

Red Sticks field disappointing loss**Reds lose 2-0 to UofT in CIAU final**by Bruce Denis
Sports Editor

Despite their disappointment, the Varsity Reds have done the university proud once again with a second place finish at the CIAU's.

A wall of cheers greeted them at the Fredericton Airport last Sunday upon their return from the National Championships, but all that glitters is not gold.

UNB fell 2-0 to the University of Toronto Varsity Blues in the final. The silver medals that hung around their necks didn't have quite the shine they had last year when they surprised everyone with a second place finish.

"It was rewarding but not satisfying, that's about the best way we can explain it," coach Donna Hornibrook said at the airport.

Garnering two consecutive silver medals at the nationals is nothing to be ashamed of; in fact it is unprecedented at UNB.

Heading into the tournament, the Reds were ranked fourth in the nation after dominating the AUAA with a perfect 9-0 record.

UBC was ranked number one while the York Yeowomen were second. The University of Toronto Varsity Blues held the number one position for most of the season but a loss to the Yeowomen in their final game dropped them to third.

Forward Josette Babineau laments: "UofT played a tremendous

game. They play on turf all year, they are better skilled and were better prepared. That was the difference. Not to put our league down, but when you're not used to playing at that caliber all year round it can hurt."

Hornibrook agrees. "We were beaten by a group of Olympic athletes. There were four or five national team players with UofT. We didn't match up as well as I'd hoped we would have, but we certainly played a good game Saturday against Alberta."

The Reds beat the Golden Bears 1-0 to gain a birth in the final. Josette Babineau scored the lone goal while Kelly McCormack garnered Player of the Game honours.

Meanwhile, the other semi-final was decided in overtime as the UofT edged UBC 1-0 to set up the championship showdown.

Named CIAU Player of the Year earlier in the week, Babineau denies being given any extra attention by the Varsity Blues. "We had trouble getting the ball out of our own end but I don't think they keyed up on any single person for the game."

Despite the honour, Babineau is still a little bitter about losing the final.

"I'd give anything, I'd trade in all my awards just to have the whole team experience the feeling of winning a national championship."

The team opened the tournament Friday with a 1-0 win over the de-

fending national champion University of Victoria. Forward Stacy Bean was the difference for UNB scoring the only goal and goalie Krista Thompson was named Player of the Game after securing the shutout.

UNB then tied #1 ranked UBC 1-1 the same night to earn a spot in the semifinals against Alberta. Babineau scored for the Reds and the game MVP went to Charla Currie on defense.

Thompson was the only Varsity Red named to the tournament All-Star team, however an honorable mention should go to defense stalwart Dianne Rogers who shut down the opposing offense consistently throughout the tournament.

Looking ahead, the team will be losing some key players, particularly Babineau and Tanya Whalen. This may have been their best opportunity to win the nationals. "There's no question it was a big year, but last year we came out of nowhere. It was an Olympic year and we won a silver medal. You can never count these girls out," said Hornibrook.

"I think after bit of time we'll gain some perspective and say 'hey, we are second in Canada and how many teams can say they were in the final two years in a row. So we have to be very happy about that.'"

For more on the field hockey team, turn to the Sports section on page 18.

News Notes

The Overseas Chinese Students Association presents 'Kara', a Karaoke night at room 103 of the Wu Conference Centre, on Friday, November 12, at 8:00pm. Cost: \$3.00 per member or \$5.00 for non-member. Tickets are \$1.00 extra at the door. Tickets are available at the Friendship Store, or call Stanley at 453-9518, or Ronald at 450-4274

There will be a women-only forum on rape-related issues, organized by the UNB Women's Collective, to be held in the Alumni Memorial Building Lounge, on Monday, November 15, at 7:00pm.

There will be an open forum on date rape, sponsored by the UNB Student Union, to be held at 105 MacLaggan Hall on Wednesday, November 17, at 6:30pm.

All members of the Caribbean Circle and the general student body of UNB and STU are reminded of the UNB/STU 1993 International Reception and Dance, on Friday, November 12th, from 7:00pm to 1:00am, in the SUB Ballroom.

Other events for this weekend:

i) On Saturday November 13th, from 8:30pm, there will be the Caribbean Circle's 'Gym Nite' at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym. Don't miss it. Please invite a friend.

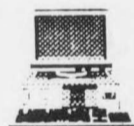
ii) For the planning of Music Festival 1993, there will be a Caribbean Circle general meeting on Sunday November 14th, at 2:00pm, in Room 103 of the SUB. Your presence will be most appreciated.

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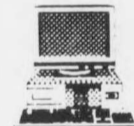
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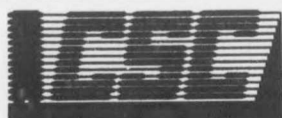
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