

# Red Shirts champs !

The UNB Red Shirts are this year's Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union soccer Champions. They won the title Sunday afternoon at College Field by downing the Sir Wilfred Laurier University Golden Hawks by a 3-1 margin.

It was a fast-paced, hard-tackling game, played well by both sides despite the somewhat slippery conditions and low temperature.

Robbie MacFarlane opened the scoring for UNB just eight minutes into the game. A bad throw by Eyembert Vandering, the Hawk's keeper was stolen by Ebenezer Dania who carried the ball to the goal line and then crossed it in front of the net to MacFarlane who made no mistake with his low shot.

Just three minutes later UNB struck again on a play that started when Mike Foley booted a pass up through the middle to MacFarlane. He eluded a couple of Laurier defenders and banged a shot off the post. Dania was in front to pick up the rebound and had no trouble tapping the ball past Vandering from about five yards out.

The first half ended....UNB 2, Sir Wilfred Laurier no score.

About 15 minutes into the second half the Golden Hawks were

awarded a direct free kick from the edge of the UNB penalty area. Scott Fraser took the shot it was a good one - and beat keeper David Harding to notch what was to be the Hawk's only goal of the game.

Shortly thereafter, Harding unleashed a tremendous downfield kick. Dania outran the lone Hawks fullback, caught up to the ball, and rapped it home past a sprawling Vandering. It was the third UNB goal and the second for Dania.

The win marks the first ever national championship for the Red Shirts. Coach Gary Brown said the team's experience was a major factor in the game. While only one player for the Golden Hawks was past third year, the Red Shirts had eight who will not return to the lineup next season. They are Harding, MacFarlane, Dania, Tim Hicks, Ed Hansen, Peter Spicer, David Stringer, and David May. Coach Brown also said he felt the competition in the Atlantic University league was the best in the nation.

UNB had an 8-1-1 record in regular season play; the only loss being against Dalhousie - a team later disqualified from the playoffs for using a player who had not met the academic requirements.

In the playoffs the Shirts downed St. F.X., St. Mary's, and McGill by scores of 3-0, 3-2, and 3-0, respectively en route to the nationals.



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