

THE RED CARD

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MEN :- TECHNIQUE VERSES MARINERS
WOMEN :- TECHNIQUE VERSES MARINERS

WELCOME everyone to the very last game of the 1994 season, the big one, The Grand Final. Today we will see what is the culmination of fifteen weeks hard toil and sweat, from who can be called the Best Four teams in the Association. As to who IS the best, we will have to wait for a few more hours. I already know who I think it will be and there are some other views printed below.

Because it is the end of the season we must all thank a few people and the first few should be the two ladies who stand in the canteen week after week and miss out on watching some of their kids play. Carmel McLean and Elaine Bridge. Well-done ladies!

All of the committee and teams' people who have all combined to make the Country Week ends what they were. Specially to Greg Pickett, the Junior Convener, for organising such a great weekend for all of the juniors.

This year I think that I have managed to cover every game, except for one week, from every grade, men, women and junior games. Last year I believe they had trouble doing that. Thanks to Barb for letting me steal the cards after the games.

Thanks also to all of the people who have contributed to the *Red Card* over the season, Pat Zaunbrecher, Greg Pickett and John Shortal. Without their help I would have been lost few times.

Best of luck to Technique men, Mariners men, Technique women and Mariners women. Hope you all have enjoyed the *Red Card* for

this year and it will return next year with someone at the helm.

LAST WEEKS GAMES

OPEN MENS

MARINERS 2

T. Bowser 1, T. Tait 1.

DEFEATED

PHANTOMS 1

A. Marr 1

Mariners had a bit of a come back this week after their effort two weeks ago. Mike Silva did make a bit of a difference.

The thing that separated these two teams last week was the very poor shooting at goals from Phantoms. They had about six very possible chances in the last half alone and they missed them all

Phantoms were just not all there. Adrian Marr tried his hardest to lift his team mates but they did not respond.

OPEN WOMENS

MARINERS 3

V. Thornton 2, E. Grey 1

DEFEATED

SUBMARINERS 2

N. Wood 1, V. Paton 1.

This result did surprise me but I guess I did say that I have no idea about the womens games. This one was no different. I can't say any more than that about the game because I did not see the game and no one has told me about it. Sorry girls.

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Now we get down to the real business of the day; The Grand

Final. First we have the men at 1:30 and the women at 3:15

**PREVIEWS:**

**OPEN MENS**

**1:30**

**TECHNIQUE V MARINERS**

**GROUND: ONE**

**UMPIRES:** From Mt. Gambia.

**HEAD TO HEAD THIS SEASON.**

**MARINERS:** 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1

**TECHNIQUE:** 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0

Mariners 4-1.

**LAST TIME:** Preliminary Final, Technique 1 d Mariners 0

The first preview for the mens game was dropped in my letter box and I honestly do not have any idea who it came from, it was just signed "From one who Knows".

**FROM ONE WHO KNOWS**

This game is going to be a touch, fast and physical affair with the eventual winner knowing that they have deserved to win.

The grand final will come down to how the two goalie's will perform on the day. On last weeks performance Clive Lindop is in excellent form, where as Mark Bridge is coming off a weeks break and will need to be at his best from the first whistle.

Mariners showed a lot of poise and skill in disposing of Phantoms last week. If Tim Bowser and Mike Silva and the ever reliable John Shortal can control the game and some of the other players attitudes, then they are very capable of pulling of a victory.

Technique's on the other hand showed how much talent they have two weeks ago, but if Andrew Bridge, Damien White, Stewart McLean and Greg Pickett don't hit form early in the game Technique will be in a lot of trouble. If they do hit their straps early then Mariners will find it a very tough task to penetrate to score.

The end result should be Technique 2-1 up but don't be surprised if the game goes the extra distance and into strokes. In that case Bridgley had better be aware.

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Well, there you have it, straight from the mouth of someone who believes they know. I must say though, I do agree with them. Now it is My turn.

I don't think that the game will go into strokes though, but if it does it will be interesting. I think that Technique have the better goalkeeper and a few good strikers. Mariners, on the other hand, have a capable goalkeeper and a few more good strikers than Technique - but Tech. is the likely winner in my book.

Technique will be pumped up this week to do well and win the grand final two years in a row to give the little fella in the mask his first Grand Final victory.

There is no doubting that they goal keepers are the key to today's game, as has already been mentioned, but the forwards will also have to be at their very best. Both keepers have had a great run into the finals, Clive Lindop is in good form as was show last week and Mark Bridge had a good game in the preliminary final. Mark has been described as an "ominous" player to pass. (Thanks John.)

There are some things that each team can do to upset the flow of the other, but I will not mention them because that would not be right.

This game will be a very low scoring affair as every game between these two teams has been. The end result will, however, be that same as above with Technique coming out winners with the score 2-0.

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OPEN WOMENS

1:30

TECHNIQUE V MARINERS

GROUND: ONE

UMPIRES: From Mt. Gambia.

HEAD TO HEAD THIS SEASON.

MARINERS: 0 | 0 | 1

TECHNIQUE: 8 | 3 | 5

Technique 3-0.

LAST TIME: Round Twelve

Technique 5 d Marines 1

The preview for this game was written by Pat Zaunbrecher, one of the more well known senior women in the Association and she should know what she is talking about. Go for it Pat;

If both teams are at their full potential this will be an excellent game of hockey. Both teams are capable and play well as a team.

Both teams have a good blend of experience and talented young players.

Marea Corbett, the associations most talented and even tempered female players puts in 110% and encourages her team mates. Lianne Dalton on the back line and Terri Burke in the mid-field make a formidable team.

Elaine Grey, always a great player, works well with her forwards and encourages her young team mates. Vicky Thornton is also up there with her. The Lindop Sister, Agnes and Rowena, are a challenge to and forward.

I wish both teams could win but unfortunately only one can.
Good luck to all players.

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Thank-you Pat. I agree that this could be one great game of hockey to watch and I hope that all of the men hang around to watch this game.

Technique have not lost a game all year and they are going for the no loss record and I think they can do it. Mariners have had a good year, they must have if they are in the final.

Marea Corbett, Terri Burke and the mother of the Technique

team, Dalton and the Gran'ma Glenda Stokes in the back line are going to be the people to watch for Tech. While Elaine Grey, Vicky Thornton and the Sisters Lindop will be the one's to keep and eye on from Mariners.

Best of luck to both teams but I'm afraid for Mariners that this will not be the year for them. They will have to wait for the next as Technique will win this game 3-2.