

UNB Red Sticks emerged

The University of New Brunswick field hockey Red Sticks returned from last week's National Championship competition with a 2-1, 2 record. The tournament, held at Toronto's Lamport Stadium, and plagued by poor crowd support and a day of heavy fog, saw the University of British Columbia Thunderettes emerge as the national Champions.

The Red Sticks defeated the York squad 6-1 and McGill 3-0 and dropped games to the university of Manitoba Bisonettes 4-0 and UBC 1-0. The UNB squad tied last year's champs, the University of Toronto Blues 1-1.

The Red Sticks first game in the round Robin tournament was played last Thursday afternoon against the University of British Columbia Thunderettes and saw the Thunderettes eke out the 1-0 victory on a goal by Donna Sinclair. The goal which came late in the second half resulted from a scramble around the UNB goal during which Sinclair was able to bring a short shot home for the win. Goaltender Cathy Carroll collected the shutout for the Thunderettes.

UNB's most impressive game of the Tournament was their Friday noonhour meeting with the York University squad which saw the Red Sticks walk away with an easy 6-1 win. Donna Phillips, who played impressively during the whole tournament, was especially good during the York/UNB contest scoring three tallies. Other UNB goals were scored by Lois Scott, Laurie Lambert, and Beth McSorley. Heather Smith scored the lone York goal.

The hardest fought battle of the Tournament for the Sticks was probably their Friday evening meeting with last year's national champs, the University of Toronto Blues.

UNB took the lead early in the game on a goal by Laurie Lambert. The Sticks maintained the slim margin until the last minutes of the second half, when Toronto's Shirley Toogood tied the score with an end to end effort. The last minute goal was an emotional upset to several of UNB squad.



Toronto's Lamport Stadium



Jubulation following a Red Sticks goal

The Saturday Morning game against the University of Manitoba Bisonettes could have more appropriately been renamed the

"fog bowl". Fog settled in on the City of Toronto Friday night, reducing visibility and making driving hazardous. When the

teams gathered at Lamport Stadium the next morning, the playing field was shrouded in the mist. By the 8:30 AM gametime, the field was still fogged in to the extent that players could not be

seen more than a few feet away. The game was postponed 45 minutes to allow the fog to clear. The reprieve seemed to relax many of the UNB squad who staged their own flicking contest, competing for the position of "Miss Flick".

Although the fog did not completely clear till around 10:00 am play began at 9:15. This delay caused the remaining games of the day to be set back several minutes each. The game proved to

be UNB's worst of the Tournament, seeing the Red Sticks defeated 4-0. Jana Callas scored two tallies in the first half, and Paula Parks and Jane Randles each had singles in the second half. Manitoba played a well organized game, while UNB, although

playing fairly well appeared to have problems with their passing game. One of the few fans who managed to get out for the early game commented that although UNB played well, the Bisonettes just played better.