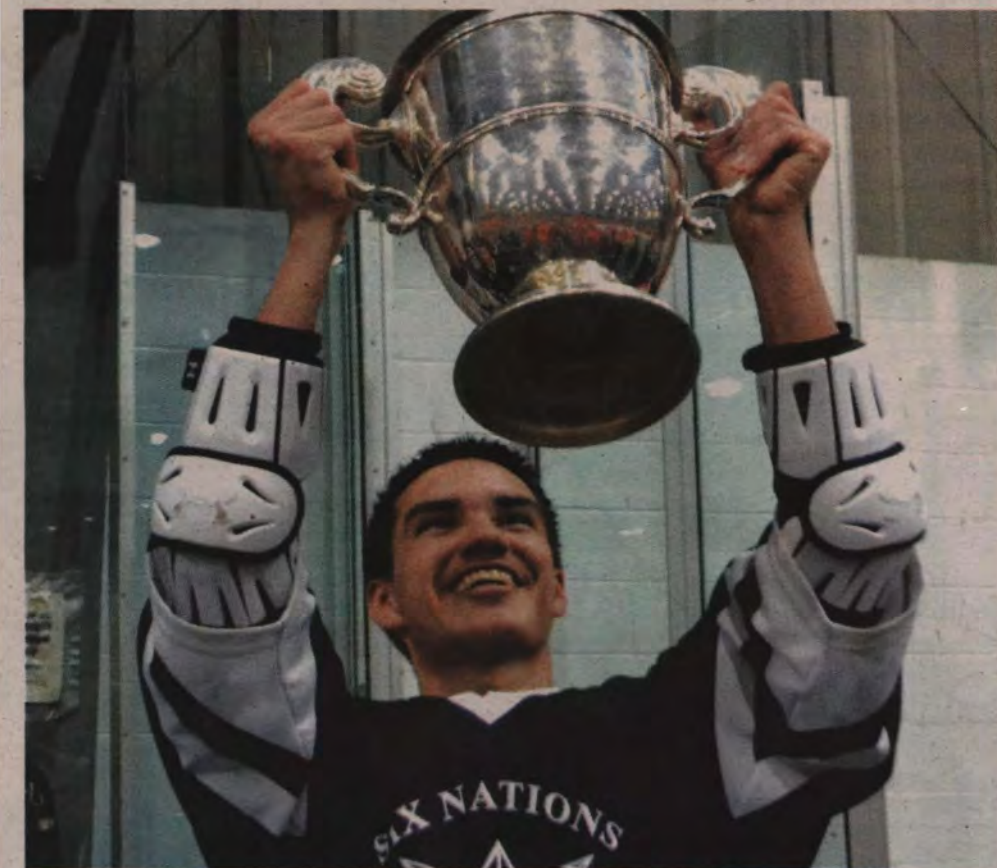


Arrows celebrate with fans second straight Minto Cup



Arrows' Josh Johnson, Haodas Maraale, Leo Stouros, Brendan Bomberry, Greg Longboat and Jordan Durston eagerly accept the Minto Cup and get ready to share it on the ILA floor with their teammates, family and loyal fans. (Photo By Neil Becker)



Six Nations Arrows veteran Greg Longboat triumphally hoists the prestigious Minto Cup. Arrows captain Brendan Bomberry who had four points in the clinching game was named tournament MVP. (Photo By Neil Becker)

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Those final few seconds couldn't tick away fast enough for the super excited Six Nations Arrows and their vocal loyal fans who celebrated history in the making with their sec-

ond straight Minto Cup victory and first one on Six Nations territory.

"It's just a surreal feeling, Really hard to believe," an elated Arrows goalie Doug Jamieson said moments after what was a Minto Cup series clinching 9-4

Game 6 win against the same opponent they beat last year in Coquitlam Adanacs. "For the whole series the crowd support was awesome. They are the best fans."

Also singing strong praises for the diehard Six

Nations Arrows fans was Arrows captain Brendan Bomberry who had a goal and three points in the clinching victory.

"This one (Minto Cup) takes the cake because we were playing in front of our fans at home," Bomberry who scored nine goals and

did and to win it is unbelievable. The crowd really motivated us and they are awesome and really helped us out."

Six Nations who also needed six games a year ago in winning their first Minto Cup since 2007 didn't panic this year after

able to contain them after that and beat them."

Rebounding in dramatic form the Arrows' Ryan Lee found himself playing role of hero as he scored the eventual overtime winner in a 9-8 contest which now made it a best of five series. "The crowd really moti-



Six Nations sharp shooter Austin Staats gets ready to rifle another hard shot on goal during the Minto Cup Game 6 clincher held at a packed ILA. (Photo By Neil Becker)



That regulation time clock couldn't count down fast enough for the Six Nations Arrows as they enthusiastically celebrate moments after clinching a second straight Minto Cup. (Photo By Neil Becker)

17 points in Minto Cup action and was named MVP said. "We've all played this 1,000 times in our backyard or at least I definitely

dropping the series opener by a 9-7 score.

"That first game was like a feeling out process," Bomberry said. "We were

vated us and they are the best fans," Bomberry said of what was a come from behind win.

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Arrow players have strong praise for their loyal fans

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Continuing to be pumped by their die hard fans the Arrows looked to be in the driver's seat as they took the series lead by an 8-5 score which was answered the next game by a resilient Coquitlam squad who evened up the series 2-2 courtesy of a hard fought 5-4 nail biter.

Naturally each game brought on that much more

significance and the Arrows managed to avoid any potential of a Game 7 by pulling off consecutive 8-2 and of course the 9-4 win which earned them the right to once again triumph ally hoist the Minto Cup while celebrating with excited fans and family alike who poured on afterwards to the ILA floor.

Coming up clutch with a

five point performance in that Minto Cup clinching game was both Austin

"It's an unreal feeling" Jordan Durston

Staats who finished with eight goals and 19 points in the six Minto Cup games along with Jordan Durston who scored two goals including the series last one while also getting some strong praise from Arrows coach Pat Merrill.

"It's an unreal feeling," Durston who was part of last year's Minto Cup team said. "With about 10 minutes left I kept on looking up at the clock every 30 seconds or so. "It's just unreal to win it in front of your family and friends."

Seizing some early momentum Six Nations got first period goals from Staats, Brendan Bomberry,

Durston and Josh Johnson as they took a 4-1 lead into the second and never looked back.

"They are both very special. I don't want to compare," Arrows Josh Johnson said when reflecting on the two straight Minto Cup wins. "Just feels great to win it in front of our fans and the community."

Six Nations who continued to get stellar goaltend-

ing from Jamieson increased their lead with two second period goals from Staats and Ryan Fournier before wrapping up the offence in the third with Ryan Lee scoring twice before Durston scored that final goal in front of an ILA crowd ready to explode with anticipation and celebrate with their beloved heroes the consecutive Minto Cup champions Six Nations Arrows.