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## North swimmers win aggregate cup

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### October:

The u-17 Burnaby Girls United soccer team finished with a silver medal at the u-18 girls' Sony Cup national club soccer championships.

Andrew Brock bowled his first honour score in tenpins with an 802 series at the Xcalibur Classic Trios.

Bev Gilliam received the Art Daoust Merit Award from B.C. Lacrosse.

A Burnaby women's soccer team won the bronze medal at the World Masters' Games in Australia.

SFU claimed the Challenge Cup for just the third time with a 5-4 win on penalty kicks over rival University of B.C. in women's soccer.

Mike Santorelli scored his first NHL goal for the Nashville Predators in a 4-3 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Oct. 27.

Joey LaLeggia was tabbed as a C-level prospect by Central Scouting for the upcoming 2010 NHL entry draft.

Abbey Vogt won the high school zone girls' four-kilometre cross-country championship.

SFU soccer player Colin Streckmann was named independent region male

athlete of the week for a second time in October.

Al Mazur scored his first NCAA Division 1 hat trick for Rochester Institute of Technology in a 6-2 win over Connecticut.

SFU safety Anthony DesLauriers was named a first team CIS All-Canadian in college football.

Five members of the Burnaby Lal Rugby Club earned selection in the Canada senior women's national team.

The Alpha Aztecs edged Burnaby South 1-0 in the high school district boy soccer final.

Michigan Tech freshman Milos Gordic scored his first career goal in NCAA Division I men's ice hockey.

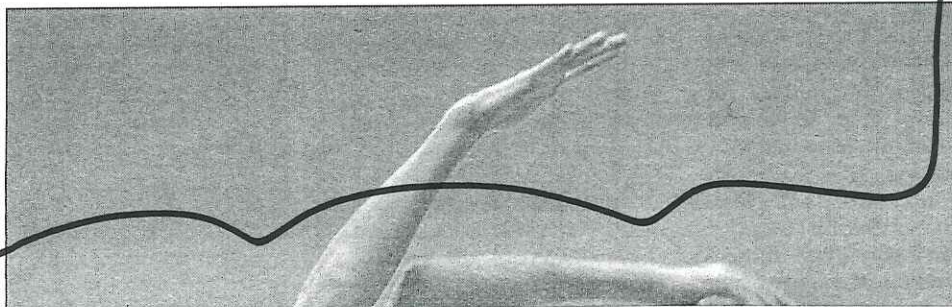
Sheldon Palidwor resigned as head coach of the senior A Burnaby Lakers lacrosse team.

### November:

Colin Streckmann was named NAIA independent soccer player of the year. Alan Koch was named top coach. Stephanie Pagliaro was named to the women's regional second team.

Burnaby North Secondary School won the B aggregate at the B.C. high school swimming championships in Richmond.

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## BWC: St. Albert tourney is next

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"You're looking at two pretty good teams, two teams that can compete with anybody in Western Canada. The odds are, every time you win, it's not in your favour. But these kids are resilient. They find a way (to win)."

BWC gave up the lead goal to North Shore in all three periods of the final.

Nicholas Hermary tied the contest 1-1 late in the first period on a nice second effort. Second-team all-star Anthony Ast knotted the score at 2-2 on his own rebound following a turnover in the offensive zone midway through the middle frame. Ast then tallied the game-tying goal on a third-period power play.

BWC knocked off previously unbeaten

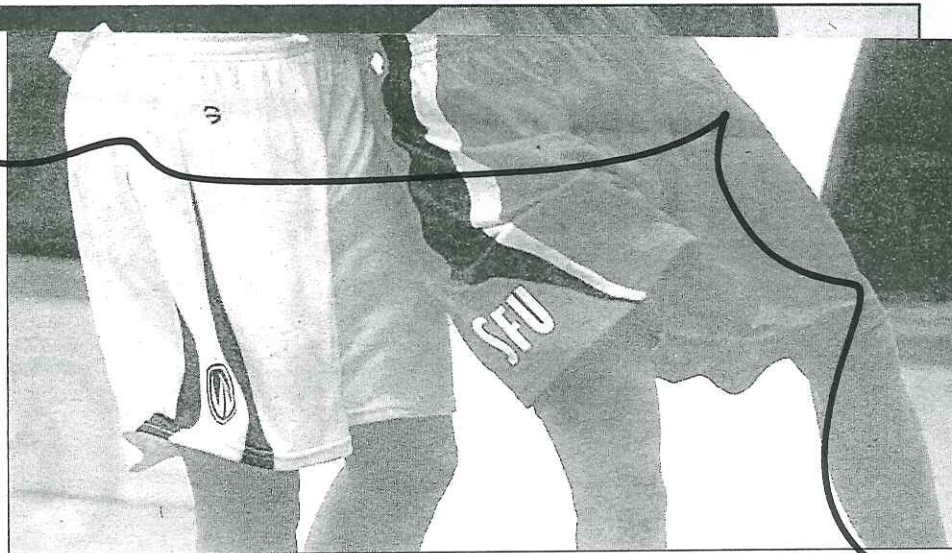
Penticton 8-3 in the semifinals.

