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ured a berth in the s with a 35-7 win the Qualifier Divi- cester 7s (see Na- ers in this issue). h Wolfhounds de- College, 26-14, ivision champion- II prevailed over d Smileys, 17-12, on final.

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path to the consol- ed the defeat at the vlfhounds, a 36-5 Dead Smileys, a 26- ort, and 53-7 and 26- ver Worcester Fine ls and Clan Chattan,

ileys met Hartford II to the Wolfhounds well as a 38-0 loss Newport, but man- out a win against a score of 10-7.



The US Women, winners of the 1998 Magnificent 7s: (FRONT, L-R) Eckert, Parker, Madden, Fitz, Wilson, Rodriguez, Jones. (BACK) White, Spirk, Caravelli, McCoy, Pease, Lucas, Signes, Tyler.

Magnificent 7s: US Women Ottawa Irish

By Emil Signes

Toronto, Ontario
July 18-19, 1998

An unofficial US Eagle team won the Women's Division of the 1998 Magnificent 7s, outscoring their opponents 247-0 over the course of six matches. They defeated the Ottawa Irish 31-0 in the final.

In the men's Division, the Ottawa Irish topped the Crusaders for their eighth straight win.

US Women Eagles

Ten players were selected to represent the US National Women's Team at the Hong Kong Invitational Women's Sevens, which was to be held last March and comprise 16 national teams. Unfortunately, the US Women never got a chance to show their stuff as the tournament was canceled.

Since then, we've been looking for a venue at which that national team could participate, and finally decided on the Magnificent Sevens in Toronto. This is the biggest sevens tournament in North America (102 teams, including 24 women's teams) and includes many of Eastern Canada's top teams.

We would have rather been in a tournament with national teams, but that's not going to happen this year, and rather than cheat these players of an opportunity to wear their Eagle jerseys, we went to Toronto. We were in a difficult situation — we were not only expected to win, but also to play well and win handily, and if we didn't do all three, it would be considered a failure. Fortunately, we fulfilled all of our expectations.

The Eagle team that represented the US comprised 9 of the 10 players originally selected plus Sue Parker, who replaced an injured Michele Friel (Beantown).

US Women

Nancy Fitz	Washington Furies
Anita Pease	Maryland Stingers
Julie McCoy	Ozark Ladies
Kerry McCabe	Beantown
TJ Eckert	Berkeley
Meg Madden	Washington Furies
Inés Rodriguez	Philadelphia
Shelley Wilson	Southeast
Jen Lucas	Berkeley
Sue Parker	Maryland Stingers
Dee Jones	Trainer
Dawn White	Manager

Opponent	Results	Score
Ottawa Irish 2		52-0
Crusaders		41-0
Niagara Wasps		57-0
Ajax Wanderers		33-0
Guelph		33-0
Ottawa Irish 1		31-0 (final)

Final

The Ottawa Irish proved tough opponents, shutting down the Eagles for a full 5 ½ minutes before Sue Parker stormed in for her 9th try of the tournament. It was only when Sue scored again on the last play of the 10-minute half that the outcome started to become clear: an occasional Eagle attacking thrust plus suffocating defense was not going to let the Canadians back into the game.

One of the highlights of the final was seeing the Eagles preserve their shut-out streak by stopping a virtually certain Irish try on Julie McCoy's goal line tackle. Jules' tackle forced a knock-on and the ensuing advantage play resulted in a 170-meter Meg Madden try (she started out from the back of her own in-goal to the left of the posts, ran to the right touchline, sprinted the length of the field, and centered the try as her weary chaser fell on top of her).

Scoring Summary

Name	T	C	Pts
Rodriguez	6	21	72
Parker	10	0	50
Pease	7	0	35
Madden	5	0	25
Lucas	3	5	25
McCabe	3	0	15
Eckert	2	0	10
Fitz	1	0	5
McCoy	1	0	5
Wilson	1	0	5
Total	39	26	247

Everyone on the team played very well. If pressed to name an MVP, we were torn between try-scoring machine Sue Parker, mid-field genius Anita Pease, and youngster Inés Rodriguez, who really came into her own this weekend, creating, finishing, and kicking up a storm (21 out of 30 conversions and some great kickoffs). One name? OK, Anita.

Shortly after the conclusion of the tournament, we received an E-mail from Hong Kong indicating that the 1999 International Women's Sevens will likely take place again. This is great news for international women's sevens, but there is certainly room for more international events. Given its size, location, and quality of facilities, one hopes the Ontario Rugby Union gives consideration to an international women's division as part of its tournament.

minute try by Brian "Bama" Whitfield. Bama had just entered the game, and was probably the only player of the 14 capable of that effort at that time of the game.

The collegians dusted off the Toronto Welsh 40-0 in the quarterfinals, and then made the mistake of looking past the Crusaders to the final. Unfortunately, the Crusaders had a weapon for which Atlantis had no answer: a 20-year old by the name of Murphy, former captain of Ireland School Boys and a member of Canada's national team. Murph dominated the kickoffs and scored three unanswered tries en route to a 29-0 halftime lead. The collegians battled back with three tries in the second half, but fell short, 29-19.

All Star Scoring:

Name	Tries	Con	Pts
Younger	7	0	35
Guinney	2	12	34
Dacanay	3	0	15
Bush	2	0	10
Preonas	2	0	10
Whitfield	2	0	10
Battle	1	0	5
Harrison	1	0	5
Lakomskis	1	0	5
Morris	1	0	5
Total	22	12	134

Cape Cod 7s:

Maryland

Cape Cod, MA
July 25, 1998

The Maryland Stingers captured the Cape Cod 7s crown with a 31-7 thrashing of Philadelphia.

Maryland whipped Vermont (57-0) and the Jailbirds (37-9) to earn a berth in the quarterfinals where they defeated the Combined Services 48-10. Then the Stingers stung the NOVA Piranhas 32-0 in the semifinal.

Philadelphia edged Hartford (12-7) and then beat Seacoast B (25-0) to win their pool. In their quarterfinal, Philadelphia dropped Greased Lightening (19-12) and ousted Your Mothers (10-0) in the semis.

In social matches, the Vertically Enhanced (players over 5'8") defeated the Vertically Challenged (under 5'2"), 12-5. Also the Young Kids (under 23) defeated the Olde Girls (over 30) for the first time, 17-14.

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