

MONCTON FOR HOCKEY NATIONALS

The showcase for inter-collegiate hockey gets underway Thursday night at the Moncton Coliseum when Canada's top college hockey teams meet to decide the national title.

Six teams will represent the five conferences across the nation with an eventual champion to be decided on Sunday afternoon.

Heading the list of teams are the defending national champions, the University of Toronto Varsity Blues. Under the direction of super-coach Tom Watt the Varsity Blues will seek their third consecutive national title and their twelfth in the last fifteen years.

Last year's runner-up the Alberta Golden Bears will be back for another try after defeating the U.B.C. Thunderbirds in their conference championship series. Ranked number two in the nation they appear to be one of the tournament favorites.

Representing the Great Plains conference will be the University of Regina. Under coach Reg Higgs the

Regina squad makes its first appearance in the National tournament. In just their third year of competition they knocked off the Lakehead Nor'westers to gain their berth.

Once again the Quebec representative will be the Concordia Stingers. Native Islander Paul Arseneault will bring his perennial Quebec champions to the tournament for the third year in a row.

Representing our conference will be the surprising St. Francis Xavier X-Men. The X-Men upset heavily favored St. Mary's and will take their second run at the title in the past three seasons.

Also representing this league will be the host team, the University of Moncton Blue Eagles. If ever there was a reason to complain about the host team, this the year. The Blue Eagles finished fourth in conference standings and were fortunate to do that well. Regarded by many as the fifth best team in this league, Jean Perron's Blue Eagles could

be in for an embarrassing time before their home crowd.

The tournament is divided up into two sections with the winners of the round robins advancing to the nationally televised final on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm. Below is the draw for the weeks tournament with this writer's selections in brackets.

THURSDAY: 5:00 PM: Regina vs. Alberta (Alberta by a Couple of Goals).

9:00 PM: Concordia vs. Moncton (Concordia by a couple of goals).

Friday: 5:00 PM: Toronto vs. Concordia (Toronto but it should be very close)

9:00 PM: (St. Francis Xavier vs. Regina (Regina in a low scoring game)

Saturday: 2:00 PM: St.F.X. vs. Alberta (Alberta by a few unless goaltending hot)

7:00 PM: Toronto vs. Moncton (Assuming hot goaltending by Moncton, Toronto by a converted touchdown at least)

Sunday: 3:00 PM: Toronto vs. Alberta (Line up Watt you won it again - Toronto)
C.B.C. 3:00 PM

SMU NATIONAL B'BALL CHAMPIONS

HALIFAX (CUP) — Sylvester Stallone could not have written a better script.

A small city hosting a national basketball championship. A local team was entered, considered by most to be an underdog that would go down to defeat in the first round.

Also entered in the contest was their arch-rival considered by many to face too tough a schedule to survive. They meet in the final game, and the city catches Saturday night (basketball) fever.

Sound too unrealistic?

Not if you were in Halifax this past weekend, where the Canadian Inter-collegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) staged the national basketball championships. The St. Mary's Huskies and the Acadia Axemen drew over 10,000 people to Halifax's new metro centre March 11 to watch two teams who had battled throughout the season.

The Huskies came out on top of a 99-91 score, but the game was even closer than the eight pointspr-

ead would indicate. From end to end and hoop to hoop both teams exhibited shooting accuracy that made good defence seem poor. Although caution was thrown to the wind, fouls were few and far between, making for a fast, exciting game.

SMU got by number one ranked Manitoba and the University of Victoria to reach the final. Acadia defeated Laurentian and York for their opportunity at the national crown. In the consolation final, Laurentian beat Manitoba 69-53, and York played a superior second half to come back and defeat Victoria 94-81 in a third place contest.

This was the third, final, and most successful year for the nationals in Halifax. They move to Calgary next year where Calgarians will have a hard act to follow. The crowd of 10,000 ecstatic people was the largest crowd, outside of the Olympics, to witness a basketball game in Canada.

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RUMOR HATH IT

- Maintenance Department should soon be building an Ark.
- Charges against the Athletic Department and the University by a former Panther star have been dropped.
- H.M.S. Pinafore is playing on the 27th and 28th of March.
- The movie this Sunday is supposed to be a real thriller.
- The Final Examination Schedule will appear in next week's SUN.
- Tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day.
- The Marathon Dance started today - Thursday - at noon.
- The Co-Ed, sponsored by the Junior class, will have a COMPLETE BAR at the dance in the gym on Friday.
- The one-year B.Ed. students write their finals in two weeks (before going out to practise teach for 6 weeks.)
- The Council meeting last Sunday lasted for almost THREE hours.
- Business Society elections are next week.
- Crossword puzzles are to become a regular feature in the SUN.
- Senior Week is from May 8th to 14th.
- Applications are now open for positions on next year's Personnel Board. (Job descriptions may be picked up at S.U. Office.)
- The Intramural Finals start next week.
- The Panthers basketball team is going to play the Nova Scotia Wheelchair team next week.