcat net, finding an insurance marker with six minutes to go finishing with a 4 - 2 win. The Blazers ended up outshooting their opponents 60 - 29 over the course of the two game set. Both teams battled hard and it was a great weekend of hockey. These same two teams will meet again March 4 and 5 in Hartney, Manitoba.

Up next for the Varsity Prep Blazers is a trip to Arlington, Virginia for the annual JWHL Challenge Cup.

Good luck Blazers!



JUNIOR VARSITY UPDATE:

The Junior Varsity Blazers played two games this past week. The first game was Wednesday versus the Westwood Warriors. Unfortunately, for the JV Blazers, a strong first two periods was not enough to secure a victory against the third ranked Westwood Warriors. While the Blazers battled through a short bench for 30 minutes, it was the final 20 minutes that cost the team the game. Leading 2-1 after two periods the Blazers looked like they were headed for their 11th win, but Westwood battled back, scoring the eventual game winning goal with three minutes left.

With a quick turnaround, the JV Blazers put together their most complete game of the season on Friday afternoon, with a 3-0 win over Dakota. The Blazers battled hard all game against the 5th ranked Dakota Lancers and came away with an important shutout victory, after a tough loss on Wednesday. Special teams played an important part of the game, as the Blazers killed off all 7 penalties taken and were able to score 2 power play goals on their 3 chances. Kelsey Saelens scored twice, once on a penalty shot, and Rachel Dyck stopped all 22 shots she faced for the shutout. This win moves the Blazers back into second place in the league standings.

Next up for the Blazers is a date at home on Wednesday at 4:50 against last season's champions the Oak Park Raiders.

Great work Blazers!



Weekend Scoreboard

Varsity Prep Games

Game #1

BH Varsity Prep 3

Westman Wildcats 2

Game #2

BH Varsity Prep 4

Westman Wildcats 2

Junior Varsity Games

Game #1

BH Junior Varsity 2

Westwood 3

Game #2

BH Junior Varsity 3

Dakota 0

UPCOMING EVENTS

BH Varsity Prep
JWHL Challenge Cup
January 28th - 31st in
Arlington, VA

BH Junior Varsity
January 26th, 4:50pm
@ the MTS Iceplex vs.
Oak Park

Congratulations to the five JV Hockey players who were selected to play in this year's WWHSHL All Star Day:

- Rachel Dyck '13,
 - Michela Picklyk-Esposito '13
 - Kelsey Saelens '13 and
 - Megan Ross '13 (alternate)
- will be featured in the All Star Elite Game, while:
- Marikka Lee '11
- will play in the All Star Showcase Game.

For more information, go to: http://www.balmoralhall.com/home/bh_experience/skating_and_hockey_program/