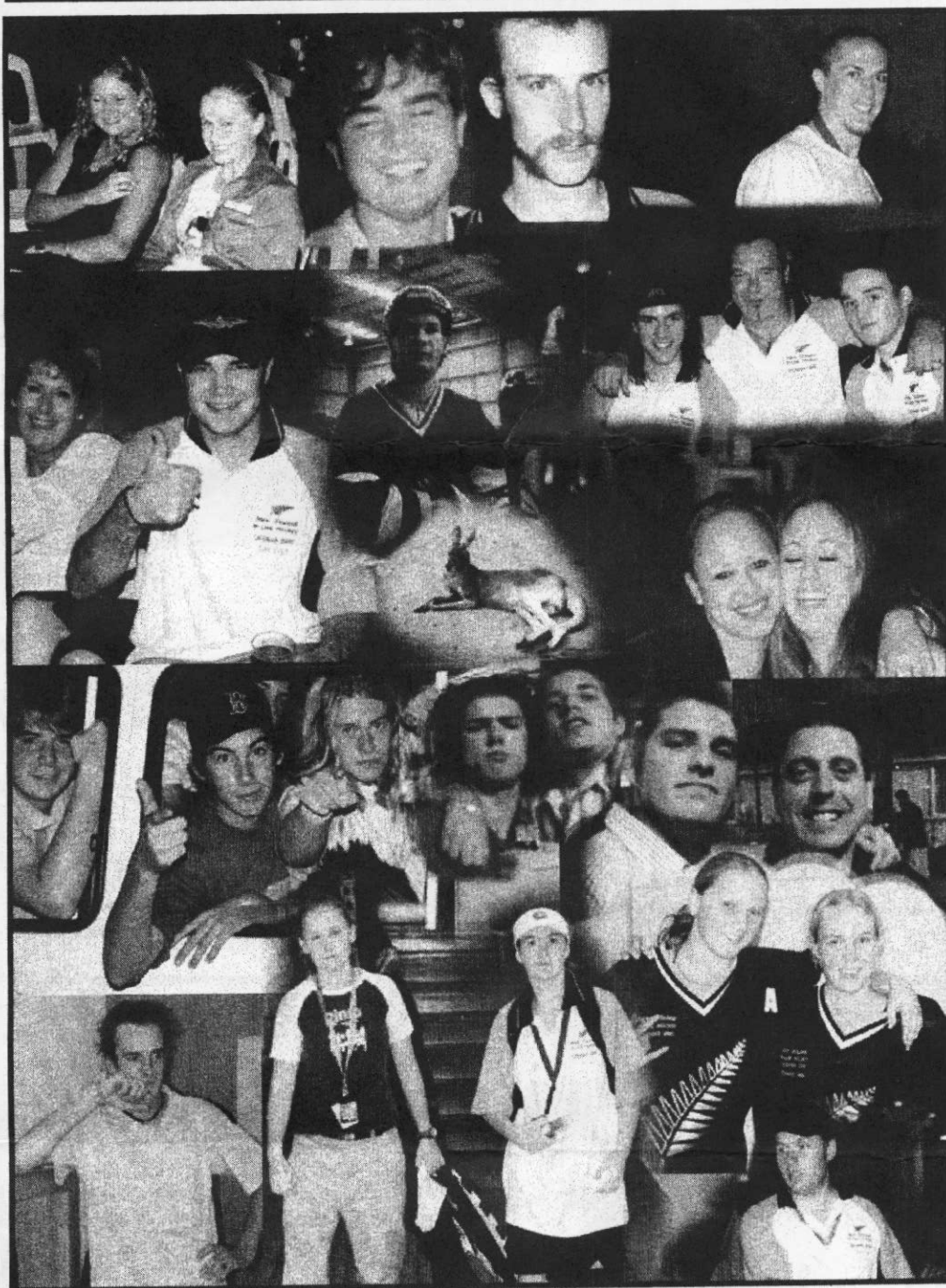


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OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS—RESULTS

