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Exhibition Hockey St. Thomas 5 Red Devils 1

University of New Brunswick Red a special occassion.

St. Thomas Tommies treated it that way

Tommies scored four power play goals and another shorthanded as their specialty teams' propelled them to a 5-1 exhibition hockey victory at the Lady Beaverbrook Rink Saturday, the first renewal of the rivalry between the cross campus competitors in 1988-89.

Cross Country

The University of New Brunswick Lady Harriers won the prestigous Codfish Bowl international cross country meet in Boston, MA. for the fourth time in five years Saturday, breezing to a comfortable victory over 16 other competing schools.

The Lady Harriers placed four runners in the top ten in posting 39 points. Second place University of Southern Maine had 83 points. Leading the Lady Greer eighth. Rounding out the list of counters was Giselle Gallibois, who was 17th. Jackie Blois finished 23rd.

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Ouch! That hurts!

I demand a recount! The landslide victory of John Barnes in the recent Footballer/ Player Of The Year polls is actually an indictment of English football. Such is the dearth of available skill, it seems, that anyone who can take three forward steps (possession of the ball optional) without going arse over tip is an automatic choice. And anyway, the current Liverpool team could make

Molly Sugden look a worldbeater.

No, for me, Brian, the real Footballer Of The Year is Wimbledon's nice-lad-really one-man-war Vinny Jones. If Barnes is a poem of physical Devils tried to make Alumni Weekend perfection, football's dream, then Vinny's a spray-can graffiti lout, the game's darkest nightmare. A mere 18 months ago he was a building site labourer, and he's taken his bosh-bosh-bosh (along with his six foot suede-topped frame) onto the First Division's grass and plastic theatres, conducting a relentless

search against anything not wearing a Wimbledon shirt. Talk about credentials! We're talking about a man who's established

himself as head hardnut in a side that already had the worst disciplinary record in the entire history of the world! We're talking (though not to his face) about a man who, while his team-mates have to make do with endearing little nicknames like 'Bash' and 'Lurch', is now almost universally acclaimed by the single word - 'Psycho'

The man's (mis)deeds and colourful way with the English language have already passed into terrace legend. In one, typical, incident he told Kenny Dalglish (no less) "do that again an' I'll rip yer ear off and gob in the 'ole". In another, he offered Tottenham's Clive Allen, who had just fouled one of Jones' mates, a piece of friendly, life-prolonging, advice – "go and hide for 20 minutes"

But the most celebrated of his efforts to date is the job he recently did on Newcastle's much-hyped wonderkid Paul Gascoigne. Taking the notion of 'marking' to new and absurdly literal extremes, he hounded Gascoigne's every step with a torrent of physical and verbal abuse, the latter liberally

dotted with the word 'wanker' and appropriate gestures. Gascoigne's only moments of respite occurred when Jones was required to take Wimbledon's corner. Even then, though, he was left his instructions - "wait there fatty, I'll be back in a minute!"

This performance reached its dizzying (for Gascoigne at least) climax when Jones decided that his hapless victim had no further need of his testicles and Harriers was Michelle Cormier, who attempted to remove them by hand. This display of balls skills proved too finished second overall. Only shortly much for the suddenly senstive tabloid press whose 'Ban This Devil' rantings thereafter, Willa Jones checked in entirely missed the most crucial point - that Jones' antics had been entirely fifth, Joanne Blois seventh and Felicia successful in rendering the opposition's most talented player completely faceless (damn near childless too!). After the game, the chastened Newcastle star sent a peace offering (a single rose) to his assailant in the other dressing room - in return he received a well-used Wimbledon FC bogbrush!

In an era when football ceaselessly bemoans its lack of 'characters' a talent ike that of John Barnes does deserve every accolade that's lavished upon it. He's a solid gold folk hero because he articulate, brilliant and handsome.

Vinnie Jones enjoys the same exalted status 'cos he's not. **Danny Kelly**



FOOTBALL

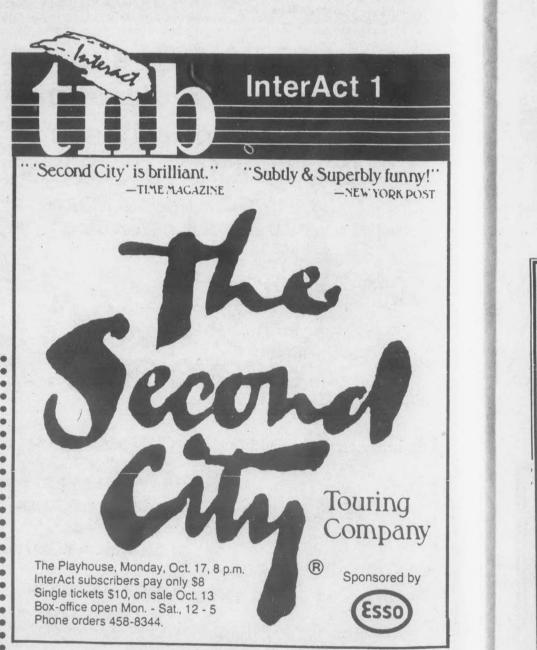
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1. Toronto (1) 2. Alberta (NR) 3. Western (2) 4. Mcgill (3) 5. U.N.B. (6) * 6. Wil. Laur. (7) 7. Sherbrooke (NR) 8. Mt. Allison (5) * 9. Laurentian (7)



A gripping variation on the old 'I'm-taking-my-ball-home' theme: Vinnie Jones decides he's taking someone else's! The celebrated assault on Paul Gascoigne.



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