The win was the winter club's 40th this season and came after three losses this decade in the Burnaby tournament final, including a defeat to NSWC back in 2005.

BWC's Joseph Carvalho was named the top defenseman in the tournament.

Burnaby Minor finished fourth in the Wong division of the Collingwood conference and was eliminated in the playoff round 7-2 by Burnaby Winter Club.

"We definitely want to go and try to win the next tournament in St. Albert and go for the Western Canadians. It will be tough, but we just have to keep working hard in practice and improving as a team," said Newell.



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**Kings of the castle:** Robyn Buna, right, scored 20 points to lead the top-seeded Simon Fraser University women to a fourth Bronze Baby Canadian intercollegiate basketball title over Regina in March. The victory was the fourth CIS title for the Clan in eight seasons. The SFU women also won national titles in 2002, 2005 and 2007. The Clan is currently on a record 46-game consecutive winning streak.

## Giants win midget Mac's tournament

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It was third time lucky for the Northwest Giants.

The Giants, currently in second place in the B.C. Amateur major midget hockey league, rang in the new year with their first-ever title, beating the UFA Bisons 2-1 in the boys' championship final at the 31st annual Mac's AAA midget hockey tournament in Calgary on Jan. 1.

Fifteen-year-old defenceman

Griffin Reinhart broke a 1-1 tie, scoring the game-winning tally with his first goal of the tournament.

Reinhart, the son of former NHLer Paul Reinhart, slapped a seemingly harmless shot on goal midway through the final period that found a way through the pads of the Bison keeper. The goal was Reinhart's team-leading 12th point of the Mac's tourney.

Giants goalie Charlie Finn stopped 30 shots for the win, but none more important than a quick

glove save in the final minute of play on UFA's Mason Burr that preserved the victory.

"It's so rewarding," said Finn after the game. "No one thought we were going to make it three years in a row."

Finn made sure to prove the pundits wrong, with a sensational 102 saves on 108 shots in the Calgary tournament.

Last year, the Giants lost in overtime to the eventual Telus Cup finalist Calgary Buffalos. In 2007, the Giants lost to Severstal of

Russia in an international final.

Giants team captain Steve Iacobellis called the first-time win "awesome." "We're so proud of the team. It's great. It builds character. Everyone comes together, it brings everyone together. It's what it's all about," said Iacobellis.

In the semifinals, the Giants scored two goals in the third period before upsetting the Lloydminster Bobcats 5-4 in double overtime.

Curtis Loik earned the game

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## \* BWC wins third big tourney

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Burnaby Winter Club won its first bantam Christmas hockey tournament in nine seasons with a shootout win over 13-time champion and rival North Shore Winter Club.

The winter club Bruins beat NSWC for the fourth time this season, eking out a thrilling 4-3 championship final victory that was decided on penalty shots Dec. 31 at the 47th annual Burnaby Minor bantam AAA international hockey tournament.

Mike Nolan and Anthony Conti both scored in the shootout, while Burnaby goalie Kimberley Newell stoned all four North Shore shooters before garnering the player of the game award for the Bruins.

"It was pretty hard, but I just focused on the next shot," said Newell, a 14-year-old female St. Thomas More Collegiate student. "Sometimes it's awkward. They're all guys, but it definitely feels great that I can play at this level."

Newell stopped 19 shots in the gold-medal win, including two key saves in the final period.

Newell made a nice pad save in the seventh minute of the third to keep Burnaby within a goal of the North Shore club.

Then, with the score tied 3-3, Newell sent the game into overtime with a quick glove save on a two-on-one North Shore break with less than a minute-and-a-half left to play.

The victory was the third straight gold medal for the Bruins in a big-time bantam tournament this season.

BWC opened with a win at the pre-season tournament in Chilliwack. The Bruins then won it all in Medicine Hat before chalk-ing up their fifth-ever BMHA tournament title.

"I liked our chances in the shootout because she (Newell) is so technically good. She comes to practice to compete," said BWC head coach John Batchelor.

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Kimberly

29 shots