14 & UNDER		16 & UNDER		18 & UNDER		JUNIOR WOMEN	
Aus 2	NZ 3 (O/T)*	Aus 6	NZ 3	Aus 3	NZ 5	Aus 4	NZ 3 (O/T)
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SILVER		SILVER		GOLD		SILVER	
20 & UNDER		SENIOR MEN		MASTERS		SENIOR WOMEN	
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INLINE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

NEW ZEALAND VS AUSTRALIA

CARRARA - QUEENSLAND



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NEW ZEALAND

INLINE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



On 26th April the New Zealand contingent numbering 135 personnel arrived in Carrara, Queensland, to compete in the Oceania Roller Sports Championships. Everyone was keen and looking forward to the competition but, within a few hours of arriving, players and officials started coming down with a violent stomach bug/flu. The Team was very grateful for the wonderful care and attention they received from the New Zealand Paramedics, Les and Linda Jones. Les and Linda worked around the clock in the first four days tending to those who were in various stages of illness. The hotel kitchen was also kept busy boiling vast quantities lemonade. Although the flu tapered off towards the end of the week, there were still some new cases on the last day of competition.

The Championships kicked off with the Opening Ceremony on 28th April, followed by the Senior Women's game. The Australian Senior Women's Team, having won the bronze medal at the 2002 World Champs, was given the honour of first game of the Tournament. Led by the formidable Melanie Brogan, Australia proved to be too big and too strong for their less experienced New Zealand opponents. The NZ Women's team lost 0 - 5 overall but could be heartened by holding the Australian Women to a 2 goal margin in Game 3.

The 14 & Under grade was the most exciting competition in the Tournament as illustrated by the need to play 6 overtime periods to separate the two teams. The NZ Team was desperately unlucky to go down overall by 2 games to 3. The crowd support for the NZ 14 & Under boys was magnificent and when a number of "bad calls" cost the NZ Team a game, a remarkable



negotiation feat was performed in getting the last 10 minutes of the game replayed with the score re-set at 2 – 2. Dean Marsh, Coach of the 14's, really got the team "humming" during this year's event and it was great to see the remarkable turn-around in this grade after the disappointing 5 – 0 loss in 2002.

The other grade which had a series of close encounters was the Junior Women. This team has developed into an excellent unit under the coaching of Daniel Christie and, with an ounce of luck, could have reversed their 2-3 loss to the Australians with the total goals scored being 15 as opposed to the Aussies' 16.

Teams to win **Gold medals** at the Championships were **Senior Men, 18 & Under, and Masters**. The NZ Senior Men's Team, which featured 8 players from the 2002 NZ World Champs team, was too strong and fast for their Australian opponents, winning the grade 4 – 1. A personal highlight for the Captain, Dion Bunt was the breaking of his goal drought vs Australia when he scored a hat trick in the last game.

The 18 & Under Team always looked comfortable against Australia but made it hard for themselves by letting the Australians come back to snatch Game 4 in overtime. In the deciding game, New Zealand showed their superiority by overwhelming Australia 6 – 1 to win Gold.

The Masters team exceeded all expectations by overpowering Australia 4 games to 1 to take the Gold medal. The Masters showed the benefit of great team work and performed very well under the coaching of first-time NZ Coach, Willy Harvey.

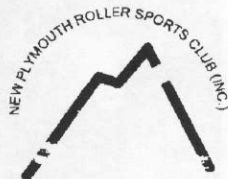
Silver medallists, 16 & Under and 20 & Under, each lost to Australia 2 games to 3. The 20's lost their Captain, Brett Speirs, in Game 2 but showed character in coming back to take the final game with a good display. A flat period in the middle of the tournament when they lost two vital games cost the 16 & Under Team. They recovered to finish with a good win in Game 5.

Oceania Rollersports Championships 2004

Skate New Zealand have announced the tender from the New Plymouth Rollersports Club has been accepted to host the Oceania Rollersports Championships in 2004. The new New Plymouth Arena will be used for inline hockey and roller hockey, the TSB Stadium for Artistic Codes and the Taranaki Kart Club track for speed skating. Preliminary preparations are already underway.

