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CAPILANO COLLEGE Blues player Rod Schenoni (left) was named most valuable player for B.C. Colleges Soccer League as the North Vancouver team blanked Ahunatic of Montreal 6-0 in the Canadian College Athletic Association men's soccer final this weekend.

## CAPILANO COLLEGE

# Men's soccer Blues win Canadian championship

RAYMOND PANG scored in the first minute as Capilano College Blues went on to destroy Ahunatic College of Quebec 6-0 in the Canadian College Athletic Association men's soccer final on Saturday.

Capilano's winning goal resulted from a free-kick just outside the box from Stefano Mattarollo, headed into an open net by defender Pang.

"We have a set play where I'm the first to run along the box after a free-kick," said Pang, "then all I have to do is jump up and head the ball in. They were fairly slack in covering me, I was sure surprised."

There was no looking back as the Blues went on to score five more times on goals from Jason Charles, Rod Schenoni, Adrian Collery and two from Rob Reed.

Reed, who plays for the Edmonton Brickmen of the Canadian Soccer League, had an outstanding playoff and was named MVP.

Back-up goalkeeper Brad Baker of Capilano got the shut-out as he was forced to play in the final. Starting keeper Karim Tejani sat out as a result of a red card he received in the playoff semi-final.

Ahunatic fielded a talented group of players; however, they played as individuals, not as a team.

"They did not adjust their game," said third-year assistant

coach Vince Alvano, "there was no way they were going to beat us going into the middle. Their game was dependent on a couple of good players getting loose."

Friday, Capilano blasted the North Alberta Institute of Technology 4-0 in the semi-finals.

Jason Bermudez, Mario Montagliani, Jason Charles and Rob Reed did the damage for Capilano all in the first-half.

Once again the Blues stuck to their game-plan, not allowing the opposition any chances to score.

"All season our ability to recover from mistakes has been one of our strong points," said Blues coach Joe Iacobellis, "even Saturday we weren't flawless, our team listens to and respects our coaching staff, then adjusts their game."

"The players have to be good friends and trust each other. They will cover for each other if somebody is out of position, and they won't point fingers afterwards."

It was the first Canadian championship for Capilano after being in the Nationals for three of the past five years.

The year did not start out well

for Capilano however, losing all their pre-season games.

Iacobellis and Alvano made some changes to their back-field and especially tried to instill confidence in their squad.

"We were worried our players would lack confidence; we both knew they had the talent to win it all," said Iacobellis.

"I think our greatest accomplishment was that we really improved so much; higher quality players have a much more difficult time improving their game."

The CCAA All-Tournament Team players named from B.C. were: Reed, Pang, Eamon Ward and Rod Schenoni from Capilano and Kevin Hooper and Pat Rhode from Malaspina.

The final seemed somewhat anti-climactic compared with the battle Capilano had with BCIT to determine who would go on to the Nationals.

Both teams went undefeated in the British Columbia Athletic Association regular season, playing to a 1-1 tie a month ago, but it was Capilano who came out ahead of a 1-0 score last week in the BCCAA final.

Capilano scored 15 goals and allowed none in the CCAA Tournament. Rod Schenoni was voted MVP for the 1988 BCCAA regular season.