

SPORTS

Intramural hockey League Closes

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Pat Coyle, Jeff Trainor, and the rest of the Eradicator hockey team for capturing the 1991-92 Intramural Hockey Championship.

This year's hockey season was blessed with many outstanding games. The fourteen team league displayed signs of competitiveness, frustration, and enthusiasm throughout the entire season. There was no surprise that the teams continued their quest for excellence in the playoffs.

The final game saw the Eradicator oust S.D. & Macs by a score of 6-3. It was only fitting to witness the two top ranked teams play in the final game. The match was exciting, and should be a great indicator of the calibre of hockey the league promised to showcase next year.

The league and teams are very grateful to the referees and score-keepers who made the games possible. Their attendance at each game made the league function properly. The following referees and score-keepers appreciated: Jackie Caldwell, Steve Cooke, Pat Coyle, Paul Derby, Jeff Gallant, John Marc Laflamme, Rob MacKinnon, Jeff Trainor, Jeff Walker, and Kevin "K.J." White.

Furthermore, we would like to thank Thane Hughes (Labatts Representative) for his contribution. A rumor has led me to believe that I must also thank the staff at the Barn as well.

The closing of the 1991-92 Intramural Sports Leagues will become official April 7 at the annual Intramural Sports Banquet. It will be held at 6:00 pm in the Barn. Tickets for the celebration will be issued to each team captain. Those athletes wishing to attend should contact their team representative.

Thank you all those who got involved Brent E. Thompson P.S. Drill-a-minute Vinnie (Vince Mulligan) should be awarded for his cooperation. He helped his secretary Carol organize the Hockey League.

Offsider

The NHLPA has delayed voting for a strike until 4: PM (EST), Wednesday afternoon. I have not been thinking of the strike because the possibility of no hockey until the fall chills me. I hope that Don Cherry is correct in predicting that the play-offs will continue as normal. I will be crossing my fingers until I know for sure that the season will end with the Stanley Cup and not with a walkout or lockout. With the end of the season comes the award presentations.

Here are my expert opinions on where the trophies will go: NORRIS - Best Defenseman - Brian Leetch of the New York Rangers has been having a wonderful year. Other possibilities include Winnipeg's Phil Housley or Detroit's Niklas Lidstrom. HART - Most Valuable Player - The Rangers have improved greatly with the addition of Mark Messier; the players praise his leadership. I cannot think of another player who has contributed as much to his team as Messier has the Rangers. JACK ADAMS - Best Coach - What about Pat Quinn and those amazing Canucks?

MASTERTON - Dedication to Hockey and Perseverance - Either Boston's Bobby Carpenter or the Islanders' Mark Fitzpatrick. Other nominees to date include Wendel Clark and Pat LaFontaine. VEZINA - Best Goaltender - Patrick Roy. No question, no alternate. CALDER - Best Rookie - This one could go anywhere. I like Detroit's Lidstrom, the Rangers' Tony Amonte, Buffalo's Donald Audette, but Montreal's Gilbert Dionne is in the back of my mind with almost any other rookie. Any call? The President's Trophy for the league's best team goes to the Rangers. With if they get home ice advantage for as long as they last in the play-offs. I really like the Rangers this year. Okay. That is all I can think of today for the awards.

The only thing I can't think of is the strike. If the players strike and the teams continue with their minor league players, watch for Toronto/St. John's to be one of the strongest. That is an awful scenario--the minor league players in the play-offs for the parent teams. Just keep watching.