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CIAU basketball wrap-up

You could have charged a toll on Highway 103 between Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley and Halifax on Sunday morning and made a killing from the local scouts. The much beloved Acadia Axemen were coming off a big three point win over the Victoria Vikings the previous night and were now getting set to run with the number one team in the country.

The Metro Centre crowd was hoping for a replay of November's matchup between the two clubs. In that game the Axemen came out on top. However it was to be the only loss for the Bobcats to Canadian opposition all season as the Brandon squad won their next thirty in a row.

But the 7000 plus fans that made it to the Metro Centre for the CIAU basketball final were probably not as likely to give on the drive home. Their Axemen couldn't find a way to stop 6'8" Whitney Dabney as they fell 81-68 to the Bobcats.

For the Bobcats it was the second CIAU title in a row under coach Jerry Hemmings. Led by tourney MVP Dabney, the Bobcats never really had a challenge on the weekend, rolling to easy victories over the rookie laden Carleton Ravens on Friday afternoon and the Western Ontario Mustangs on Saturday's semi-final.

The Axemen didn't have such an easy road. Friday's victory over Bishops was a good way to start, but Saturday

squeaker over the Vikings took its toll physically.

Dabney, a native of New Orleans, hooped 29 points and grabbed 6 rebounds in the final to capture MVP honours. CIAU player of the year Pat Jebbison, who was also named to the tourney all-star team, added 17 for the Bobcats, while 6'7" Tulane University transfer David Dominique, another Louisiana native, chipped in 15.

Acadia was led by sophomore guard Tyrone Carvery, who had 21 in the final. Grant MacDonald chipped in 14. Carvery, who was Acadia's game MVP in both the victory over the Vikes and Sunday's final, would have been a sure MVP if the Axemen had won.

Behind Jebbison, Carvery, and UPEI's Peter Gordon, the all star selections were questionable at best. All-stars Cord Clemons of Victoria and the Axemen's Peter Morris were coasting on their All-Canadian laurels. Clemons was outshone by teammate Spencer McKay, while Axeman Grant McDonald had a great tourney.

Sunday's final was physical with a capital "P". Both squads started three players above 6'6". But it was Dabney's inside game the Bobcats continued to exploit successfully. The Axemen showed Dabney a lot of faces, double and even triple teaming in the post, but couldn't stop the lob pass.

"They sealed me up pretty good, they were physical," said Dabney, "but I managed to hold them off, finish off, and make the basket."

Indeed he did, as the man they call "Big Daddy" drove the stake in the Axemen's heart with about four minutes to go as he completed the front end of a real honest to goodness NBA style "alley-oop" from Courtney Bailey with about

heavier because they were going to be pushed and shoved."

They were, but the Bobcats simply pushed and shoved back as they cruised to the win and the title.

Some Notes:

In the just happy to be here department - the Carleton Ravens started the season with nine rookies and no seniors. After going 6-10 to start, the Paul Armstrong coached squad

Andy Cheam is an assistant coach with the Ravens. Andy's girlfriend and former Bloomer Marg Jones is on the Ottawa Lady GeeGee's coaching staff. Must be fun on gamedays when U.O. and C.U. play each other in double headers.

As well as coverage by TSN, there were three different radio broadcasts of Sunday's final. The National Campus radio network included 9 stations from Victoria to St. John's (including CHSR FM) and was the most extensive setup. Other broadcasts were from AVR radio in Wolfville, NS, CIUT FM in Toronto carried their own version, and a crew from CJCH in Halifax also worked the game back to Brandon.

After graduating CIAU All-Everything John Carson, the Bobcats found a replacement in Pat Jebbison, who was the CIAU MVP this season. Joining Jebbison on the All-Canadian squad were Acadia's Peter Morris, Saskatchewan's big man Byron Tokarchuk, three point specialist John Steifelmeyer from the Western Mustangs, and Toronto's Fred Murrel.

