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Red Devils win international tournament Defeat Soviets 4-2 to take gold

Photo: Frank Denis

by Frank Denis

Camrose Albt. The UNB Red Devils captured the prestigious Viking Cup in Camrose, Alberta last Saturday with a 4-2 win over the Commonwealth of Independent States, formerly the Soviet Union. The game was played before a sell out crowd of 2500 at the Camrose Rec Center.

The Viking Cup held every two years, attracts some of Europe's top junior select teams as well as university and college teams from across Canada.

In the preliminary round UNB defeated Camrose College 10-2 and Czechoslovakia Selects 4-2. In their semi-final game they won a hard fought decision over Northern Alberta Institute of Technology 5-4 in overtime.

Tournament all-star Trevor Boland had two goals in the final game to finish the tournament with 7 goals in four games. Also scoring for UNB in the final were Jamie Colvin and Mike Cavanagh.

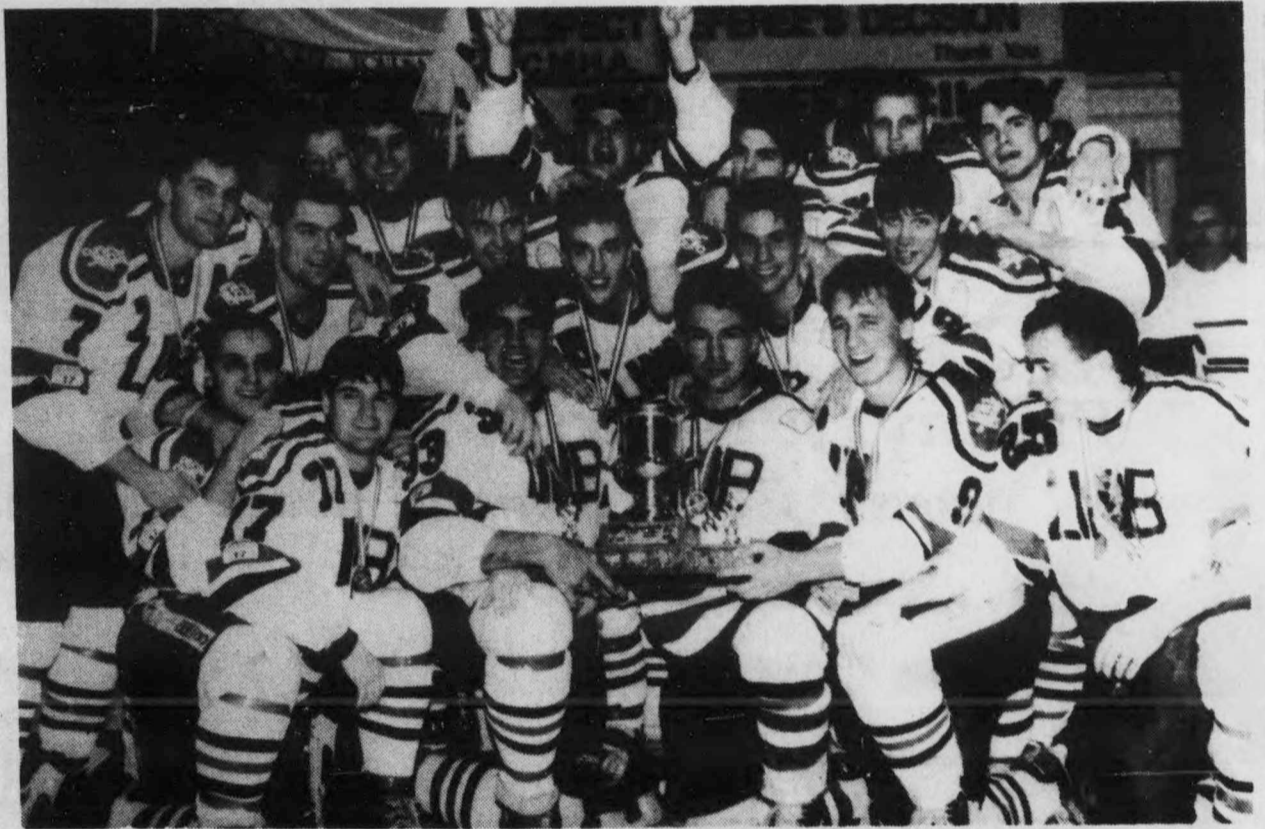
Cavanagh, who had the game winner and was also named to the all star team said it took his team awhile to get going against the Soviets. "We came out slow in the first period, but we kept a positive attitude. Coach Mike Johnston had us adapt to the Soviets style and we got better as the game went along."

After the Soviets had taken a 2-1 lead in the first period, the Red Devils shut them down completely. The Soviets were unable to get back on the scoreboard thanks to some persistent forechecking and solid goal-tending by Chris Somers.

Centre Jim Landine agrees that the tournament will help prepare the Red Devils for the upcoming second half of the AUSA season.

"All of the teams in this tournament were as good or better than those in our league. Winning this tournament will give us some good confidence heading into the second half and we'll be looking to win the AUSA championship."

Johnston says that the quality of teams that



Red Devils celebrate their Viking Cup win in Camrose, Alberta last Saturday

competed was outstanding. "This was a tough tournament to win. Several of the Czech and Soviet players will be playing in the World Junior Championships next year. We knew it would be tough.

"When our players got here they saw the quality of teams and were a little bit nervous because they knew that to win the tournament they would have to play very well and they couldn't have handled the

challenge any better.

"This tournament win is great for our program and hopefully it will get us into some other big time tournaments in the future."

New Vice Presidential position to be established

by Karen Burgess

The University is creating a new Vice-Presidential position to be instituted in the 1992-93 academic year.

The new position, Vice-President of Research and International Cooperation, would have as its mandate the funding of the University's research projects, and the

orchestration of new international co-operative agreements to fund and execute research and experimentation.

UNB President Robin Armstrong says the decision to create the position was made last year and subsequently passed by the senates of UNB's Fredericton and Saint John campuses.

The University then proceeded to advertise for potential candidates. Of the twenty-one applications received the seven-member search committee is still considering a short list of four candidates. Only one of these applicants, Dr. Frank Wilson, is currently on staff at UNB.

The Search Committee is currently asking for input on the decision from the university's Faculty. The President expects the Com-

mittee to have made its decision by mid-February.

When asked about the costs generated by the hiring of the new Vice-President, Armstrong emphasized that there will not be a new administrative position created. Essentially, the University now employs a Dean of Graduate Studies and Research and three associate deans, two on the Fredericton campus and one on the St. John campus. The Vice-President will take over the department's duties regarding research, leaving the Dean and two associates in charge of graduate studies. Additional funds needed were built in to this year's operating budget.

Armstrong continues by saying that the position "rather than being a cost to the university it will be a revenue generator. It will generate

equipment and supplies that otherwise we would have to purchase out of operating funds to the University."

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Dr. Robin Armstrong

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