

Laurentians recapture provincial men's Challenge Cup

United's run falls short ...

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St. Lawrence Laurentians' striker Richard Kelly scored the opening goal of the Challenge Cup final against Marystown United Mariners' goalie Scott Edwards Monday to spark his team to a 3-1 win.

Chris Caines booted the winner midway into the second half of play as St. Lawrence Laurentians captured another Provincial Molson Challenge Cup soccer championship.

The Laurentians, which had won the 'Bobby Breen Memorial Trophy' as the league's first place team in regular season play, defeated defending champions Marystown United Mariners 3-1 in the final Monday.

Richard Kelly opened the scoring at 37 minutes to give the Laurentians a 1-0 half-time lead. But Marystown fought back to tie the score on a goal from Craig Edwards early in the second half. After Caines' winner, Rudy Norman scored an insurance marker at 88 minutes to salt away the victory.

St. Lawrence had advanced to the final Saturday morning with a 3-1 win over season rivals, Mount Pearl. Marystown was forced to win back to back games – 1-0 over Holy Cross Saturday and 1-0 against Mount Pearl – to make it to the championship game.

The championship was scheduled to start Friday night but heavy rains in St. John's delayed the opening games until Saturday. Artificial turf, which was scheduled to be placed on King George V pitch this year, has been delayed until next year because of the lateness in the soccer season.

Dr. Paul Slaney was selected game MVP; Clinton Edwards was season MVP while Richard Kelly was the obvious top scorer in the league with 21 goals.

The Laurentians will now prepare for the National Challenge Cup scheduled for Calgary, Alberta, Thanksgiving Day weekend.