The organizers hope to attract other FIRS affiliated countries to attend in addition to Australia and New Zealand.

The New Plymouth Arena became operational on May 10th with regional league games being played over the last three weekends in May. The arena measures 50 x 25 metres with a concrete floor.



NZIHA National Coach Applications

New Zealand Inline Hockey have posted information to clubs for distribution to members regarding applications for national coaches. Applications close on June 1st, 2003.

Application Forms are available on the NZIHA website (www.nziha.com).

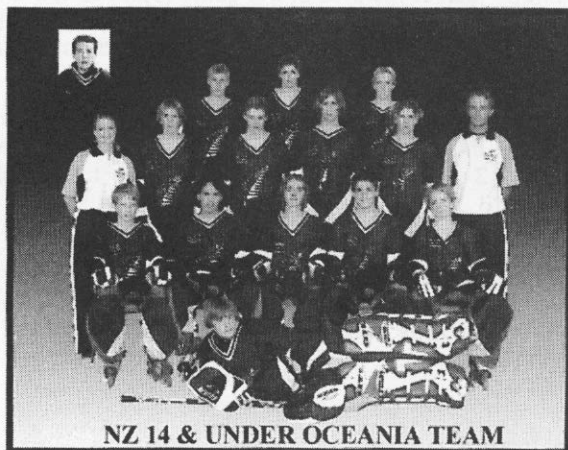
Any currently registered member of the NZIHA can apply stating qualifications, preferred grade and signing a commitment to coach for two years.

Applications will be discussed by a selection committee on June 6th with appointments being made shortly thereafter.

Applications for selectors for national teams are also being sought. Appointments will be made prior to Inter-Regional Championships. Applications close June 1st.

It is a requirement that appointees are able to attend 2003 Inter Regional Championships in Palmerston North over Labour Weekend to view players.

Application forms are also available from your clubs or regional secretary.



NZ 14 & UNDER OCEANIA TEAM



NZ 18 & UNDER OCEANIA TEAM

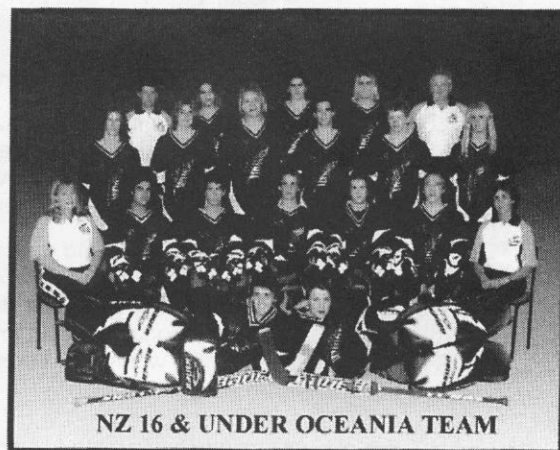


NZ SENIOR MEN OCEANIA TEAM



NZ SENIOR WOMEN OCEANIA TEAM

New Zealand Oceania Teams 2003



NZ 16 & UNDER OCEANIA TEAM



NZ 20 & UNDER OCEANIA TEAM



NZ MASTERS OCEANIA TEAM



NZ JUNIOR WOMEN OCEANIA TEAM

IIHF World Championships Team Announced

Following a World Squad Training Camp at Palmerston North on 24/25 May, the NZ Senior Coach announced the Senior Men's Team to represent New Zealand at the IIHF 2003 World Championships in Germany from 8 – 21 July.

The Team contains 9 players with World Championships experience.

Those nine are:-

Dion Bunt (C)	2000, 2001, 2002
John Thomsen	1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
Devon Kay	2001, 2002
Shane Clark (A)	2001, 2002
Daniel Christie (A)	2001, 2002
Jon Astrop	2001, 2002
Dwayne Brock (G)	2000
David Thomsen	2002
Tim Whipps	2002

New caps at World level, although experienced at Oceania level, are:-

Shane Kemsley	Scott Wingate
Daniel Farrow	Bevan Varney

Luke Christie (G)

Two further team members are to be named.

