

# Blazers Hockey

## Blazers welcome 2009...

*Blazers warm up in 2009 with hard fought games in the University of Manitoba Holiday Classic!*

The Balmoral Hall Blazers entered 2009 competing in the inaugural University of Manitoba Holiday Classic held at the Max Bell Arena in Winnipeg. The tournament featured top level competition with University of Lethbridge, University of Regina, Minnesota Thoroughbreds U19, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally ranked CIS teams; Wilfred Laurier University and University of Manitoba Bisons, respectively.

Your BH Blazers found themselves in a pool with two CIS opponents; the UofLethbridge Pronghorns and UofRegina Cougars. In the first game the Blazers found themselves against the Pronghorns and the teams traded goals twice in the first period to go into the dressing room tied at 2 goals a piece. The third period saw the Pronghorns explode for 3 goals in the first ten minutes. Then with 4:15 to go and down 6 - 2 the Blazers began to mount a comeback on the shoulders of Katie Wilson with her fourth of the game coming with 30 seconds left in regulation. Jordyn Hrehirchuk had the other tally for the Blazers. Despite the valiant effort the Blazers fell to the Pronghorns 6 - 5. Katie Wilson earned player of the game honors for the Blazers.

In the second game against the UofRegina Cougars the Blazers came out of the blocks quicker with 2 goals within the first four minutes. The third period brought out 2 more goals to bring the Blazers to a 4 - 0 victory and securing 1<sup>st</sup> place in the pool. Hergesheimer posted 3 points (1 goal, 2 assists) for the Blazers with Stacie Kashuba posting the shutout

earning her Player of the game for the Blazers.

Saturday night was Semi-final night and the Blazers found themselves against the 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally ranked CIS team, the University of Manitoba Bisons. The first period ended in a scoreless tie before the Bisons went up by 2 before the 7 minute mark in the second period. Four minutes later the Blazers answered with a goal by Rachele Bosc to go to the dressing room down one. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> the Bisons re-established their 2 goal lead with 8 minutes remaining. Then with under a minute to go, Meghan Dufault scored a beauty to pull within one. Despite a flurry of attempts the Blazers were unable to pull even and fell to the Bisons 3 - 2.

With the loss the Blazers moved to the bronze medal game for a rematch against the Pronghorns. As with the first game, Lethbridge was able to get out to an early 3 goal lead with all goals coming on the power play. The second period saw the Blazers fire 20 shots at the Pronghorn netminder managing 1 goal by Jasmine Levesque on the power play. The third period saw the Blazers fire 13 more shots with one finding the back of the net by Meghan Dufault (who later earned Player of the game) once again on the power play. Despite out shooting the Pronghorns 43 - 25 the Blazers found themselves on the low side of a 3 - 2 final score.

BH was very pleased with the girls performance in all four games against some top competition. Good job to all players on the weekend!

### WEEKEND SCOREBOARD

<b>Balmoral Hall School Prep</b>	5
University of Lethbridge	6
<b>Balmoral Hall School Prep</b>	4
University of Regina	0
<b>Balmoral Hall School Prep</b>	2
University of Manitoba	3
<b>Balmoral Hall School Prep</b>	2
University of Lethbridge	3

### BH NOTES

Visit the JWHL league website for complete standings:  
<http://www.jwHL.org/wjuniors/season/standings.html>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*January 9 - 11*  
 JWHL League weekend  
 Vancouver, B.C.

Jan 9 - 3:30pm vs. Warner Warriors  
 Jan 10 - 9:00am vs. Edge School  
 Jan 10 - 6:00pm vs. Pacific Steelers  
 Jan 11 - 9:45am vs. Edge School  
 \*Friday games at Fleetwood Rink, all others at South Surrey

*January 24 & 25, 2009*  
 @ Wawanesa, Manitoba

Jan 24 - 7:00pm vs. Westman Wildcats  
 Jan 25 - 3:00pm vs. Westman Wildcats

### BH 2008-2009

24 Wins 9 Losses 3 Ties  
 106 Goals for -- 57 Goals Against

### BH LIFETIME RECORD

96 Wins 29 Loses 4 OTL 10 Ties