

1992

7th Bi-Annual Viking Cup

Camrose, AB

Preliminary Round Robin

Game #1 - Dec. 31st

UNB 10 vs Augustana University College Vikings 2

Game #2 - Jan. 1st

UNB 4 vs CFSR (Czechoslovakia) Junior Selects 2

UNB finishes with a 2-0 record to advance to the medal round against the #2 seed of the other pool (NAIT Ooks). CFSE Junior Selects would meet CIS Junior Selects in the other Semi Final.

Medal Round

Game #3 - Jan. 3rd (Semi-Finals)

UNB 5 vs NAIT Ooks (4) OT

Game #4 - Jan. 4th (Finals)

UNB 4 vs CIS-Commonwealth of Independent States (Russia) Junior Selects 2

Tournament All-Stars

Forwards

Trevor Boland (**UNB**)

Denis Lozhkin (Russia)

Greg Gekdart (NAIT)

Defence

Mike Cavanagh (**UNB**)

Libor Prochazka (Czechoslovakia)

Goalie

Chris Somers (**UNB**)

Tournament MVP

Sergei Brylin (Russia)

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Ooks have a Devil of a time in semifinal

DEVILS 5 — OOKS 4 (OT)

Camrose, AB — An overtime loss at the Viking Cup hockey tournament hasn't damaged the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference bragging rights of Edmonton's NAIT Ooks.

University of New Brunswick scoring hero Trevor Boland and coach Mike Johnston praised the perennial powerhouse Ooks after the Red Devils rebounded for a 5-4 semifinal win Friday.

Coach Perry Pearn wasn't as complimentary about the Ooks' performance after his team allowed 2-0 and 4-2 leads to dissipate and wound up in the bronze-medal showdown against the Czechoslovakian under-18 selects today at 1 p.m.

"We got outbattled for the puck all over the ice in the last half of the third period and all of the overtime," said Pearn who returned Thursday from the Spengler Cup tournament in Davos, Switzerland.

"You hear those (positive) things from other teams and I don't think we played to our potential," said Pearn.

"I think we had some people who were dominant in the first half in our league who didn't show up to play. I think the level of fitness has dropped dramatically in the two weeks we've been off. The next two weeks (when the ACAC schedule resumes) will be tough for our guys."

Boland broke out from a faceoff in his own end with 17 seconds remaining in the 10-minute overtime and beat goalie Don Davidge with seven seconds showing on the clock. That put the Devils into today's 7:30 p.m. final against the Commonwealth of Independent States under-18 selects for the seventh Viking Cup title.

"I was surprised because (the Ooks) all went to the middle," said Boland. "It was one of the few mistakes they made during the game."

"They're the hardest team we've played in our own end. They're really strong in the neutral zone. They play a lot like the European teams. They're well-coached."

Boland finished with three goals and four points to lead his line - which includes centre Joe McTamney and left-winger Dominic Niro - to a 10-point afternoon.

Johnston knew what to expect after matching wits with Pearn while with the Camrose Lutheran (now Augustana University College) Vikings in the ACAC.

"They took it to us in the first period, especially in the neutral zone," he said. "We did some stupid things and took some penalties out of frustration."

"We tend to be a second- and third-period team. Once we get the first goal, we get going. We stopped panicking and playing frustrated in the third."

Greg Geldart and Kevin Lovig capitalized on the Devils' early lack of discipline with power-play goals by 2:01 of the second period. But, as Boland pointed out, "our line really started to come on" after that, despite the Ooks' 40-32 edge in shots on goal.

Niro scored early in the third to create a 2-2 tie. Jamie Colvin and Boland forced the overtime with goals in the final 10 minutes.

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New Brunswick strikes gold at Viking Cup

DEVILS 4 — C.I.S. 2

Camrose, AB — Trevor Boland regained his scoring touch when it mattered most.

Boland contributed his fourth and fifth goals in two games to lead the University of New Brunswick Red Devils to the championship at the seventh Viking Cup hockey tournament.

The rookie right winger opened and closed the scoring Saturday night as the Devils defeated the Commonwealth of Independent States under-18 selects 4-2 before a capacity crowd of 1,450 at the Camrose Recreation Centre.

"I started to catch on," said Boland, who had 12 goals in 13 Atlantic University Athletic Association games before the Devils started a three-week break in early December.

"I had a slow second game. But I think our line (which included centre Joey McTamney and left-winger Dominic Niro) had 10 goals in the tournament."

Boland, 20, had five of his six goals in sudden-death situations. He led the way with three - including the overtime winner - and an assist as the Devils edged Edmonton's NAIT Ooks 5-4 in Friday's semifinal.