The Team leaves on 8th July for pre-tournament training in Germany before their first game in the World Champs on 13th July.

Team Officials for the World Championship team are:

Blair Onishenko:	Team Coach
Paul Kay:	Team Leader
Noel Wilson:	General Manager



2003 PRIME MINISTER SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY THE NZ ACADEMY OF SPORT

Scholarship applications are forwarded to clubs in late October. Closing dates are early December. Players are selected on their academic record, their inline hockey achievement, and their future commitment to both inline hockey and academic study. Criteria for applications is set by the NZ Academy of Sport each year.

Inline hockey recipients for the 2003 academic year are:

Allan Peddie, studying at Auckland University
Sam Beardman, studying at Massey University
David Thomsen, studying at Massey University
Michael Edmondson, studying at Massey University
Casey Redman, studying at AUT, Auckland



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Life Membership

Kay Harris has been made a life member of the Nelson Rollerskating Club for her services to the club and her community.

Kay was the Chef de Mission for the Oceania 2003 squad. She is pictured just prior to leaving for Oceania Championships with her "boys", members of the Nelson club who were selected to represent New Zealand for inline hockey.

(Photo courtesy of the Nelson Mail)

BAUER CUP EASTER 2003

Another Bauer Cup Tournament was successfully held at Mt Wellington and Nutralife. Although numbers were down due to the unavailability of players, it was still a fun tournament to be involved in.

*Under 12 Won by Storm, 2nd Stingrays, 3rd Miners
Under 14 won by Canucks 2nd Rangers, 3rd Panthers
Under 16 won by Blackhawks, 2nd Sabres, 3rd Redhawks
Under 18 won by Panthers, 2nd Sabres, 3rd Fury
Womens won by Devils, 2nd Panthers, 3rd Redwings
Senior Gold won by Penguins, 2nd Panthers, 3rd Stingrays
Senior Platinum won by Redhawks, 2nd Devils 3rd Rangers*

It was good to see so many out of Auckland Teams participate.

On a sadder note Mt Wellington Panthers took this opportunity to farewell one of our most valued Hockey Players and Club Member. Her role with Panthers as a Coach, Player and all time organiser will be greatly missed. We wish Angelique Mawson all the best in Christchurch, Our loss is their gain. Thank you from us all Angelique. Victoria TeTai

2003 ACC Thinksafe New Zealand Masters Games

The New Zealand Masters (Inline Hockey) Games were played in February at the Jubilee Stadium in Wanganui.

Thanks to everyone for the spirit in which they were played. It was great to see so many teams and the very high standard most had achieved.

Results were:

Gold Medal to Blue Bucks (Auckland)

Silver Medal to Lightning Buzz (Wanganui)

Bronze Medal to Ducks (Tauranga)

See you all again in 2005 for what is hoped to be an even bigger event.

Jim Richardson

Pictured: April 2003, a flock of GALAHS—

(Noel is the one with the sunnies!)

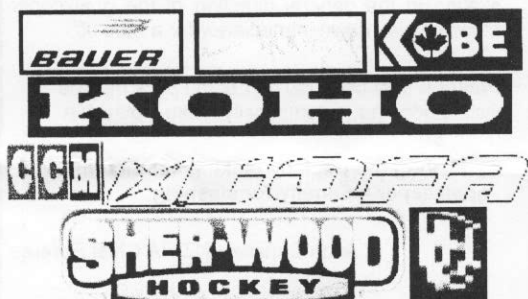


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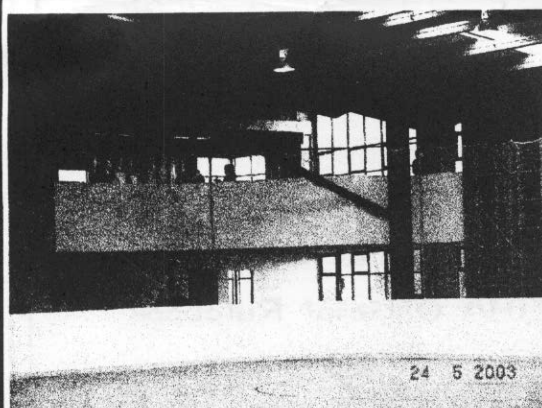
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The new New Plymouth arena became operational on May 10th with the first Central Regional Games being played over the weekend.

