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Junior Women Win Silver Medal in Canada

The NZ Junior Women's team travelled to London Ontario in July to compete at the Can-Am Cup and the World Inline Cup. With a hectic schedule of 11 games spread over 10 days, it was definitely a case of survival of the fittest.

The first tournament the girls had to compete at was the Can-Am Cup. This is similar to our Provincial Tournament. The Junior Women were grouped in with the Senior Women teams for this tournament and proved to be a great warm up for the World Inline Cup. We played 3 games, winning only 1 of 3, before being knocked out of contention for a semi-final. The win came against the Australia Junior Women. This was the very same team from the Oceania Tournament. This put our running total at 6:0 against the Aussies. Jetlag seemed to be the

biggest adversary during the Can-Am Cup. The girls were physically and mentally drained. However they learnt from their mistakes and losses and held their heads high and prepared themselves for the main event, which was to begin 3 days later.

With a couple of days off

before the Tournament was to begin, the girls decided that a bit of sight seeing was in order. Day trip 1 was to Niagara Falls. It was just a wee bit of an eye-opener. The girls were in awe of the power of the water and the falls. Just a few rolls of film were used that afternoon. The girls then got to



Shani Forsyth (left) with Walter Gretzky and Claire Aiello (right)

2004 National Championships

The New Zealand In-Line Hockey National Championships will be held in New Plymouth from September 18-26th at the club owned New Plymouth Rollersports Arena.

The arena is situated on the East End Beach Reserve adjacent to the coastal walkway and close to many accommodation facilities.

The New Plymouth Club are looking forward to providing their arena facility for National Championships after the success of the Oceania Championships in April where New Zealand teams regained the coveted Tasman Trophy (hopefully here to stay in New Zealand)

For National Championships the grades playing in the first sec-

tion of the event will be Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 20.

The second section will see the Senior Women and Open grades compete from Wednesday September 22nd commencing in the afternoon.



Junior Women Win Silver

don their stunning blue Poncho's and board the "Maid of the Mist". This allowed them to get up close and personal with the falls. Very close, very personal and very wet...

Day trip 2 was to downtown Toronto. The first visit was to the CN Tower, the tallest freestanding structure in the world. We were very lucky to have a day with no clouds in the sky. From the top we could see 120km into the distance.

The second visit was to the Hockey Hall of fame. There was plenty to see and do there. The interactive areas proved very popular with the girls.

World Inline Cup

The draw for the tournament was released 2 days prior to the opening ceremony and it was then that we found out that there were only 4 teams entered in the Junior Women division. Maybe the other counties heard we were coming and got scared? Who knows for sure. This was a little disappointing but the girls were still determined to make the most of it. With the number of teams set at 4 we would see 2 games against each and then the semis and the finals.

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Game 1 was against the Australia Junior Women. Another great warm up game for the girls. A very convincing 6:2 win for the girls. Danielle Maunder scoring a hat-trick within 45 seconds of one shift.

Game 2 was our first game against the Canadian Team from Centre Wellington. We were unsure what to expect from this team and so we were determined to fight hard from the first face. We soon found that these girls had an ice-hockey background and knew how to play hockey. Unfortunately they could not skate on inline skates and we cruised to an easy 8:0 win.

Game 3 Vs Australia Junior's. This was a slightly tougher game for the girls. Reason being we spent a third of the game on penalty kill. Luckily the girls had been watching the Ontario U15 boys execute a penalty kill and mimicked them perfectly. No goals were scored against us on the penalty kill. We managed to scrape through with the 3:1 win.

Game 4 Vs USA. We had watched them play against the Aussie Junior's and knew it was going to be a hard fast game. We held off their attack for 6 minutes before they opened up the game and hammered our defence putting away 6 goals with in 5 minutes. We replied with 2 goals before the half. The second period was a different game. We held possession for most of the half and played a strong defensive game. All the players put their bodies on the line. Unfortunately they sneaked 2 more goals past and walked away with the 8:1 victory. From this loss we had learnt how the girls skated, cycled and where and when they were most likely to pass and shoot.

