

Disappointing Loss 10/15/02 (VOCM Sports)

It took double overtime, but Manitoba had a 1-0 title victory over the St. Lawrence Laurentians for the Challenge Cup. More than 9-thousand fans jammed King George V Park for the encounter which decided the 2002 Challenge Cup winners and Canada's top men's soccer team. It was a tough loss for the Laurentians who battled on even terms with the four teams they played since last Thursday. The talented club from the Burin Peninsula earned its second national silver medal, to go along with two bronze medals. The mayor of St. Lawrence, Wade Rowsell says the entire community is proud of the team.

The MHA for the St. Lawrence area, Judy Foote, told VOCM Niteline with Bas Jamieson the St. Lawrence Laurentians are great ambassadors for Newfoundland and Labrador.

The overall competition attracted just over 31-thousand spectators. Nova Scotia blanked Alberta 2-0 to claim the men's bronze medal.

In women's action, Mount Pearl Commonwealth Physiotherapy improved the seeding for Newfoundland and Labrador by one place. At the start of the Jubilee Shield Championships, Mount Pearl was in 10th place. Mount Pearl edged Saskatchewan 2-1 Sunday and tied the western club 1-1 Monday to place ninth. Saskatchewan finished tenth. Marie Pike scored the game-winning goal Newfoundland and Labrador. A pair of goals in the final 15 minutes gained the female title for Ontario. The winners nipped Alberta 2-1 in a close contest that finished in front of 5-thousand fans. Nova Scotia won the bronze medal 4-0 over Prince Edward Island.

At the Under-16 National Championships in Etobicoke, Ontario the St. John's girls lost 2-1 to Nova Scotia Monday but finished sixth in the 12-team competition. Kate Radjka scored for the St. John's club. St. John's boys edged the Yukon 2-1 in overtime to place ninth overall. Jonathon Hawco and Daniel Schillereff got the St. John's goals.

In Kelowna, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island edged the St. John's boys team 3-2. The loss left the club in tenth place at the under-14 championships.

Newfoundland and Labrador has won the gold medal in men's Under-16 Atlantic Challenge Cup Soccer. It was a shutout for Newfoundland, as they beat the home team, New Brunswick 6-0 Monday in the gold medal game in Campbellton, New Brunswick. New Brunswick took silver, and Nova Scotia bronze.

It was a bronze medal for this province in men's team in Under-17 Challenge Cup Soccer. Newfoundland and Labrador defeated PEI 11-4 in

Bathurst, New Brunswick Monday. Matt Thomey and Brad Smith scored 3 goals each for Newfoundland.

In women's under-18 play; Newfoundland and Labrador ended the tournament in fourth place, losing to the home team, New Brunswick 4-1 in Bathurst, New Brunswick Monday.