The 2003 University Games Inline Hockey Report

The 2003 University Games, Inline Hockey tournament was a great success. With the usual mix of hockey, alcohol and women it highlighted once again the qualities that have endeared it to all.

The tournament was run in a double round robin format over 2 days starting Saturday with the playoffs on Monday. This led the inevitable excuses about player "exhaustion" when they were whipped. Still, there was enough energy in most competitors to attend the closing ceremony and participate in the real competition, the Boat race.

The competition was somewhat one sided due to the large number of current and ex New Zealand representative players in the Massey A team. **Massey A took out the final in convincing fashion with a score of 10-0 against Otago. Third place was decided between AUT and Massey B, with AUT walking away with a 4-2 victory.**

While Massey A, Otago and AUT played hockey, Massey B excelled at abusing court side first aid services, producing two of the defining moments of the tournament. Both instances providing a thinly veiled excuse for much needed stop time by the premier Boat race team.

Casey Redman, AUT, needed to be carried off after a brilliantly executed but somewhat delayed pile drive from Andy Nevins, Massey B. Exactly what the referee was doing while Andy analyzed potential threats, spotted Casey on the floor and revved up for a flawless delivery is still up for discussion. Officially, questions into Andy's current whereabouts place him in solitary for "anger management". Toan Trinh, Massey A, victim to a buggy "potential threat" model in another Massey B washout. He was knee planted erroneously during a tactical maneuver and fell victim to friendly fire. Regardless of the reason, the outcome was still horribly gratifying as Toan had to be dragged off in a puddle of his own blood. Also, his bloody helmet did make a very interesting subject for a photo shoot.

Tournament MVP was awarded to John Thomsen, Otago. As an inline hockey world team player this wasn't particularly surprising. MVC on the other hand was, as a previously unknown quantity on the world inline hockey stage, Vicky Philpott, AUT, proved to rabid AUT fans that the goalie wasn't a men only domain.

In conclusion, the honorary New Zealand University Inline hockey team was selected at the end of the tournament,

Sam Beardman	Vicky Philpott	Casey Redman
Tod Richardson,	Mike Spencer	David Thomsen
John Thomsen	Binh Trinh,	Toan Trinh
Karl Wagenaar.		

At some stage they might actually play a game too.

REFEREE COMMENT

The NZIHA referees committee congratulates the following referees on their recent achievements.

Simon McCarthy of the Hamilton Devils on achieving his promotion to Level 2. The Central region now has two Level 2 referees available for duty.



At the recent Oceania Games **Paul Apatu and Stephen Gaudin** were assessed and achieved their FIRS International Level B certification. **Steven Clarke** was also assessed as Level B but unfortunately can not be certified as International Level B due to his age. Well done all of you.

For those who wish to become referees and put a little back into our sport here is how you can achieve your level 1.

1. Get yourself a rule book and study it, become familiar with the contents.
2. Approach your club secretary and ask them to either contact your regions referee coordinator or myself to find out where and when a referees course is to take place.

Normally we require a reasonable number of participants to run a course, however, we are willing to consider special requests.

To assist in the certification of level 1 referees the NZIHA referees committee recently revamped the old Level 1 written examination to more accurately reflect actual circumstances that a level 1 referee is likely to find when they first start officiating. A course can now be completed in 1 to 1.5 days or as the southern region did recently carried out a course over several nightly sessions.