Game 5 was our second game against Centre Wellington. These girls had adapted to the inline skating quickly and surprised us with a quick goal. Getting close to the 2-week mark, we were all tired and found it hard to pull together and play as a team. We made it hard for ourselves but managed to pull off a 4:2 win with the goals coming from a few individual efforts.

Junior Women Win Silver—World Inline Cup

Game 6 was our second round against the USA team. We were without our captain, Boo, due to an incident the night before with a supermarket trolley. The girls had talked the night before and as a team decided that they wanted to win and did not want to be walked over again. It was a different NZ team that game out to play. Although losing the game 6:1 we were happy with how we played, winning the second half.

Game 7 was our Semi final against the Australia Junior's. This was a must win game to get to the finals. We were determined to win and to win big. This was the best game of the tournament for the girls with another convincing win of 8:1. This was our 9th straight win against this Aussie team this year. We were clearly a level above the Aussie Junior's.

Game 8 and Gold medal final against the USA. We took all we had learnt and put it into action on the rink against these girls. We knew we had a realistic chance of beating this team but we would have to fight for it. A strong first half saw the score at 2:1 to USA. We kept on pressuring the USA defence and hammering their goalie. Our defence was strong but the USA attack was stronger. They managed 4 quick goals towards the end of the game to seal their win at 6:2.

The girls were a little disappointed with the final loss but held their heads high and were proud of how well they had done to get to the final.

There was a lot of training, travelling, waiting in queues but after 2 weeks of full on hockey, we had Silver Medal to bring home.

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National Inline Championships Ticket Prices

Day Pass:	Adult \$ 6	Child \$ 4
Section Pass:	Adult \$ 20	Child \$ 10
Tournament Pass:	Adult \$ 30	Child \$ 15
PreSchoolers:	Free Entry	

A child ticket is available to persons attending
Primary, Intermediate or High School
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SEEDED TWELVETH AND FINISHED SEVENTH

New Zealand entered a Senior Women's team into the World Inline Championships recently held in London, Ontario.

Other countries who entered teams were; Canada, USA, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Australia, Great Britain, Spain, Japan, Singapore, and Mexico. The New Zealand team finished 4th in their pool and proceeded to the playoffs where they played Germany and then Great Britain.

New Zealand scored 18 goals in the tournament. Leading goal scorers were Emma Gray who scored 6 goals and Tara Tissink who scored 4. New Zealand had 45 goals scored against them, including 14 by Canada, 12 by the USA, 7 by the Czech Republic and 6 by Germany. The finals in the competition saw Canada up against USA, with Canada coming out the Women's World Champs for 2004.

The team played some great hockey including taken on Canada, when we lost nine to one in the first half and five to one in the second half making the end score 14 nil. Some real positives were that Shannon had seventy plus shots on her and we had nine shots on the Canadian goalie (pity none went in.) They did not score for 7 minutes. Given they are all professionals and most play in the Ice team that won gold at the Olympics we did really well.

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Other highlights for the New Zealand team included the Czech Republic not scoring when we were down to two players for a period of two minutes against their four players, beating Great Britain 2 to 1 in the playoffs after loosing to them 3 to 4 in the pool play, and outscoring Germany 4 to two in the second half, making the final score 6 to 4 to Germany.

The girls played awesome in the Worlds and were exhausted and covered in bruises (hooking and holding are not called unless a player hits the deck)..

We also visited Niagara Falls. An absolutely amazing and an awesome sight. The Journey Under the Falls was great and very wet but good to get up close to the Falls.

The different wild life (squirrels, ground hogs etc) was of interest to many. You could get really close to the squirrels.

The shopping was great, with a bit of concern of over "will I be overweight" and "how much is excess baggage". Ended up not being a problem so I guess more gear could have been purchased, subject to the plastic fantastic.