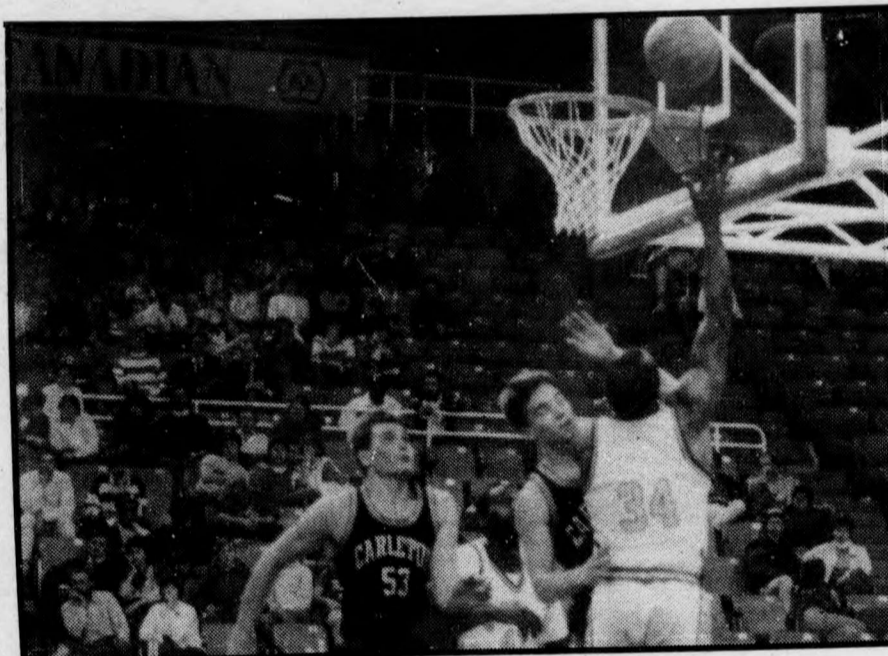
Second team honours go to Chris Beigler from Regina, UBC's J. D. Jackson, Kevin Veinot of the Axemen, Rob Froese from Waterloo and Manitoba's Terry Garrow.

How did Peter Gordon of the UPEI Panthers get left off the squad? Only god and the coaches who voted know! We demand a recount.

Rick Stanley of the Alberta Golden Bears won rookie of the year. Former Raider and Axemen Coach Dave Nutbrown got coach of the year honours.

Great hosts in Halifax! Strong organization and great crowds. Rumour has it that the Metro Centre will host for at least two more years. That'll make five in a row.

Acadia got to the final with 6 Nova Scotians, two Newfoundlanders, an Ontario native, and Chris Adams from Fredericton. Says something good about Atlantic basketball. Look for Chris to make significant contributions at Acadia next year. He spend the last two years working against Peter Morris and Kevin Veinot in practice, now he'll fill some shoes with their graduation.



five minutes left. Acadia Coach Dave Nutbrown, down by eight but charging at the time, threw his hands out and looked skyward, knowing the wind wasn't only knocked out of his sails, but his boat had just stalled.

"I told the guys to go out in the streets, pick up some rocks, and put them in their pockets," coach Hemmings said afterwards. "I told them to get

went 8-4 after Xmas to finish in the second place in the OUAA East, including winning their last four league games and two playoffs. The team's overall record was just on game above .500. Not wildcard material, but they upset nationally ranked Toronto to win the OUAA East and a trip to Halifax.

Former Red Raider player and Bloomers assistant coach

UNB lifeguard competition

The UNB Lifeguard competition met with tremendous success last Saturday, March 12. Teams from Nova Scotia, Saint John, and Moncton came to test their skills against the three host teams. The competition ran all day with events including swimming relays, first aid and CPR, priority assessment, priority treatment, and pool situations. Crowds

cheered as each team found hidden victims or towed a teammate to win a relay.

The results revealed extremely close scores. The Saint John "Mako I" from the Canada Games Aquatic Center came in first; only .071% ahead of second place Red Eyes from UNB. Third place was won by the Nova Scotia Lifeguard Service Team and

fourth and fifth place were taken by the UNB Red Hoods and UNB Black Cats respectively. The remaining four places belonged to the remaining teams: Saint John Mako II, Saint John Y, St. Pat's from Moncton, and Dalplex from Dalhousie.

Lifeguard competitions are a fast-growing sport in the Maritimes and the proof is in

the participation in the UNB competition. The UNB teams will be raising money to go to the Nationals in Edmonton, AB. A tread-a-thon is taking place this Saturday, March 19 at the L. B. Residence Pool. We'll be treading for 12 hours starting at 1:00 pm (yes, we're nuts, come and watch!). Drop in and visit us. (Any donations will be welcome but supporters are what we really want!