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Red Sticks lose heartbreaker in CIAU final

"They did us proud"

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The UNB Red Sticks came back from the CIAUs with a medal around their necks, but it wasn't the one they wanted or deserved.

UNB participated in the Canadian Inter-University Athletic Union Championships last weekend in Toronto. Also representing the east were the Dalhousie Tigers, who came second in the past AUSA championships. The Ontario-Quebec conference was represented by host Toronto, who were also league champions, and York University. The Canada West Conference was represented by conference winner UBC and Victoria University.

Toronto 6 - UNB 5

The tournament began with the first ever CIAU All-Canadian Banquet. The AUSA conference had 3 All-Canadians, Danielle Audet from U de M, Claudette Levy from Dalhousie, and our very own Kathryn MacDougall. Field hockey has always chosen a Tournament Eleven team to honor the best players at the actual tournament but this year, for the first time, announced All Canadians.

The CIAU Field Hockey Championship is divided into two pools of three teams, where the teams play round-robin games. UNB's first game was against York University, which boasted four National Team players and one Junior National Team player, including the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Team goalkeeper. The play was up and down the field with several scoring opportunities for both teams, but the score at the end was 0-0. Lisa Kilpatrick had one shot on goal that only a National Team goalkeeper could stop.

York had already tied UBC 0-0 in an early morning game, which set up the final game of the round robin. UNB had to tie or beat UBC to get into the finals. If UNB and UBC tied 0-0, there would be a three-way tie for first and the outcome would have been a penalty stroke playoff the next morning to determine the two advancing teams. If the two teams tied, but there were goals, then UBC and UNB would have advanced to the playoff round because of the goal difference rule.

The Red Sticks scored about twenty minutes into the game on a penalty corner scramble. UNB and AUSA League high scorer Carla Reeves banged it

in. UNB held for the win and advanced along with York to the final four, with UNB in first place, York second.

In the other section, Toronto beat Dal 3-0, Victoria beat Dal 2-0, and Toronto and Vancouver tied 1-1 to put Toronto in first place and Victoria second, due again to goal difference.

UBC beat Dalhousie 3-0 in the fifth-sixth place game. In the first cross-over game, UNB met Victoria. The Western teams are known for their speed and finesse and National Team experience. UNB stuck to their game plan and played tight, team field hockey to upset Victoria 1-0 on another goal by Carla Reeves. Toronto beat York 1-0 in the other semi-final.

The third-fourth place game saw Victoria beat York 4-3. The finals were played on Sunday in the midst of pouring rain. The Red Sticks and the Varsity Blues had met once before this season in an exhibition tournament and Toronto had come out on top by an 8-6 score on penalty strokes.

Toronto had several former and present National Squad members and Ontario Senior Team players. They did not seem to have a weak link. UNB kept up their excellent team play, but feared Toronto's quick attack and their penalty corners.

Sure enough, CIAU All-Canadian and Tournament All Star Lisa Lynn powered a shot into the net — the first of the tournament on Barb Leaman (UNB goalkeeper). UNB replied in the second half on a blistering shot from Lisa Kilpatrick to tie up the game and send it into overtime. After 30 minutes of overtime, the score was still tied, so the game went into penalty strokes. Five stokers from each team took two strokes each for a total of 10/ shot-saga against each other's goalkeeper. Barb Leaman stopped 4 shots, but the UNB stokers only put in 5 shots, thus making the final score 6-5 for Toronto and a silver medal for the Red Sticks.

Tournament All Eleven members from UNB included goalkeeper Barb Leaman, who only had one goal scored on her in the whole tournament (a record, we're certain). Sweeper Janice Morrison was steady in the backfield and had an outstanding tournament. UNB's third all-star was Kathryn MacDougall, whose main claim to fame this past weekend was rushing out on all

penalty corners so other teams rarely got a shot off on goal. Kathryn was definitely the best player in the tournament at this particular skill.

Although only three players were named to the Tournament Eleven team, the whole team deserves a great deal of credit. There were no real stars, just a 13-player effort and everyone contributed. Patti Ramsey should have made the all-star team for her excellent defending skills and ability to come up with the ball when we seemed to be faltering. Patti was known for her free hit fakes that made everyone move and her turf ball handling.

Carol Cooper, UNB's top defender, constantly had to mark the other team's top offensive threat, and repeatedly met the challenge; plus those two bullets (penalty strokes) she scored in the final game. Carol gives up speed but uses her experience to stop opponents.

Carla Reeves scored two goals this weekend, and was constantly getting the ball into the open spaces for other UNB forwards to run into.

Forwards Michele Ives, Lisa Kilpatrick, and Cathy Whalen were steady on the front line getting call after call in UNB's favor. Defensive specialists Judy White and Brenda Guitard were solid as rocks in the backfield stopping the other team's forwards.

Despite not winning the



photo by Paul Eekhoff

Carol Cooper (Red Sticks) defends U of Toronto break. Carol proved to be UNB's top defender and indispensable in the tournament.

gold medal, UNB had its best showing ever at a CIAU championship — not the color they wanted, but better than ever before. Coach Slipp is very

proud of the whole team, and would like to thank everyone for making the coach's job so easy.

Athlete of the week

week ending Nov. 1

A successful end to the field hockey season and a promising beginning for the men's basketball team results in those teams being represented by athletes-of-the-week.

In field hockey, Joyce Slipp's Red Sticks came ever so close to winning the national title, eventually losing on penalty strokes to University of Toronto. Three of her players were named to the all-tournament team, and those three share female athlete-of-the-week honors.

Goaltender Barb Leaman, Kathryn MacDougall and Janice Morrison were all named to the tournament team, with MacDougall also named to the All-Canadian team. MacDougall is a fifth-year education student from Bedeque, P.E.I.; Leaman a fourth-year physical education from Riverview N.B., and Morrison

a fourth-year education student from Hampton, P.E.I.

"All three of them played brilliantly on the weekend," Coach Slipp said. "In fact, the entire team played brilliantly. I'm very proud of everyone."

In men's basketball, the resurgence of the Red Raiders continues, with Don Nelson's squad advancing to the final of the Lakehead tournament. The Raiders defeated host Lakehead 79-67 Friday before dropping a tough 92-82 decision to Laurentian. The Raiders trailed by just two points in that game with a minute-and-a-half remaining.

Bob Aucoin was named to the all-star team and scored 33 points in the two games. He shot 48 per cent from the field and 83 per cent from the foul line. He is a fourth-year education student from Campbellton, N.B.

"Bob had some great moments in his two games at Lakehead," Coach Nelson said. "He has yet to make the complete adjustment to this level...when he does, he will be a force to contend with for every team we play."

The Brunswickan Sports dept. would like to apologize to Joyce Slipp and Claire Mitton for the bungling of an interview on page 11 of last issue.