Great accommodation, with the only issue being the size of the towels. Have you ever tried to dry yourself with a towel the size of two face cloths.

New Zealand can be truly proud of this group of young Women who played some awesome hockey, and showed some great Kiwi Magic against some professional teams and players.

Subject to gaining sponsorship the team are hoping to compete at the World Champs in 2005

NZ Senior Women

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Senior Men at IIHF World Championships

The NZ Men's team competed in the IIHF World Championships in Bad Tolz, Southern Bavaria, Germany, in July. This Tournament, the most prestigious on the international inline hockey calendar because it is not an open entry event, featured 16 qualifying countries: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Japan, New Zealand, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, USA.

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The NZ men arrived in Germany four days before the Tournament start date and warmed up with a game against China Taipei who were in Germany to play-off with Belgium for the number 16 spot. NZ outclassed their Chinese opponents, winning 12 - 1.

The 2004 team was a good mixture of experienced internationals, with 12 of the 16 having competed several times at world level over the past 5 years, and 4 new caps.

First game up in the World Champs was against old rivals, Australia. Australia hopped out to a commanding 5 - 0 lead but NZ

staged a brave comeback and with two minutes to go the score was 7 - 6 to Australia. Despite several attacks and close calls, NZ could not gain the elusive goal and the game finished 7 - 6 with Australia earning regional bragging rights for another year.

Game two against Brazil was another close encounter with Brazil winning 7 - 5. Again NZ let their opponents get out to

an early lead and then had to try to peg them back.

NZ's next opponent was Argentina and in an impressive display of goal scoring, NZ recorded its first win 10 - 1.

This left NZ third in their pool and facing the daunting prospect of playing Hungary in the quarter final to advance to the medal round. The Hungarians dominated the Kiwis running out convincing winners at 10 - 0.

As a result of a new IIHF Relegation policy, teams finishing 6th, 7th and 8th in Division 1 are relegated and must gain re-entry on a regional rotational basis (for NZ this means they are unlikely to have another chance at qualification until 2007). In the play-off for 5th and 6th NZ came up again against Australia, this time losing 8 - 3.

The NZ team fell a little short of their own goals and expectations at this tournament but the Coach, Shane Clark, was full of praise for the "never-say-die" attitude of the kiwis and the tremendous spirit of the team.

USA won the World Championship for the first time since 1999, defeating Finland in the gold medal game 9 - 5. Biggest improver was Great Britain which showed the benefits of being close enough geographically to compete regularly in the tough European Leagues. Great Britain took the Division 1 title for the first time.

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Hamilton Devils Secondary Tournament



Christchurch Boys' High School overcame all the odds beating the highly favoured New Plymouth Boys' High to win the inaugural National High Schools championship hosted by Hamilton Devils in Hamilton.

As the only South Island team against twelve schools from the North Island they dug deep in the final beating New Plymouth 3-2 in a nail biting finish. Both schools played well throughout the tournament with many of the players current New Zealand representatives in the 14 and 16 grades.

The Christchurch team captained by Ryan Ruddle, displayed determination after losing to the New Plymouth team in pool play 7 - 2.

Tauranga Queen's Birthday Tournament

Queens Birthday Weekend saw the 8th Annual Tauranga Inline Hockey Club U12/U10 Tournament. This was hosted by the Mighty Ducks U12 team at the Mount Action Centre, Mount Maunganui from 5th June through to finals on 7th June.

Teams from as far north as Kerikeri and as far south as Wellington attended.

For the U12 age group, each team competed in a pool of five teams, culminating in quarterfinals between the Levin Canucks V Auckland Sabres and Auckland Fury V Northland Stingrays. After intense and nail biting games, Canucks won their game 5 to 4 against the Sabres and Stingrays overcame Fury 6 to 5. In the finals for 3rd & 4th, Fury beat the Sabres 8 goals to 5 and for 1st and 2nd, a well-deserved win went to Northland Stingrays with a final score of 8 goals to 2, against the Canucks.

