

Flynn leads SMU to Vanier Cup

by Eric Drummie

The best birthday present of all. There was no holding back the Saint Mary's Huskies in last Saturday's Atlantic Bowl. Despite being down 14 points in the first five minutes, due to two turnovers, Saint Mary's returned with two touchdowns of their own to tie the game before the first quarter had finished and took the lead at the

was their star quarterback, Chris Flynn, who was celebrating his 24th birthday. The two-time Hec Crighton winner showed the 10,000 fans in attendance at Huskie Stadium why he is in the running for his third Hec Crighton. Despite an aching shoulder Flynn complete 25 of 38 for 240 yards and 4 touchdowns and lead the Huskies on a last minute 75 yard scoring drive that won the game.

Flynn's shoulder had been bruised in the AUAA finals against Mt. Allison the previous week. He had not practiced all week. "In 10 years I only missed one game (Vanier Cup 1988) and (today) before the most important game of my career I couldn't move my hand over my shoulder. It was really frustrating..." However the SMU therapist gave Flynn a shot before the game to ease the pain and it seemed to be all Chris needed.

The turning point of the game was Western's inability to convert on a first and goal, settling for a field goal instead. This left an opening

for Saint Mary's to win the game with 66 seconds left. It was at this point that Flynn showed the fans

Atlantic Bowl History

1989
Western 38, SMU 33
1988
SMU 44 Bishop's 10
1987
McGill 30, SMU 29
1970
Ottawa 24, UNB 11

why he was to be named MVP of the game.

Flynn took the Huskie offence 75 yards in 66 seconds in nine plays capping the drive off with a 15 yard pass to slotback Anthony Williams allowing Saint Mary's to take a one point lead 31-30. "It was just meant for me to catch". Saint Mary's missed a two point conversion thus allowing Western the slightest opening of victory with a field goal, but it was not to be. The Mustangs were unable to make any advances off of the kick-off and ended up running the clock out.

Saint Mary's advances to the Vanier Cup for the second time in four consecutive Atlantic Bowl appearances. The Huskies will be facing the University of Saskatchewan Huskies who defeated the Bishop's Gaiters 41-13 in the Churchill Bowl.

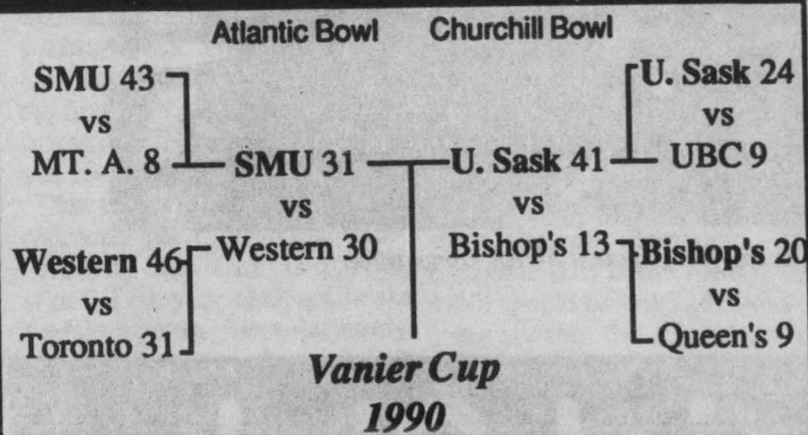


Chris Flynn

half. Western regained the lead in the third quarter only to have Saint Mary's regained the lead with only 8 seconds left on the clock.

The key to Saint Mary's success

Road to the Vanier Cup XXVI



Varsity Mania receives boost

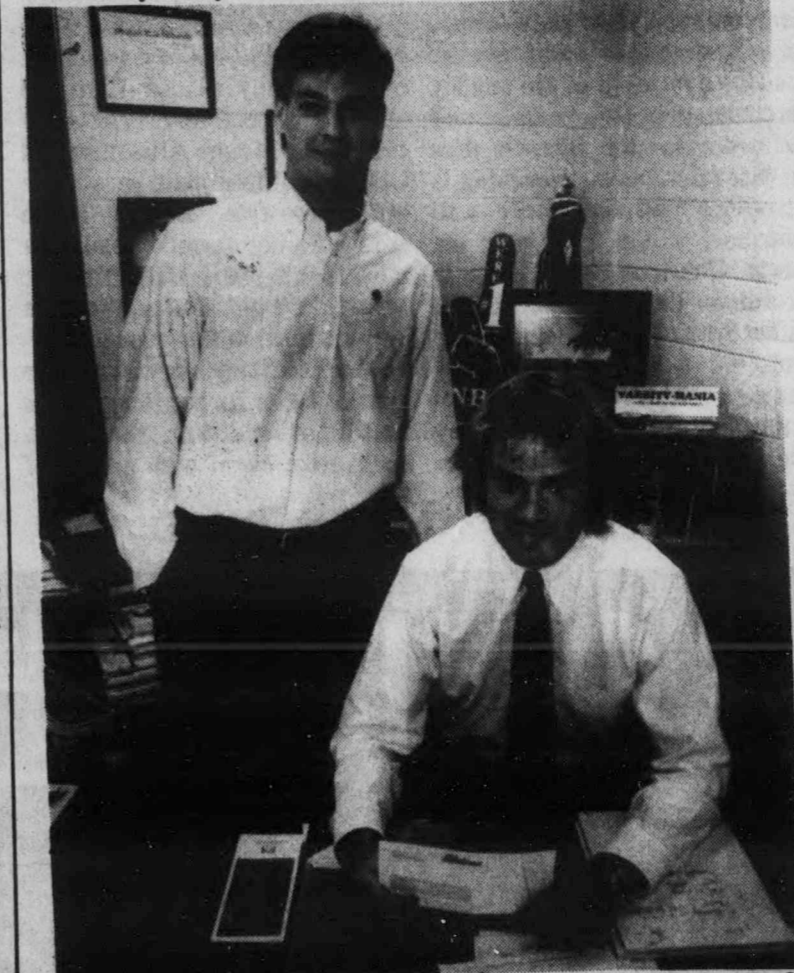
A new sensation has taken this campus by storm. At a time when school spirit is essential but greatly lacking, a small group of individuals have rejuvenated the campus atmosphere. Varsity Mania has been a major success thus far this year. They have had several very good events involving the Red Shirts and one with the Beavers. This weekend they will hold another event with the basketball team.

However, Varsity Mania does not act alone. They have had tremendous support from various companies that keep their programs alive and kicking. Moosehead Breweries is one such company. Since the outset of the Varsity Mania program Moosehead has been a major supporter of the events.

A few weeks ago, Moosehead representative, Carl Burgess, presented Varsity Mania co-ordinator, Steve Williams, with a donation in support of the program. Without such donations it would be very difficult for Varsity Mania to continue functioning.

Varsity Mania, as past reported, has gained national recognition for their work to promote campus athletics. Since the initial start of the program, Varsity Mania has brought large crowds of people out to support the athletic events. No doubt Varsity Mania will continue to grow on this campus and well it should. It has instilled a sense of pride back into the university that it so richly needs.

(ed.note. The editors apologize for bringing this news to the campus at such a late date. However, space is very limited in the paper. We also commend the work done by Varsity Mania and wish it continued success.)



Varsity Mania co-ordinator, Steve Williams, accepts a cheque for \$2000.00 from Moosehead representative, Carl Burgess. Moosehead is a major sponsor of Varsity Mania again this year.

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