HOCKEY

HOCKEY THE PREMIER SPORT 2/4 RAR FIRST XI - 3 BRIGADE HOCKEY COMP 1994 PREMIERS

The First XI hockey side had the distinction of being the only Winter Sports team to achieve victory in a Grand Final. The success of the team was due in no small part to a determination to prove our critics wrong. Throughout the season our team had been the brunt of many snide remarks and innuendoes.

To the credit of all members we found the remarks acted to spur us on to the finals. At finals time we found ourselves ranked second behind the much fancied 5 Aviation Regiment team. For the semifinal game the Battalion sent supporters for the first time during the season. The team found itself stage struck! We weren't used to the noise of supporters. Some players reported after the game they found themselves constantly looking at the sideline to find out what all the commotion was. Overall the semifinal was a disaster. The First XI was destroyed by 5 Aviation Regiment. This meant we had to play the third ranked team for another chance at the Grand Final. During the next game very few supporters arrived and we were able to settle into our normal game plan. The result was never in doubt. A resounding victory for 2/4RAR. Grand final day saw us again facing 5 Aviation Regiment. The Battalion turned out in force to support us. This time we were ready. We motivated ourselves for victory. 5 Aviation Regiment played a very technical game however fell far short of the determination to win displayed by our team. The final score was: 2/ 4RAR five - 5 Aviation Regiment one.

HOCKEY SECOND XI

The Second XI didn't have as successful a season as the First. In fact, they only scored one victory all season. The contribution made by the Seconds cannot be measured in their win/loss ratio. Their real contribution was in the support they gave the Firsts throughout the season. Whenever the Firsts found themselves short of players due to Battalion commitments the Seconds provided a draw squad that had current skills, was match fit and were fully committed.

Thanks to all the players who consistently supported the club throughout the season. The Battalion Winter Sport victory is due to your commitment.

Special mention to the following:

- LT C Webb Manager of the Hockey Club
- WO2 Helmrich Asst Manager/Coach Secon XI
- LT O'Mari & CPL Tulk Coaches First XI
- CPL Sullivan & PTE Clench Equipment Managers

Player Awards:

First XI

- CPL Tulk Most Consistent
- PTE Vandermeiden Best Skills
 PTE Pope Most Improved

Second XI

- PTE Pope (Team Captain) Best Skills
- WO2 Helmrich Most Aggressive

Well done for 1994 and remember for 1995, if you want to be a winner play a winners sport HOCKEY.



The Team

