



# *Syracuse Blazers*

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## PRESS NOTES

### Latest Additions:

The Blazers recently added two new players to their roster and both have become instant hits.

On February 2, Mike Haworth joined us from the Charlotte Checkers of the now-defunct Southern League. The 5'8", 165 pounder is a graduate of St. Francis Xavier University and a native of Calgary, Alberta. Thus far, Dan Belisle has used him on right wing and defense ( his natural position) and he has shown a poise and ability that will be a welcome addition during the stretch drive.

Another fugitive from the Southern League is goaltender Rick Szabo. Rick compiled an impressive 16-8-1 record and a 2.90 goals-against-average while with the Hampton Gulls. He hails from Grimsby, Ontario and played his junior hockey in St. Catherines and Hamilton, both of the Ontario Hockey Association. Rick is 5'7" and 155 lbs.

Both Mike Haworth and Rick Szabo are 21 year-old rookies.

### Records Are Made To Be Broken

Two Blazers set two new North American Hockey League records this past week. Tim Sanche scored a hat trick in 55 seconds on Monday to break Red Bloomfield's old mark of 1.17. Tim's goals came at 3:30, 3:52 and 4:34 of the second period of the Blazers 8-4 victory over Johnstown.

During that same game, Tom Milani registered 2 assists to bring his season point total to 94. That is a new NAHL record for most points in a season by a rookie. The old mark of 93 was set just last year by Henry Taylor of the Johnstown Jets.

Furthermore, Bernie Johnston, our other rookie sensation, is about to surpass that total as well.



Believe It or Not

The Philadelphia Firebirds are tied for third spot with the Maine Nordiques. But, strange as it may seem, tonight's game is an important battle for first place.

The Firebirds are 10 points behind the Blazers but they have 4 games in hand and that represents 8 of those points. Theoretically, they are only 2 points behind.

Furthermore, they have the advantage of a better schedule down the stretch drive. Fourteen of their remaining 23 games will be played in the Civic Center in Philly. Conversely, the Blazers have only 8 more home games (7 after tonight). Winning on the road is becoming increasingly difficult so the Firebirds may actually be in the driver's seat! Believe it or not!

Tesluck To Start

Little Normie will be starting in the nets tonight after being forced out of action the past five games with stretched knee ligaments. He will resume his chase for recognition as the "winningest" goalie. At the present time Ken Holland of Binghamton has that distinction with a 23-8-0 record. Tesluck has 19-8-1 record.

Fortunately, for Dan Belisle, Normie was ready to go tonight because Rick Szabo suffered a twisted ankle in Wednesday's game and is still experiencing considerable tenderness.

Johnston Pressing

Rookie centerman, Bernie Johnston will be out to break a drought tonight. He has failed to score in the last nine games. His longest previous scoreless stretch was four games.

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