Our sport needs more referees – *try it you may like it.*

Contact On Goalkeepers



We are still seeing too much contact on the goalkeepers. Players continue to skate in on the goalkeeper even after the goalkeeper has either caught the puck or obviously has it covered (with no intention of releasing it). Attacking players skate in fast and screech to a halt millimeters from the goalkeeper, sometimes clipping the goalkeepers glove/blocker, this causes defending players to vigorously react to defend their goalkeeper which generally leads to an unnecessary altercation and

assessment of penalties for a variety of infringements.

Players seem to think that until the referee has blown their whistle that the goalkeeper is "fair game".

The goalkeeper is never "fair game".

Rule 633 (d) is explicit;

*"A minor penalty shall be assessed to any player who makes stick contact with the opposing goalkeeper, in the goal crease, who has covered or caught the puck, **regardless of whether or not the Referee has stopped the play.**"*

This aspect of the game needs to be cleaned up and controlled stringently.

To assist;

1. players so that they understand how a referee will interpret rule 633 (d), and
2. referees in determining illegal play and so achieve a consistent interpretation the following guidelines should be used:

Unless an attacking player can play the puck without touching the goalkeeper they should not attempt to play the puck. Just because part of the puck may be visible does not automatically make it playable.

The only exception to the above is if the goalkeeper is

poised over the puck but has not actually placed his glove down and covered the puck (perhaps taunting the attacking player) and an attacking player, close at hand, lunges for the puck with his stick as the goalkeepers glove goes down do not call a penalty - this is simultaneous contact, the player had full view of the puck when he commenced his action and it is not reasonable to expect a player to be able to break off his action once in the throes of carrying it out.

The same rationale applies where the puck is free in open rink and the goalkeeper dives and just beats the attacking players stick to the puck. The players stick will naturally slide into/under the goalkeepers glove/blocker – no slashing penalty should be called, unless the player deliberately strikes the goalkeeper across the top of the glove or arm.



Referees: If the goalkeeper is anywhere within their "privileged" area and has the puck fully or partially covered and there is an attacking player within close proximity (2m-3m) of the goalkeeper and skating in the general direction of the goalkeeper blow the play down immediately for a face-off.

Players: Just because part of the puck may be visible does not automatically make it playable.

Playing the puck by making contact on the goalkeeper = penalty for slashing.

Allan Christie—NZIHA Chief Referee

CONGRATULATIONS

The IIHF World Championship organizers have invited Allan Christie to attend and referee at the games to be played in Germany in July 2003.

This is a great honour for New Zealand referee standards and in particular a great honour for Allan Christie.

Allan is a Level 3 referee and gives "many" hours to referee development and administration as well as many hours on the rink refereeing for regional league, national championships and inter-regional championships.

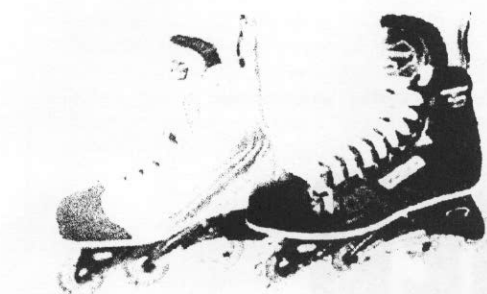
Allan will travel with the team to Germany to

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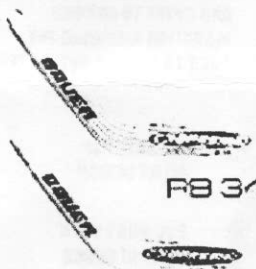
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VENUE: Wanganui Jubilee Stadium

DATES: Saturday September 20th to Sunday September 28th.

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Under 10, Under 12, Under 18 and Seniors

Be prepared for full days of competition Sat, Sun, Mon and Tuesday, with finals on Wednesday.

Section Two - Grades

Under 14, Under 16, Women and Premier Grades.

