

# Yeowomen retain title

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This past weekend saw the Social Club Yeowomen compete in the 16th Annual UNBSJ - Mooshead Indoor Soccer Tournament. The Yeowomen had a lot at stake as they were returning champions and were facing a group of stronger teams than in years past. But through a tremendous team effort the Yeowomen proved to all their disbelievers that the UNB Social Club Yeowomen have a right to play soccer with the best in the Atlantic region - the AUAA.

The women's division was divided into two groups of four with the Yeowomen meeting the Moncton Lady Rovers, Tabufile, and UNBSJ S.C. in the round robin. On Friday, the Yeowomen met up with the team that they felt would be their strongest competition - the Moncton Lady Rovers. The game began very slowly with both teams playing very cautious soccer and waiting for the other team to make the first mistake. The Rovers took advantage of the defensive mix-up and snuck a shot by keeper Melanie Lloyd. But the Yeowomen came back and tied it up with a blistering shot by Penny Barwise. But the victory was to be elusive for the Yeowomen. To keep tradition alive the Yeowomen scored on their own net on a freak pass back which caught the keeper by surprise.

After sitting all day Saturday and getting bleacher butt the Yeowomen were in action late in the afternoon. By this time the lines for the final had been drawn by action which had occurred earlier in the day. The Moncton Lady Rovers had won one game and lost a game earlier in the day, so in order for the Yeowomen to gain a berth into the semi-final round the team had to win their remaining two games and score more points than either Moncton or Tabufile had. The first team the Yeowomen met was the UNBSJ S.C. The Yeowomen, realizing their predicament came out flying. The final score of 3-1, on goals scored by Penny Barwise, Nina Brokopp, and Kim Johnson, does not reflect the play of the

game. The team was unable to buy a goal and were continually robbed by crossbars, posts, and a very lucky keeper. Nevertheless the team was very happy with the victory.

A couple of hours later, the Yeowomen faced Tabufile, a club team from Saint John. After some early scares in the game, the Yeowomen jelled as a team and blew by the other team. Laurie Rogers put in a great effort and was finally rewarded with two goals. Penny Barwise continued her hot streak and thundered a shot by the stunned Saint John keeper. To cap the scoring was one of the new members to the team J.J. "the BIG DICK/ has anyone lost a sock" Jarrette. Keeper Melanie Lloyd was rewarded for her tremendous effort with a shut-out.

As a result of the total team effort by the Yeowomen, the team won their division. It came down to three teams all of which had two wins and a loss - the Yeowomen, the Moncton Lady Rovers, and Tabufile. To determine the two teams that would go on to the semi-finals the point differential was calculated. The Yeowomen were placed first and the Moncton Lady Rovers second.

On Sunday, the Yeowomen faced the Saint John Under-16s who despite their age are a very good team (they won the Atlantic and competed at nationals). The one area in which the young team had an advantage over the formidable Yeowomen team was in their speed. Apparently they do not visit any bars or dance clubs not do they partake in the alcoholic rituals the Yeowomen are known for. But

once again the Yeowomen showed their skill and their strength (especially Nancy "Mack Truck - the game is on" Washburn). The Yeowomen completely dominated the game. Laurie Rogers, once again scoring two goals and Julie Baker and Colette Good rounded out the scoring. The Yeowomen were robbed of their shut-out they had in the bag by a blind referee who does not know what a soccer

ball looks like.

In the other cross over semi-final, the Moncton Lady Rovers faced the New Brunswick Canada Games '93 team. Despite a good game by both teams, the NB team won by a score of 2-1. This set up the final game of the tournament between the Social Club Yeowomen and the NB Canada Games Squad.

Once again, the Yeowomen overcame a serious setback to the team - the loss of penny Barwise as a result of injury. This after Friday's loss of Gillian Galloway to the Yeowomen plague - sprained ankles!!! - left the team short of players. With only three subs left of the bench, all the Yeowomen had a chance to play all the positions on the field. The game remained closely matched and finished regulation time in a 0-0 tie. Once again, another final game for the Yeowomen came down to penalty shots - our favourite. The first five shooters from both teams shot and it remained tied. After the original five shooters it goes into sudden death penalty shots with new people shooting. Katie Black kept the Yeowomen in the game by tying it up with a fantastic upper left hand corner shot. On the eighth shooter the Canada Games player hit a shot directly on net which Melanie Lloyd snagged. The Yeowomen's eighth shooter was Colette Good who went for glory and nailed the top corner to bring victory to the Yeowomen.

congratulations are extended to all the players on the victorious team and to all the Yeowomen who could not attend the tournament but were with us in spirit. This was an entire TEAM effort and win. The Yeowomen were rewarded with three players being nominated to the all-star team: Laurie Rogers and Julie Baker who both had a strong weekend in the mid-field and ran circles around the other teams. As well, Nancy Washburn was named to the all-star teams for another tremendous weekend in the backfield (she played every minute of every game and completely domi-

nated and intimidated everyone who came into her area of the field). The final Yeowomen who showed HIS stuff this weekend (and I mean all of it!!) and was rewarded for it was the coach of the Yeowomen, Jamie Pollock. Jamie was named coach of the all-star team.

This is the final soccer action for the year for the Yeowomen and there are many people the team would like to thank. Once again, the College Hill Social Club and Matt Harris who displayed their belief in women's soccer on the campus of UNB and have helped out in numerous ways. We hope they are as proud of us as we are in wearing their name. Thank you again. A sincere thank you to Mooshead Breweries and Mike O'Pray for their support this year. Hopefully, it will be a long lasting tradition. The Yeowomen would also like to extend to the athletic department members and staff who have supported us and our attempt to gain varsity status at UNB a sincere thank you and our deep appreciation for what you have done for us. We have not given up on the

fight and we hope that you will continue to support our team and our effort. A special thanks to our trainer(s) Stacy Desroches, Pat Zwicker, and Miles Pinsent and all the staff of the therapy room without whom we would not have been able to keep the team in any shape to play soccer, let alone walk. The Yeowomen would like to thank all of their supporters throughout the year, especially the Ironmen and the Red Shirts who through their antics make our games very interesting.

A special and most sincere heartfelt thank you is extended to our coach Jamie Pollock. For anybody who knows the team, this is an extreme sacrifice on his part simply in terms of time, mental health, and self-image. Throughout the year you showed us how to better our soccer skill (that was the easy part) and how to be better players (of what??) both on and off the field. Thanks once again (and I am sober as I am writing this) for everything this year. Just remember - there is always next year!!!!

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