"I was shocked how good the tournament is," said Boland. "The key coming here was to get in shape again and build on this for the second half."

The Devils came from behind for the third straight time to become the fifth consecutive university or college team to win the title. Centre Jamie Colvin and all-star defenceman Mike Cavanagh had their other goals after **Andrey Nazarov** and Denis Pigolitsin gave the selects a brief 2-1 lead.

"It gives us a chance to play faster players and guys who are going to be in the National Hockey League in the next couple of years," said Boland.

He spent three seasons in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League but couldn't believe the quickness of the selects and their Czechoslovakian under-18 counterparts.

"If we played them when they get to our age (overall, as a team), it would be a different thing," said Boland.

Right-winger Brad Fallis scored at 7:06 of overtime as NAIT edged the Czechoslovakians 3-2 in the bronze-medal showdown. It was the third medal in as many tries for the Ooks, who won the 1984 and 1986 tournaments.

Commonwealth centre **Sergey Brilin** was named the tournament's most valuable player.

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DEVILS 4 — C.I.S. 2

Camrose, AB — Trevor Boland exhibited his customary scoring touch when it mattered most.

Boland scored his fourth and fifth goals in two games Saturday night to lead the University of New Brunswick Red Devils to the championship at the seventh Viking Cup hockey tournament.

The six-foot right winger broke open a tight game with nine minutes and 35 seconds remaining as the Devils defeated the Commonwealth of Independent States under-18 selects 4-2 before a capacity crowd of more than 1,300.

Boland, 20, earned a spot on the tournament all-star team with his efforts in sudden-death situations against Edmonton's NAIT Ooks in Friday's semifinal and in the final.

Centre Jamie Colvin and defenceman Mike Cavanagh had the other goals as the Devils rallied for the third straight time to complete an unblemished record at 4-0.

Colvin scored early in the second period and Cavanagh cruised in from the blue line to beat goalie Konstantin Simchuk after taking a fine passout from Dominic Niro.

Six-foot-four left-winger **Andre Nazarov** and right winger Denis Pigolitsin gave the selects a brief 2-1 lead with goals in the last six minutes of the first period.

Nazarov hammered a shot behind all-star goalie Chris Somers to complete a fine four-way passing play on a power play. Pigolitsin took a long lead pass from Maxim Bets to score just over four minutes later but Somers was unbeatable after that.

The more experienced Devils seemed to find their skating legs as the tournament wore on. They had been off for three weeks after completing their pre-Christmas schedule in the Atlantic University Athletic Association at 8-5.

Conversely, the selects appeared to show the effects of an eight-game Western Canada exhibition tour after arriving Dec. 18. But centre **Sergey Brilin** was scooting around as he had throughout the tournament to earn the most valuable player award.

Right winger Brad Fallis scored at 7:06 of overtime as the Ooks edged the Czechoslovakian under-18 selects 3-2 to earn the bronze.

"He made a great individual effort," said NAIT coach Perry Pearn. "He chipped it over (goalie Robert Slavik) one-handed."

The goal was Fallis second of the game and fourth of the tournament.

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NHL scouts like this tourney's crop

Camrose, AB — A Viking Cup trend appears certain to continue at the National Hockey League draft in June.

Scouts from 20 NHL teams - only Winnipeg and Toronto were not represented - are convinced eight to 12 players from the seventh Viking Cup will be picked.

The quality of players attracted Calgary Flames general manager/coach Doug Risebrough, assistant coaches Guy Charron and Paul Baxter for Friday's second semifinal.

Risebrough, Charron and Baxter were among a capacity crowd of more than 1,300 that also included Flames head scout Ian McKenzie and Scott Carter of the Vancouver Canucks who both feel perhaps 25 per cent of the players in that game will be chosen by NHL teams.

McKenzie and Carter rate the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) players and Czechoslovakians prominently because of the relatively poor crop of Canadians eligible for the first time.

Edmonton Oilers winger Petr Klima, New York Rangers defenceman James Patrick, Quebec Nordiques winger Greg Paslawski and Hartford Whalers winger Robert Holik are among the players who have been watched closely at previous Viking Cups.

The scouts like the tournament format because it features Europeans against older and more experienced players with Canadian university and college teams.

McKenzie believes six-foot-three, 190-pound centre **Sergey Klimovich** of the CIS is the best professional prospect at the tournament that ended Saturday.

Klimovich, from Moscow Dynamo, is missing his regular wingers but has shown exceptional skills throughout a Western Canada tour.

Six-foot-four, 198-pound left winger **Andrey Nazarov** of Minsk Dynamo and Libor Polasek of Koprivnice, Czechoslovakia are others whose names are expected to be called in the first three rounds in June.

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