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'Team Canada' captures ball hockey championship Intramural tournament sees Team Canada come back twice to win

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In the championship 2 out of 3 series, game one set the stage for the rest of the series. Undoubtedly the hardest played game all year, both teams played well and didn't hesitate to hit. Tempers rose several times, however, the referees maintained control throughout.

The Devils playing their slick passing wide open offensive style found it hard to penetrate the strong controlled defensive style of Team Canada. After falling behind early, Team Canada fought back to take the lead which subsequently changed several times. The game featured great passing, disputed goals, excellent goal-tending and action throughout. In the end, it was Team Canada 6 N.J. Devils 4.

In game two with the C.B.C. cameras rolling, Big Chunk and Big Bill in the booth, the crowd raving, the wave happening, the players tense, the action was set to begin. The pressure was on the Devils and it surprised no one when they came out flying and raced to a quick 3-0 lead (Tony Dunkerly, John Roe, Andy McQuade). However, Team Canada lead by the awesome shot of Mike Hayward rebounded back to take a 5-3 lead. With the pressure placed back on the Devils, they responded with a total team effort over the last 10 minutes and finally solved the puzzle of Team Canada's great defense and all-star goal tending. In the end, the Devils took game two by the narrowest of margins 7-6.

With only an hour between games it was expected that both teams would be very tired going into the third and final game of this championship series. While Team Canada did look a little sluggish early, New Jersey came out flying and again quickly raced to a 3-0 lead after one period on goals by Tony Dunkerly, Louis Brill, Andy McQuade. The Devils looked in total control, however, for the third time in the series, Team Canada turned things around scoring five consecutive goals. Mike Hayward - 2, Gordie Cosman, Don Stabo and Dave Doucette did the damage for the 5 - 3 leaders. This however, did not signal the collapse of the Devils as the league's top offense pressed harder than ever. Shot after shot was turned aside by goalie Dave Kusierczyk and cleared by the solid Team

Canada defense. Finally with about 2 minutes to go the Devils closed to withing one as Tony Dunkerly found the mark. The final two minutes were simply the league's best offence against the league's best defense, both teams relying on what got them to the finals. The action was climaxed

when the Devils three top scorers raced in on a three on one. With the Devils net open and eighteen seconds on the clock it was now or never. Normally, this 3 on 1 situation would have resulted in a goal but normally the Devils aren't shooting against Dave Kusierczyk and the defense of Team

Canada who managed to hold on for a well-deserved 5 - 4 victory. Thus Team Canada won the Men's Intramural Ball Hockey Championship 2 games to 1.

After the customary handshakes and congratulatory remarks many of the players adjourned to the Social Club

where both team doctors set up emergency rehabilitation centres. After first aid treatment was administered a good time was had by all. I believe a reflection on the success of this year's season. In closing, congratulations and full marks to the new champions Team Canada on their great season.

Major Hockey Tournament set for Aitken Center

by MARY SCOTT
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One of the biggest events in Canadian Womens Hockey is set to go at the Aitken Center this weekend as the UNB Red Blazers host their 7th annual Womens hockey Tournament. For the first time in 5 years the event will revert to its original 8 team format, it has been limited to 6 teams since 1982.

Two teams from Ontario, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick will be attending. The host UNB Red Blazers will be out to defend their Championship which they won in a 3-0 final game victory over Dalhousie University a year ago.

This year the Blazers have been playing a full league schedule in the FYHA Bantam Rep Division. To date they have a winning record and are holding down second place in the league. This week-end will be the first time in two months that UNB will have their full lineup in uniform. A nine week injury has kept center "Boom-Boom" Cox out of the lineup, but she will be ready for the

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE	
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1986	
8:30 - 8:40 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies and team warmups
1. 8:40 - 9:55 p.m.	TORONTO vs UNB
2. 10:00 - 11:15 p.m.	OROMOCTO vs DALHOUSIE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1986	
3. 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.	ACADIA vs PEI SPUDETTES
4. 10:20 - 11:35 a.m.	HUNTSVILLE vs PEI WHITECAPS
5. 11:40 - 12:55 p.m.	TORONTO vs ACADIA
6. 1:00 - 2:15 p.m.	OROMOCTO vs WHITECAPS
7. 2:20 - 3:35 p.m.	UNB vs SPUDETTES
8. 3:40 - 4:55 p.m.	DALHOUSIE vs HUNTSVILLE
9. 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.	TORONTO vs SPUDETTES
10. 6:20 - 7:35 p.m.	OROMOCTO vs HUNTSVILLE
11. 7:40 - 8:55 p.m.	UNB vs ACADIA
12. 9:00 - 10:15 p.m.	DALHOUSIE vs WHITECAPS (End of Round Robin)
13. 10:20 - 11:35 p.m.	2nd Place Red vs 3rd Place Red (RED Division Semi-Final)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1986	
14. 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.	2nd Place Black vs 3rd Place Black BLACK Division Semi-Final
15. 9:50 - 11:20 a.m.	1st Place Red vs Winner Game *13 (RED Division Final)
16. 11:25 - 12:55 p.m.	1st Place Black vs Winner Game *14 (BLACK Division Final)
17. 1:00 - 2:15 p.m.	Last Place Red vs Last Place Black
18. 2:30 - 3:45 p.m.	Loser Game *15 vs Loser Game *16 (Third Place Game)
19. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	PUBLIC SKATE 4:30 - 5:30 Winner Game *15 vs Winner *16 (CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL) Trophy Presentation follows Final

