

# Redsticks lose heartbreaker

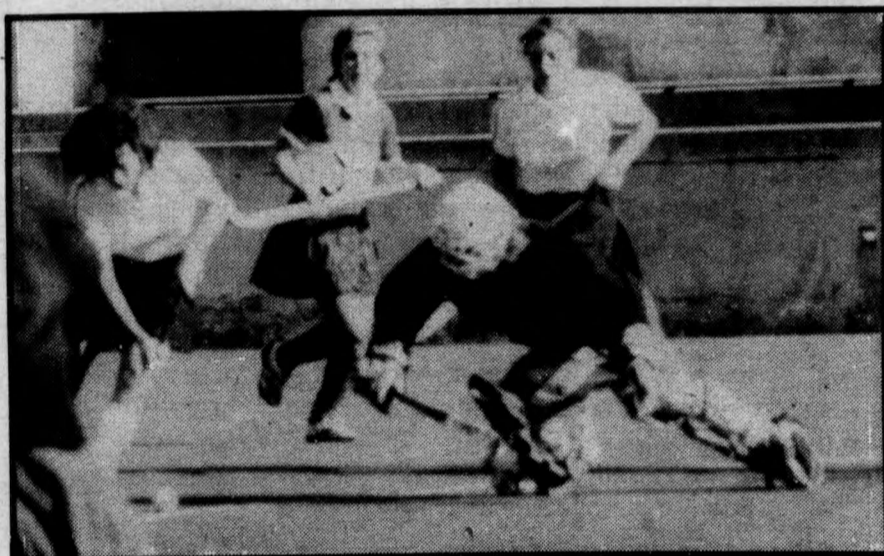
The UNB Red Sticks Field Hockey CIAU's started at 8:30 a.m. Friday, October 30 at the Allan Lamport Stadium in downtown Toronto. The first game for UNB was against the University of Toronto Lady Blues (who went onto the finals against the University of Victoria Vikettes) and their last game saw them play the York University Yeowomen in the Consolation Final (5th and 6th place). UNB left the CIAU's with a record of 2 losses, 1 tie, and 6th place in a field of six, while the University of Victoria won the tournament with a record of 3 wins and one loss.

In their first game the Red Sticks started the tournament slowly with U of T dominating the game by controlling the middle of the field. This control by U of T frustrated the Red Sticks' attack and caused them to make the same mistakes that they had been able to count on their previous AUSA opponents to make. These mistakes included poor ball handling, bad passes and badly executed free strokes.

Despite these errors UNB's goalkeeper, Sheila Bell was able to keep UNB in the game and only allowed one goal in the first half. This goal was described, by Carol Jones the backup goalie, as a "fluke which was definitely not Sheila's fault". However, the individual talent of Sheila Bell, Deb Fullerton, Carla Reeves and Michelle Ives was not enough to change the inevitable outcome of the game

and Toronto won 2 - 0. The second Toronto goal was scored, not surprisingly, after a UNB pass was intercepted in front of the UNB net.

UNB's offense was mostly generated through short corner plays with the notable exception of a very good play by Michelle Ives. Ives stripped the U of T defender, in the dying seconds of the game, broke through the middle, and found herself wide open just to the



Sheila Bell, UNB's stopper, dives out to make one of her many saves in last weekend's CIAU's.



Deb Fullerton, chosen as a CIAU all-star, and Carla Reeves, UNB's top scorer, break between two UBC defenders.

left of the U of T net. The U of T goalie committed herself too early and left an empty net to shoot at. Michelle's shot was just wide.

In their second game UNB made the same errors against the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds as they had against the Blues. However, fortunately for UNB, UBC was incapable of capitalizing on them. Sheila Bell's consistent goalkeeping was enough to preserve a 0 - 0 tie. One particular scramble in front of the UNB net, about twenty minutes into the second half, saw Sheila Bell make three big stops in a row and clear the ball out of the UNB zone. Bell exhibited goaltending skills in this game that should have been more than enough to win the Player of the Game, however this was not to be and the award went to a UBC player. Bad luck Sheila.

After UBC and U of T had played to a 2 - 0 U of T victory the scene was set for a UBC vs. UNB stroke off to see who would advance to the semi-finals. During the UBC/U of T game both teams seemed happy to play to a 1 - 0 U of T victory, as this would have guaranteed both teams' advancement to the semi-finals, however U of T scored a scramble goal with 10 minutes left in the game and the necessity for a UNB/UBC stroke off arose.

The stroke off began at 7:30 Friday night. Both teams seemed to be very nervous and tired. The score was tied 2 - 2 after 5 UNB strokes leaving only one UBC stroke left. The shot was taken and Sheila Bell made an excellent save. The referee deemed that Sheila had moved before the shot was taken, and due to the oddities of Field Hockey rules a goal was granted for a shot that had never entered the net. Strange and somehow unfair it would seem. To make matters worse, one was hard-pressed to find anybody else in the stadium. (including a somewhat stunned UBC team) who agreed that Sheila had moved first.

UNB played their final game of the tournament against York University Yeowomen losing it by a 3 - 1 margin. York scored 3 unanswered goals, at the hands of No. 14 Sharon Creelman, in the first half of the game. One of Creelman's goals was scored on a penalty stroke that barely made it past a sprawling Sheila Bell. UNB had its one moment of glory about 10 minutes into the second half when Carla Reeves split the York defense, took a low shot, picked up her own rebound, and flipped the ball over the down York goalie.

The tournament ended when University of Victoria beat U of T 1 - 0 in the final after UVIC advanced by tying UBC (0 - 0), and winning in the stroke off.



The Redsticks attack

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