

Blazers Hockey

Blazers skate to a silver medal in the JWHL!

The BH Blazers fall to US powerhouse NAHA to win silver in BH's 1st year in the JWHL...

PREP TEAM UPDATE:

The last few days of January brought the JWHL playoffs to the Ralph Engelstad arena in Grand Forks, North Dakota. With four games on the slate, it was anticipated to be a jam packed weekend!

Pre-Seeding Round

The first round was a pre-seeding round which put the Western division 1st place Blazers against the Eastern division 1st place NAHA Winterhawks. The game opened with NAHA being able to find the scoreboard first with 2 goals before BH would answer with one of their own by Rachele Bosc. However, despite some great goaltending from Stacie Kashuba, NAHA was able to add one more to finish with a 3 - 1 victory.

Quarterfinals

The Blazers quickly "parked" the loss to NAHA and moved towards the elimination rounds, first facing a familiar Western foe, the Pacific Steelers. The teams had to wait until the second period before finding the games first goals. BH jumped out to a 3 goal lead in the 2nd period with goals from Sydney Burghardt, Christine Bestland, and Jordyn Hrehirchuk before Michelle Pawluk added another just over 4 minutes into the 3rd period. Erika Thunder stopped all but one of the shots she faced for a final score of 4 - 1 and with it earned a trip to the semi-finals the next morning.

Semi-finals

With a trip to the finals on the line, the Blazers found themselves squared off against another western team, the Edge School of Calgary. It would

only take 1:08 into the 1st period for BH to open the scoring with a goal by Jordyn Hrehirchuk followed up by a shorthanded goal from Christine Bestland. Katie Wilson and Jordyn Hrehirchuk with her 2nd of the game for a final score of 4 - 0 with Erika Thunder posting the shutout. The line of Wilson (1G, 2A), Hrehirchuk (2G, 1A), and Bosc (3A) accounted for 9 of the 10 BH points in the game.

Championship Game

With the ticket punched for the Championship game & a re-match against NAHA, the Blazers rested up to seek redemption. The 1st period would not disappoint with each team trading chances until NAHA was able to break the scoreless tie in the dying seconds of the first period. Despite valiant efforts by all the BH Blazers NAHA was able to pull ahead for their second straight JWHL title. Congrats to NAHA & the rest of the JWHL teams on a great playoff weekend!

The Blazers Prep team now settles in for 2 home games before heading off to the JWHL Challenge Cup in Arlington, Virginia. Go BH!

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM UPDATE:

The Blazers High School Hockey team now moves towards games against Stonewall, Selkirk, and St.Mary's in their push for the playoffs!

The Blazers next game is Friday, Feb 6th versus Stonewall (4:45 pm at the Winnipeg Winter Club).

Come cheer on your Blazers as they race for the playoffs!!!

WEEKEND SCOREBOARD

Pre-Seeding Round

Balmoral Hall School Prep	1
NAHA	3

Quarter-Finals

Balmoral Hall School Prep	4
Pacific Steelers	1

Semi-Finals

Balmoral Hall School Prep	4
Edge School, Calgary	0

Championship Game

Balmoral Hall School Prep	1
NAHA	5

BH NOTES

Visit the JWHL league website for complete playoff information:
<http://www.jwhl.org>

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7 & 8, 2009
 Home Exhibition Series vs.
 Thunder Bay Queens Midget AA
 Feb 7 - 7:30 pm & Feb 8 - 12:30 pm

February 13 - 16, 2009
 @ Arlington, Virginia
 JWHL Challenge Cup @ the Kettler
 Capitals Iceplex

February 21 & 22, 2009
 Exhibition vs MN Thoroughbreds
 In Grand Forks, N.D.
 Feb 21 - 7:00pm & Feb 22 - 10:15 am

BH 2008-2009

30 Wins 12 Losses 4 Ties
 200 Goals for -- 104 Goals Against

BH LIFETIME RECORD

102 Wins 32 Loses 4 OTL 11 Ties