Be prepared to start Wednesday (after the Section One Prize-giving), with full days of competition on Thurs, Fri, Sat and Finals on Sunday

INTER-REGIONAL INLINE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS—2003

VENUE: Palmerston North Arena

DATES: October 24th—27th

Please check with your club for Inter-Regional Championships Draw,
this was included in the 2003 Club Information Manual

OCEANIA ROLLERSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS—2004

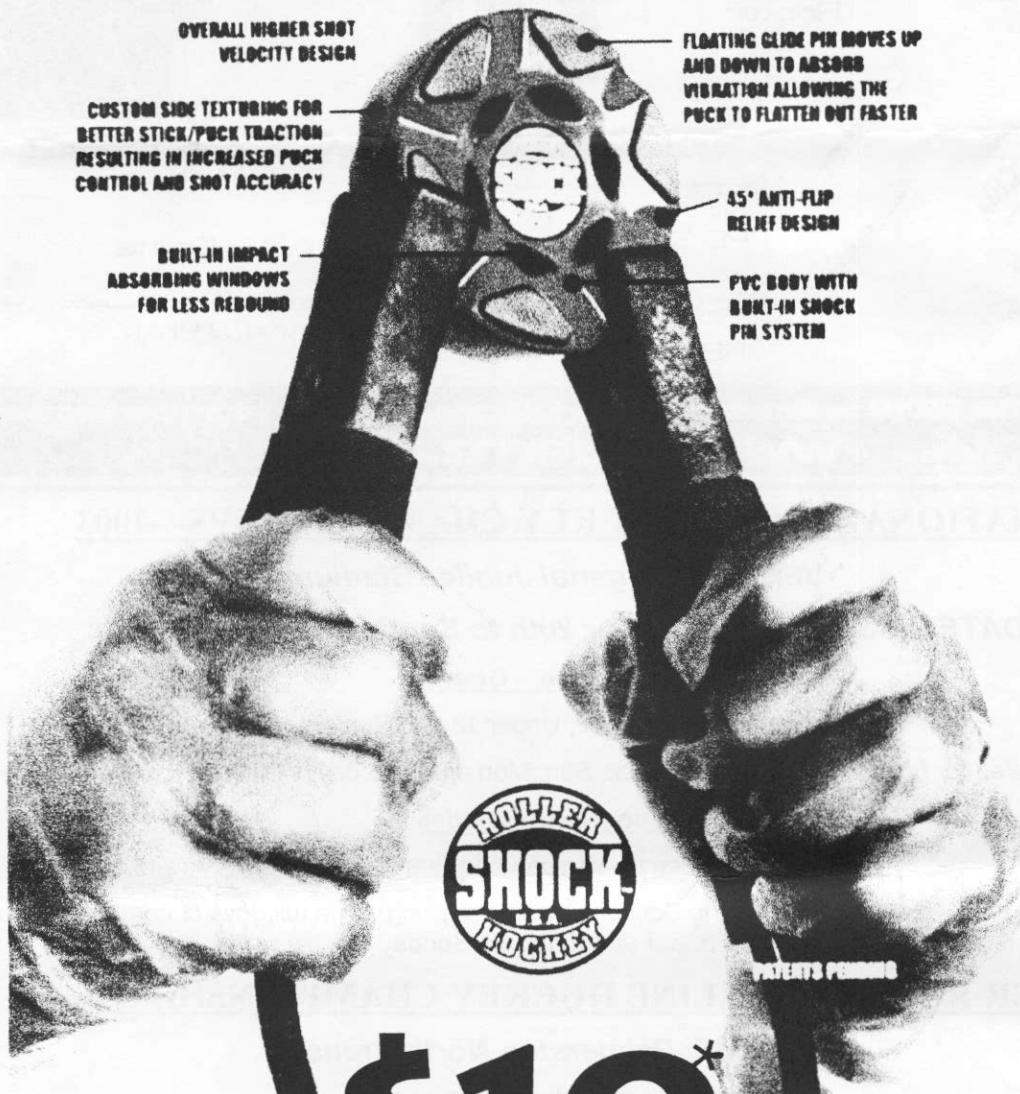
VENUE: New Plymouth

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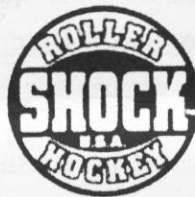
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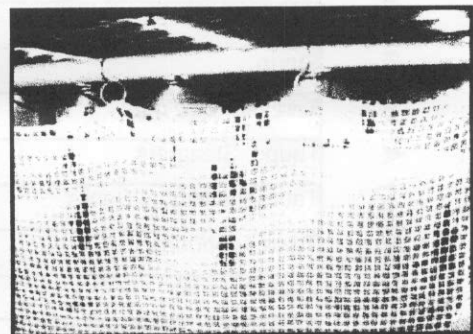
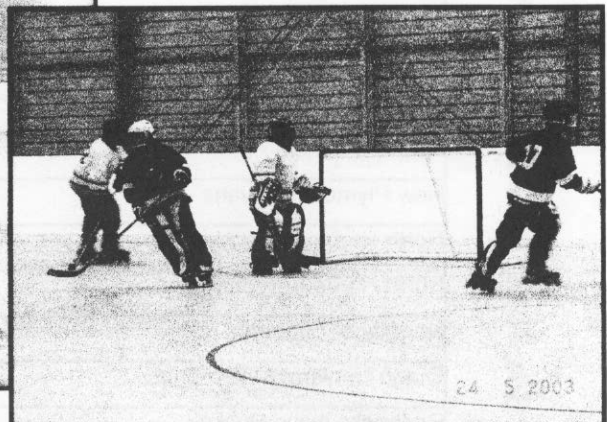
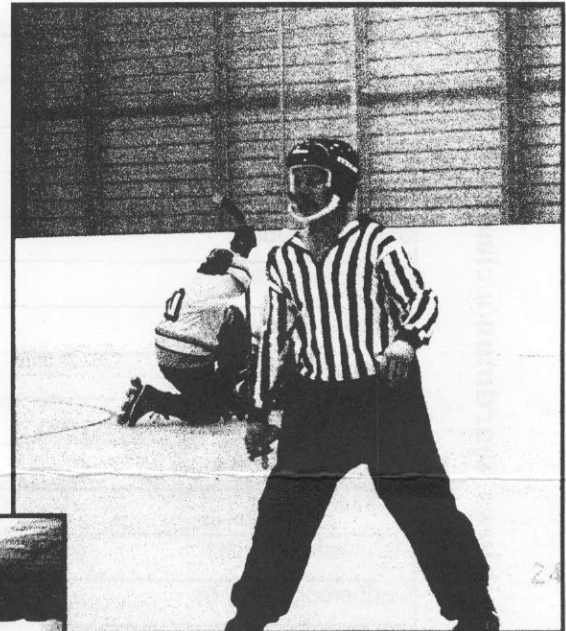
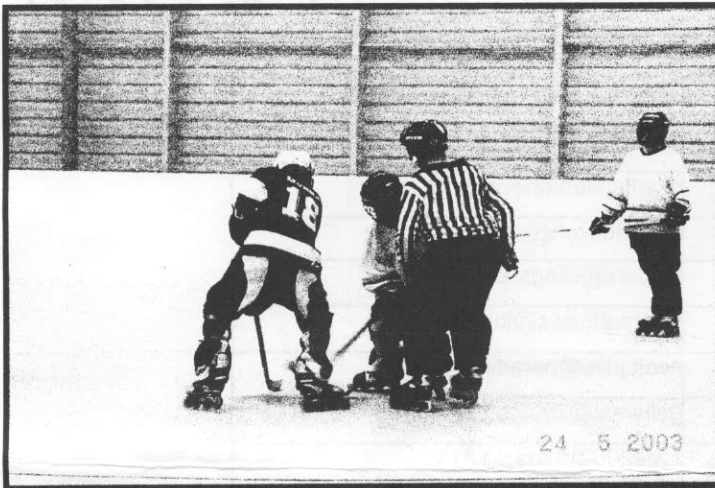
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