The U10 grade competed in a double round robin, with the winners being Manawatu Dragons, second was Levin Canucks, and in third place was the Auckland Combo team of Fury & Panthers.

The host team, U12 Tauranga Mighty Ducks, played against Capital Penguins winning 4 - 1, Levin Canucks Losing 5-2, Northland Stingrays losing 5 - 0 and Auckland Panthers with a draw of 3 all. The Ducks came 3rd in their pool overall.

Based on feedback from the participating teams, the tournament went very well and was deemed a great success.

The obvious draw card for this tournament was giving teams the opportunity to challenge themselves against opponents outside their normal league play.

Many thanks to all the visiting teams who supported the tournament, especially the U10 teams and the long distance travellers.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

NATIONAL INLINE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

PLACE NEW PLYMOUTH ROLLERSPORTS ARENA

DATE SEPTEMBER 18 - 26TH, 2004

INTER REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

PLACE PALMERSTON NORTH - ARENA 4

DATE LABOUR WEEKEND, OCTOBER 22 - 25TH, 2004

NZIHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Dates: Sat Feb 12th & Sun Feb 13th, 2005
(reserve evening Friday 11th Feb)

Venue: Jubilee Stadium, Springvale Park
Wanganui

Time: 8am each day

Social Activities:

Most of the social activities are in the Marquee at the Games Village, less than 100 m from the Inline Rink.

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Ravens Queen's Birthday Tournament

The New Plymouth Ravens hosted their inaugural Senior tournament in their new arena over Queens Birthday Weekend.

The 16 grade and Senior grade teams had a full schedule of games with the 16 grade playing a single round robin allowing each team to have seven games each. Kapiti Rangers U16 came first, with New Plymouth Ravens 2nd and Fury 3rd.

The Under 20 and Senior grades both played a double round robin each providing a lot of competition. Jackals U20 came 1st after drawing against New Plymouth Ravens and winning the final game by one goal. Renegades were placed 3rd.

Senior grade winners were Penguins 1st, Sabres 2nd and Massey Titans 3rd,

The New Zealand Women's team also participated over Queens Birthday playing selected Under 16 grade teams in preparation for their participation at the FIRS World Champs in Canada.

The club would like to thank all participants and also especially express their thanks to the referees without whom the players would not be able to compete.

The club invite all clubs to mark their calendars for 2005 for the New Plymouth Senior Tournament over Queens Birthday Weekend.

Referee Comment



There has been some confusion over just when a game ends and a shot on goal immediately prior to the siren/whistle.

There have been instances when the puck has been shot prior to the whistle/siren and has crossed the goal line into the net after the whistle/siren and yet has still been allowed.

*The game ends upon the initial **sounding** of the siren or if the rink is not equipped with a siren the referees whistle.*

Consequently any puck crossing the line after the initial sounding of the whistle/siren is to be waved off as no goal.

Players are reminded of the following:

1. Chin straps must be no more than 2 closed fingers beneath the chin.
2. Skates must have all wheels fitted.
3. Hollow shaft sticks must have the ends closed over.

Non compliance regarding Nos. 1 & 2 above will result in a team warning with further infringing resulting in a Bench Minor penalty. Non compliance with No. 3 will incur the assessment of a minor penalty to the player infringing.

Players are still making contact on the goalkeepers. Referees are instructed to take a "zero tolerance" approach to players skating in and making contact on the goalkeeper in the pretense of "playing" the puck.

Players: remember just because you can see part of the puck doesn't necessarily mean that you can play it.

Mandatory Protective Equipment

We still are having instances where this is not being enforced. If a player is aged 18 or under they must wear full facial protection. Be aware that if an injury were to occur and you haven't enforced this safety rule then you leave yourself open to responsibility.

Players aged 19 & 20 must wear as a minimum either a half visor or a half cage until they turn 21 years of age. Club secretaries have previously been informed in writing to advise all of their players and coaches so there is no excuse.

