

A Player's Perspective

Relief - That was my initial reaction upon arriving at UNB in September. After four years of playing field hockey I've finally found a team that has what it takes to make things happen—heart, determination, skill, coaching.

Edge - That's what I thought I was going to fall off of when we played at Brown University our first two games — the turf is on the roof (instead I tried to stop a ball with my face and broke my nose—welcome to UNB field hockey).

Defense - Our defensive backfield is one the most underrated in the country because of the relative lack of competition in the AUAA. At the CIAU's however they proved that they were one of the best in Canada — Krista Thompson (goalie) was player of the game vs. University of Victoria (the defending CIAU champions); Charla Currie (centre-back) was named player of the game vs. UBC (the #1 ranked team in the tournament); and Kelly McCormack (sweeper) was named player of the game in the semi-final vs. Alberta.

Scoring - When I hear this word I think not only of Josette (27 goals in 14 games is pretty damn good in my world), but of the people that helped to get her the ball; Wendi, Jewer, Tanya, Natasha...

Team - "An Individual can make a difference, a TEAM can make a miracle"... As a team we realized this and it took us where we wanted to go — the national championships.

Initiate - As a fifth year senior/rookie this word has special meaning. Rookie initiation included serenading the team with a song while we had a walkman on with the volume cranked... needless to say some sang better than others, just ask Gina McNeil.

Celebrity - "Charla Currie we're not worthy!"

Kilts - Will we ever get new ones???

Sunny Side - "We live on the sunny side where we see the funny side and through life we'll always be Red Sticks together..."



My first and last season as a member of the "Red Sticks" (Varsity Reds) was a memorable one. As a transfer student who had already played field hockey for four years on a somewhat mediocre university team, I was anxious to finally play for a team that was arguably one of the best in Canada. I had heard the rumours about their "Cinderella" season in 1992 and was eager to be a part of the 1993 squad that was out to prove that last year was no fluke. So here I am today with a CIAU silver medal, some all-star awards that I have my teammates to thank for, and last, but not least, I have no regrets...

-Stacey Bean

(Ed's note: Stacey is a fifth year student doing her Master's degree in Phys. Ed. She hails from Brampton, Ontario and was a star forward with Laurentian University while working on her undergraduate degree. Her three regular season goals were good enough for second place in league scoring. Recruited over the summer by coach Donna Hornibrook, she was an instrumental part of the Varsity Reds' stellar season.)



Wendi Gallant-Voutour, Kelly McCormack, Tanya Whalen and Charla Currie. Photo Kevin Porter.

