

Sticks come close, lose on disputed goal

Last weekend the playoffs for the AUSA Field Hockey championship were held at UNB.

The first round played on Saturday had all four teams, University of Moncton, Dalhousie, St. Francis Xavier, and UNB, demonstrating excellent playing ability in their bids to capture a spot in the final game.

UNB, first place team of the West Division, met the second place team of the East Division, St. F.X., in the first match. Janet Miller gave the Red Sticks the lead early in the first half after a pass from right winger Karen Allanach.

The rest of the game, although scoreless, certainly kept everyone awake, not to mention an anxious coach Judy Fisher. Goaltender Pam Wiggins earned her fourth shut-out of the year with an outstanding performance in nets for Red Sticks.

Though field hockey is not a contact sport, one of the St. F.X. players was issued a warning by the umpire after she elbowed UNB halfback Joyce Leonard in the jaw.

The second game played Saturday was between the Dalhousie Tigerettes and the U de M Blue Angels. Dal took an early 2-0 lead on goals by Brenda Sacre and Andrea Mann. The Blue Angels' Joyce Lagoie came back to score one tally but U de M couldn't find the net again as they were defeated 2-1 by the Tigerettes.

Saturday night all the players, coaches, and officials attended a banquet at which the All-Star Team was announced.

Goalkeepers: Colleen Hogan - St. F.X.; Cathie Wheaden - Mt. Allison. Defense: Wendy McMullin - Dalhousie; Lola Montgomery - UNB; Darlene Mossman - SMU;

Sue Parker - Mt. Allison; Patsy Pike - St. F.X.; Lois Scott - UNB. Offense: Diane Boulanger - Dalhousie; Cindy Dean - St. F.X.; Janet Ellis - UPEI; Mary Gallant - U de M; Janet Millar - UNB; Kim Robson - Dalhousie.

Sunday's matches were moved ahead of time due to a change in fields and consequently fan attendance was slightly reduced. Moncton met St. F.X. at 9:00 a.m. in the consolation match. The match was a closely contested battle with St. F.X. coming out the victors with a score of 1-0. Tammy Casely netted the lone goal of the game for the Xettes while Colleen Hogan registered a shut-out.

Upsets of several weeks, October 22 and 23 were not indicative of how the Red Sticks can really play as they put it all together in the playoffs to beat St. F.X. 1-0 and to completely dominate and hold off Dalhousie with a score of 2-0 in the first half of the championship game.

Janet Miller put the Red Sticks into the lead with a set up from Leonard. Several minutes later, a perfect pass from right winger Cathy Collins to Heather Howe resulted in the Sticks' second goal.

In the second half, Dalhousie came out revitalized and finally, after continued pressure and a mad scramble in front of the UNB net, managed to score their first marker.

There was some controversy, as one of the Dal players was sprawled over the goalie's pads and Wiggins could not play the ball. The UNB defence made several valiant attempts to clear the ball, but finally were beaten by a Dal forward Kim Robson. Midway through the half Dal

tried the game with a goal by Pam Dickie.

With one minute remaining in the game the ball was shot on net from outside the circle. (Scoring shots must be made from within the circle). Wiggins went to clear the ball, trapped it in her kickers and the ball went into the net.

Though this is not ordinarily a goal, the umpire asked the Dal forward who was on the scene if

she touched the ball. After the player claimed that she didn't know the umpire proclaimed a goal and the disheartened Red Sticks lined up for another bully. (faceoff)

The Red Sticks combined skill and desire in one of their finest games of the season, showing amazing cohesiveness as a team. Although the Red Sticks lost 3-2, they can still be proud of the fact

that everyone gave their personal best and in this way can be considered as a victory for them.

The Sticks can also be proud of the fact that one of their players, Janet Miller, was the top scorer of the playoffs. The Sticks had a great year finishing their season with a record of 10 wins and 3 losses.

This year Red Sticks included: Pam Wiggins, Sharon Mad Dog Gilmour, Sue Wishart, Wendy Wade, Lola Rock Montgomery, Lois Socks Scott, Joyce Martian Leonard, Janice Roy, Karen Allanach, Cathy Collins, Judy Wilson, Janet Miller, Missy Annis, Heather Howe, and Marion McIntyre. The Sticks thank manager Karen MacRae as well.

Sticks' Rookie coach Judy Fisher will be returning to Springfield in three weeks where she is attending Springfield University in a Masters program. Fisher gave the team her utmost, frequently missing classes when players came to her for advice.

Though there was continuous grumbling by team members at having to run a timed mile per week, practice in torrential downpours, and extreme cold, Fisher kept spirits up and fat tests down. Her coaching was constructive and informative, her desire as great as anyone playing on the team, and it was certainly a privilege to have her at UNB.

Fencing open at gym

The N.B. Fencing Association Open will be held at Lady Beaverbrook Gym on Sat. Nov. 6 and Sun., Nov. 7. Registration on Saturday is from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. and on Sunday from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Competition will begin on Saturday with Senior Men's Foil, Senior Ladies' Foil and Open Epee and will continue on Sunday with Junior Men's Foil, Junior Ladies' Foil and Sabre. Junior Fencers must be under 20.

The organizers are expecting 30 to 50 competitors from N.B., the Maritimes and Maine. F.I.E. Rules will be applied and there will be electrical equipment in use for scoring.

Observers are welcome but are asked not to try to participate without a weapon.



The Red Sticks came close, but no cigar. Photo by Steve Patriquen

Mermaids swim and swim and swim....

The UNB Mermaids women's swim team will be holding a midnight marathon starting at 9:30 p.m. on Friday. The Mermaids plan to swim 50 miles in an attempt to raise money for a trip to Florida.

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wanted to be ... A lumberjack!

The INTERNATIONAL WOODSMANS COMPETITION was held here last weekend with many teams from the U.S. and Canada competing. Men's and women's teams were involved in the many events that were a highlight of Forestry week. Photos by Tom Best.



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