

Engineers, Blanchard clash Monday

By Ross Hartinger

The stage is set for one of the biggest rivalries in college intramural hockey, as the second game of the UPEI Intramural Finals goes ahead Monday.

The UPEI Engineers, who have faced elimination during the entire playoffs, face arch-rivals Blanchard Hall for the championship which starts at 6:30 (check local listings).

Blanchard finished first in round robin play and were the favorites going into what was supposed to be the final game last Tuesday, but the Engineers came up big, defeating Blanchard 5-4.

Rob McLellan scored three goals to pace the Engineers, while Will Burke and Brian Thompson added one goal each.

Blanchard captain Phil Stanyer lead the losers with two goals, while Ralph Weberbauer scored once for Blanchard.

Mark McCellar, who starred with the UPEI Basketball Panthers, assisted on three of the Blanchard goals.

The Engineers advanced to the finals by nipping the Freshman 4-3 Monday night, employing an aggressive fore-checking attack against a much smaller Freshman squad.

The Freshman were fast skaters and were in control of the game in the first two periods, but the Engineers' hard hitting body slams took their toll.

Mike Paulin scored the winning goal with twelve minutes left in the game as he blasted a low shot from the slot into the short side.

After the game Tuesday, which was a goaltender's battle, both teams assembled in the Panther Lounge for the official news conference.

Kent Ford, star winger with Blanchard, hinted that the Engineers cheated by working out a strategy two

hours before the game in a Lab Class.

Ford said it was a violation of rule 3(c) of International Intramural Code which states:

"No player may think prior to, or during a game; especially if that player is on the winning side."

"It's downright unfair," said Ford as his temper soared at the very thought of the controversy.

The Engineers were not that nice in their post-game comments either, as they questioned the eligibility of most of the players on the Blanchard team.

"As soon as the playoffs come ... look at the people

that show up ... the team is stacked," were the comments that came from most of the Engineers.

The press conference broke up quickly as tempers began to rise and the Campus Police had to be called in as a precaution.

No violence erupted but

there were threats being hurled to and fro.

"Keep you head up Monday night you ★-@," said Gordon Stewart, a member of the Blanchard squad.

The year will end Monday night with the crowning of the Intramural champions.



Action during an Intramural Ball Hockey Tournament which was held Monday Tuesday and Wednesday.

The eight team tourney saw a couple of very competitive

games with no really strong team emerging about the rest.

The tourney was organized by students, and was a refreshing break from the toils of classes.

The championship game was played Wednesday and because *The Gem's* deadline was Tuesday, we can't tell you the winning team until next week.

As mentioned, the teams involved in the tourney are evenly matched, but Rumor Hath It that the UPEI Hockey Panthers entry will emerge the victor.

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