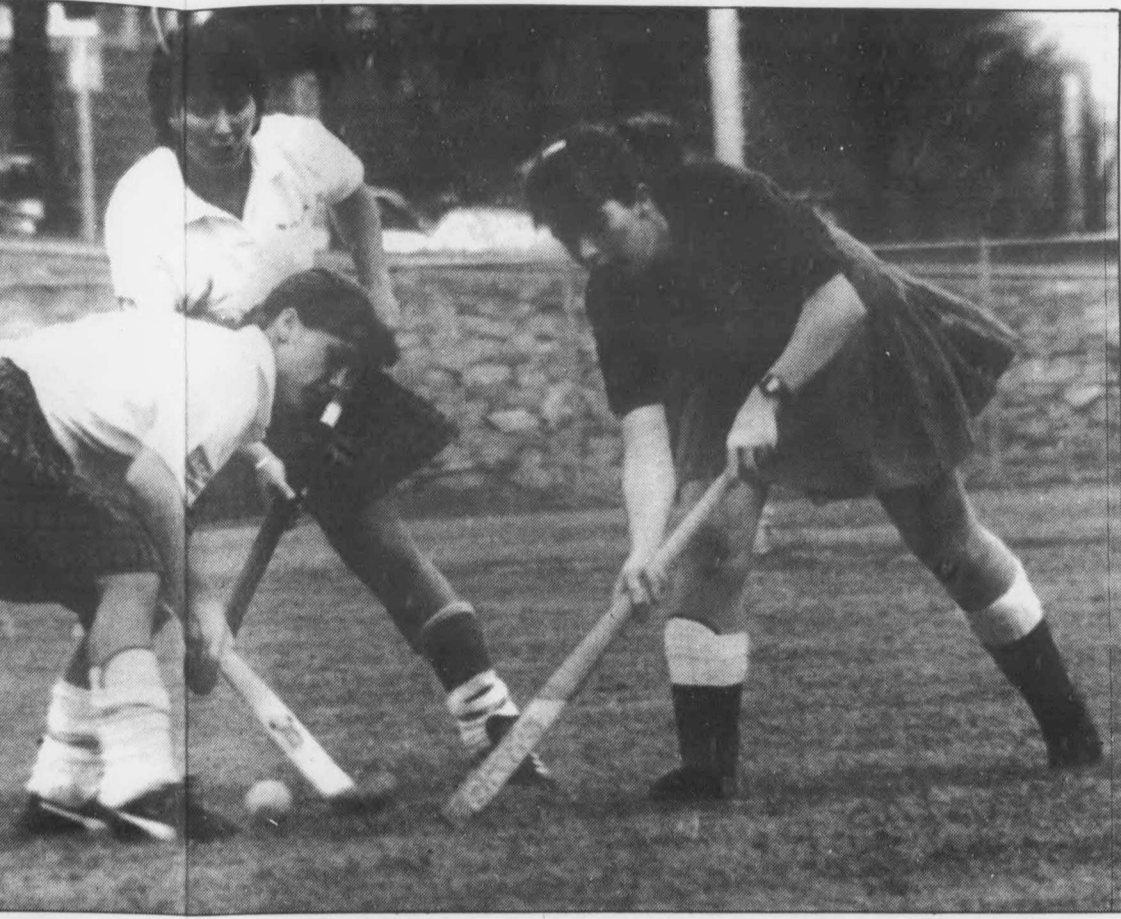
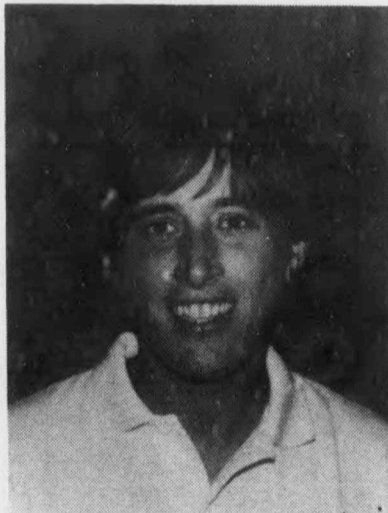


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STICK TOGETHER HOCKEY SEASON REVIEW

Varsity Reds Field Hockey season results

AUAA Regular Season	UNB 1 vs. UBC 1	UNB Athletes of the Week
UNB 3 vs. UPEI 0		Christa Harris
UNB 5 vs. UPEI 0	Semifinal	Josette Babineau
UNB 1 @ SMU 0	UNB 2 vs. Alberta 1	Kelly McCormack
UNB 2 @ SMU 0		Stacey Bean
UNB 6 @ UPEI 0	Final	Wendi Gallant-Voutour
UNB 2 @ UPEI 1	UofT 2 vs. UNB 0	The entire Field Hockey team
UNB 3 vs. SMU 1		
UNB 3 vs. SMU 0	Exhibition	
	Providence College 3 vs. UNB 2	UNB Athletes of the Month
AUAA Championships	UNB 2 @ Brown 0	Josette Babineau
Semifinal	UNB 4 @ Harvard 1	Stacey Bean
UNB 2 vs. UPEI 1	Boston University 1 vs. UNB 0	AUAA Athlete of the Week
Final	UMaine 2 vs. UNB 1	Josette Babineau
UNB 3 vs. SMU 0	UNB 2 @ Lasalle 0	
CIAU Championships	UNB 1 vs. UMaine 0	CIAU Athlete of the Week
UNB 1 vs. UVic 0		Josette Babineau



Coach Donna Hornibrook



...comed the Varsity Reds to the CIAU... posed with Mike 'Pinball' Clemons... into Sun. PMT by Mark Morgan



Defense Charla Currie outruns a St. Mary's defender at Chapman Field. The Reds swept their two home games against the Huskies 3-1 and 3-0. Photo by Kevin G. Porter