There are to be no dispensations granted regardless of circumstances.

No protection = No Game.

NZIHA Referees Committee

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NZ Level One Inline Hockey Coaching

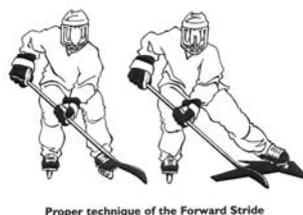
The New Zealand Inline Hockey Coaching Committee are ready to roll with the NZ Level 1 Inline Hockey Coaching Course after successfully reviewing feed back and adapting the information and material to suit NZ conditions.

The Coaching Committee will be holding courses in an area near you in the very near future.

You need to contact your club or a member of the coaching committee to indicate your interest and get your name down for a course.

Contacts for the committee can be made via Willy Harvey, Chairperson.

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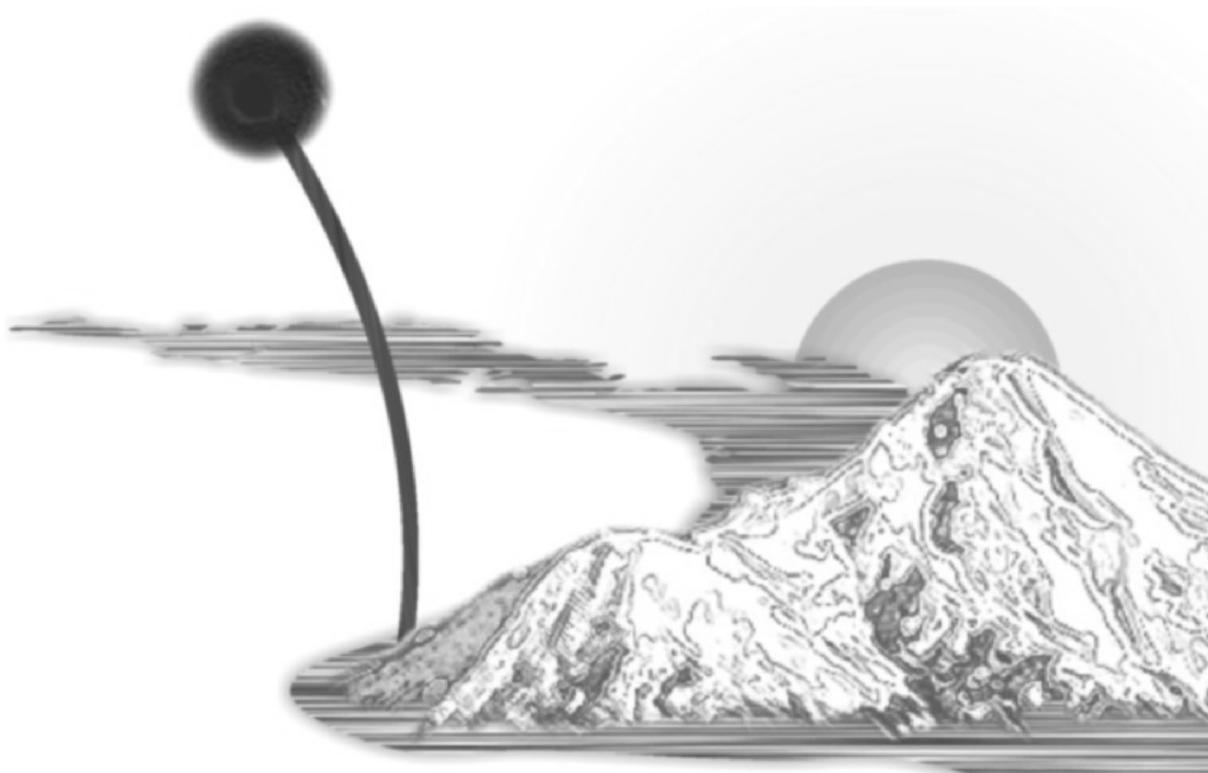
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