weekend. Two other players who have been in and out of the lineup due to other commitments will also be around full time, winger Cathy Potts and Goalie Wendy Dickinson will both provide for a balanced

lineup. Besides UNB, the Oromocto Firecats will represent N.B. The Firecats are a second year team that also compete against boys minor hockey teams in Oromocto. It will be the first

time out for them against Senior hockey teams of the caliber they will face this weekend, but it will be a valuable experience for them.

From P.E.I. will come the Spudettes and the Whitecaps. The Spudettes have been the defending Island Champions since 1973 and are well known for their slick passing and ability to move the puck. The Whitecaps are in their second year of play, but sport a very experienced team, having picked up a number of veterans from the Spudettes in the last 6 months.

Nova Scotia will be represented by two University teams. The Dalhousie Tigers are the defending Provincial Senior Champions, but are in the middle of a rebuilding year, so despite two consecutive appearances in the UNB Tournament final (losing both times) they are a bit of an unknown. The Acadia Axettes are also a second year team, last season they failed to win a game but put on a display of sportsmanship that made them a favourite of the fans.

For the first time in a number of years the Province of Ontario will be represented. A Senior C squad from Toronto will be making their first visit to New Brunswick. Not much is known about this team, or the other Ontario team the Huntsville Honies, although Huntsville has experience in International competition having travelled to European tournaments. What is known is the intimidating reputation that Ontario Womens Hockey has across the country.

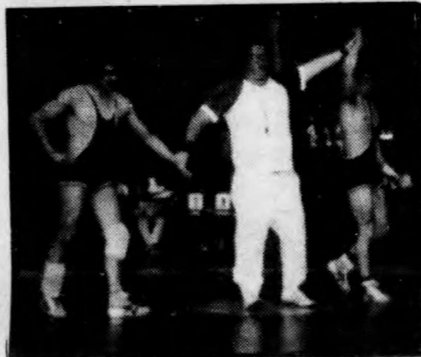
The tournament gets underway Friday night with 8:30 opening ceremonies. Moosehead Brewerie Representative and Red Devil star Mark Jeffrey will be on hand to drop the first puck. The opening game between UNB and Toronto will follow immediately.

Admission to all games is free, canteen facilities will also be available. Come out and see the finest of female hockey in Canada.

UNB Black Bear defeats national champion

by Randy Smith

Todd Bursley wrestling at the 125 lb. class lead the Black Bears to a strong finish at the Mt. A open in Sackville last weekend. On route to his first gold medal as a Black Bear, Bursley rolled over defending national champion Merinosh Pestonji of Mt. A. In the gold medal match Bursley quickly found himself down 5-0 to Pestonji. He then changed his strategy keeping his arms down taking Pestonji's best offensive weapon his throws away from him. Todd then completed a few throws of his own while complimenting them with excellent defence that saw Pestonji go to his back three times. The first round closed with Bursley being down only one by a score of 7-6. He then continued the pressure



UNB's Denis Mahoney captures silver

and used strong defence to win 11-9.

Bursley was not the only Black Bear to show well. Gary Wilson competing for the first time in three years wrestled extremely well emerging with a silver medal. His only loss came at the hands of Chris Bell of the United States. Denis Mahoney also came off a two year absence to take a silver

medal in the 150 lb. class.

Greg Hughes and Randy Smith both were third place finishers. Hughes overcame a 5-0 deficit at the end of the first round to win on a 5-5 tie. Smith who currently holds down a fourth place national ranking would have to be classed as the disappointment of the tournament. After coming off a strong second place finish at the Montreal open the week before, Smith became careless in his first match and was pinned therefore finishing second in his pool. He went on to easily win the bronze.

Bill Helpin and Greg Ducette rounded out the squad and had to settle out of the medals. Yet both wrestled very well and gained considerable experience that could lead to medals at the AUA's.