Golden puck Alberta wins University Cup

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Not a bad time to get your first goal of the 2000 University Cup Championship.

CIAU Player of the Year Russ Hewson scored 8:18 into the second overtime period, lifting the Alberta Golden Bears to a 5-4 victory over the UNB Varsity Reds in the March 26 CIAU Men's Hockey Championship Final in Saskatoon.

The victory gives the Golden Bears back-to-back titles and ties the Edmonton-based university with the University of Toronto with ten University Cups.

The Golden Bears looked like the hungrier club early on and for the most part dominated the opening period, outshooting UNB 15-4. Kris Knoblauch opened the scoring for Alberta on the first of just three power play opportunities for either club all afternoon. UNB netminder Ken Carroll continued his strong play between the pipes, and the Varsity Reds went to the dressing room

trailing by just one.

Then the floodgates opened. The two teams combined for 20 shots and six goals in a wide open second period.

Varsity Reds' winger Craig Soke tied the game five minutes into the period before Alberta's Mike McGhan replied with a pair of goals, putting the Golden Bears ahead 3-1 with just five minutes to go in the second.

The Varsity Reds realised they would have to start making things happen, and that's what they

Before the period was out, UNB beat All-Canadian goaltender Clayton Pool three times, and the AUAA Champions were headed into the third period with a 4-3 advantage, their first lead of the afternoon. The UNB goals coming from Calvin Watson, Graham Schlender and Daryl Rivers.

Alberta's Kevin Marsh tallied the only goal of the third five min-

utes into the period. After a scoreless final 15 minutes of regulation, the 2000 University Cup was to be decided in overtime.

After a sluggish ten minutes of overtime, the teams retired to their dressing rooms in preparation for the second extra period. It was in the second overtime session that Hewson worked his magic.

After collecting a Kris Knoblauch pass, Hewson deked past one defender and waited for the goaltender Carroll to commit before going top shelf for the winner and the 2000 CIAU University Cup Men's Hockey Championship.

Alberta's Kevin Marsh was named MVP of the championship, with the tournament all-star team including Western goaltender C.J.Denomme. Alberta's Mike Garrow and UNB's Jeff Shakotko on defence and forwards Colin Beardsmore of UNB and Alberta's Kevin Marsh and Ryan Wade

UNIVERSITY CUP FINAL -GAME SUMMARY

(SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2000 at 3:00PM)

ALBERTA GOLDEN BEARS 5, UNB VARSITY REDS 4 (20T)

FIRST PERIOD - 1. Alberta, Knoblauch 1 (Hewson, Wade), 3:57 (PP).
Penalties - Naithsmith, UNB 3:19; Shakotko,

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SECOND PERIOD - 2. UNB, Soke 1 (Demers), 5:08; 3. Alberta, McGhan 1 (K.Marsh, Garrow), 5:22; 4. Alberta, McGhan 2 (K. Marsh, Provenzano), 14:47; 5. UNB, Watson 2 (Shakotko, McArthur), 15:02; 6. UNB, Schlender 2 (Bouvier, Watson), 17:52; 7. UNB, Rivers 1 (Schlender, Bouvier), 18:06.
Penalties - None.

THIRD PERIOD - 8. Alberta, K. Marsh 2 (Toews, Garrow), 5:54.
Penalties - None.

FIRST OVERTIME PERIOD - No Scoring.
Penalties - Schlender, UNB 1:28; Toews, Alb 1:28.

SECOND OVERTIME PERIOD - 9. Alberta, Hewson 1 (Knoblauch), 8:18. Penalties - None.

SHOTS ON GOAL:

Alberta 15-8-11-9-6=49. UNB 4-12-10-6-1=33.

POWER PLAY:

Alberta 1-2. UNB 0-1.

GOALTENDERS:

Alberta, Pool (33 shots - 29 saves). UNB, Carroll (49 shots 44 saves).

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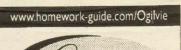
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