

...more of the final four

The University of Victoria Vikings

Back in Halifax once again for the Final Four, the Vikings are gunning for their seventh consecutive National title.

Led by All-Canadian and National Team member, veteran Cord Clemens, Victoria has to be considered the team to beat by all other Final Four entrants.

Despite losing standout Phil Ohl to graduation, the Vikings had a large nucleus of returning players and a great deal of depth on the court. With perhaps fewer individual stars than the Vikings of old, the squad put forth a great

team effort to get them all the way across the country to Halifax for the Finals.

The Vikings had a hot and cold season, due mainly to the back problems which plagued Clemens. They finished first in Canada West with a 9-1 record, but lost to Saskatchewan in the CW semifinals.

It was a reprieve for the squad to be invited to the regionals and they took full advantage of the opportunity, topping St. Francis Xavier 80-77 in the preliminary round and going on to dump Lethbridge in the championship game 79-59. The Vikings' tough defense proved to be their ace card

against the Pronghorns as they forced them to take poor percentage shots from the outside.

We welcome the Victoria Vikings as they make an unprecedented ninth straight trip to the Final Four.

The University of Western Ontario Mustangs

The Mustangs 1875-86 season have to be the Cinderella Team of the CIAU this season. Not a great deal was expected from the team, due mostly to their height, or lack of it. During their 18-game exhibition schedule, Western won only half of their games, but seven of those losses were by four points or less. The Mustangs sent

a message to their AUAA counterparts that they would in fact be a force to be reckoned with. Western dropped their first game of the regular season but exploded in their next eight outings — winning nine straight in securing first place in the OUAA West with a 10-2 record. The hot hand of Chris Cavender and the addition of Terry Thomson (who was filling in for the injured Greg Moore) helped turn the corner for the Mustangs. With their victories at the Acadia Regionals, the "Cinderella" Mustangs have posted a 22-12 overall record during 1985-86.

Without a doubt the quickest

man on the court, Kevin Armstrong's aggressive style of play and his hustle have added the spark that had landed Western into the Final Four. Armstrong, the quarterback of the Mustangs, is the stabilizing force on the floor. The five-year veteran is responsible for making things tick on backcourt and although not known for his offensive prowess, averaged over six points per game during this season's campaign. The Truro, Nova Scotia,

native is no slouch in the rebounding department, averaging 4.4 rebounds over the 32-game schedule.



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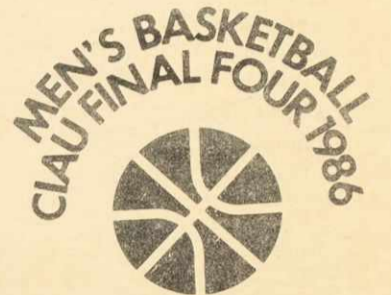
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