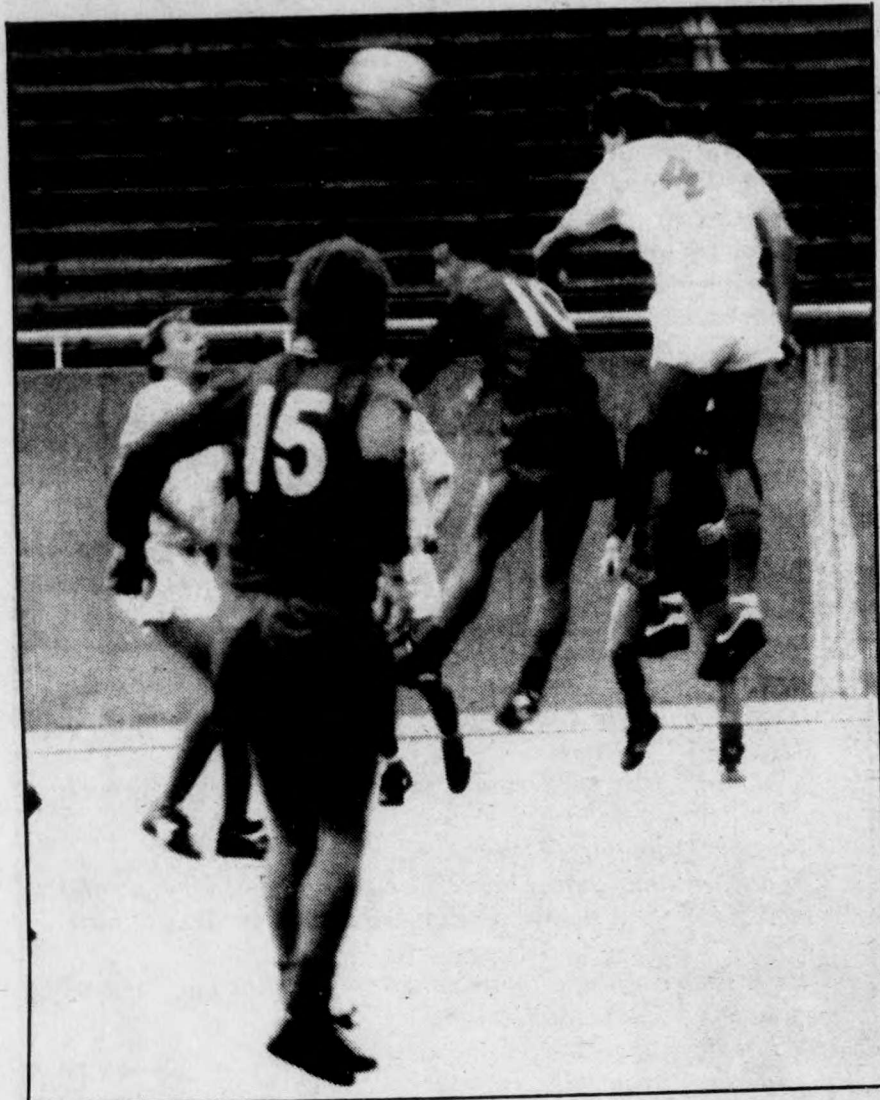


Shirts' hopes axed by Vikings



UVic won the aerial battles at last weekends CIAU's and eliminated UNB 1 - 0. Photo: Todd Daley

The Red Shirts headed west last weekend in search of victory but came out empty-handed after losing one-nil to the University of Victoria Vikings in semi final action at the Canadian University Championships.

The only goal, which came 13 minutes into the first half, was scored after a UVic free kick bounced off the UNB defensive wall and into a group of players at the right side of UNB keeper George Lucas' 6 yard box. The ball squirted free onto an unmarked UVic midfielder, and Glen Johnston made no mistake as he turned and skimmed the ball into the top left corner.

At the 35th minute of the first half, UNB came close when a slow shot was mishandled by UVic's keeper Jon Bos and bounced out as Dave Foley came charging. Bos managed to grab onto the ball just as Foley reached it, but suffered a slight kick to the head as a result.

UNB's only other real scoring chance came 5 minutes into the second half as Dave Brown



Never mishandle a ball with Dave Foley on the doorstep. Photo: Todd Daley

shot the ball along the turf and by the UVic wall, but Jon Bos was equal to the task, and dove out to grab the ball. Two Shirts stood on the doorstep but to no avail as Bos held on.

Other than these two chances, UVics Jon Bos was never seriously tested, but at the other end, keeper George Lucas played a fine game, and was eventually chosen UNB's player of the game.

Lucas spent much of his time running out to grab the ball from fast approaching UVic forwards, or kicking the ball 50-60 yards downfield, and he made a few excellent

saves from UVic forwards.

Towards the middle of the second half, UNB really began to press, and looked as if to score, but they were shut down by the tall Viking fullbacks, who almost never missed heading the ball away. Unfortunately, UNB could not muster a clear shot at goal, even though attacking and could not score the tying goal as seconds ticked away and the end quickly came.

The University of Victoria Vikings advanced to the final and won the tournament with a 3-1 win over the Wilfred Laurier Golden Hawks.

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