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Varsity soccer players gain top honors

Cap College Blues' Silvana Burtini, Tony Mobilio named Athletes of the Year

SOCCKER PLAYERS dominated the first-ever athletic awards banquet at Capilano College, held last weekend at the college's North Vancouver campus, as both male and female Athlete of the Year awards went to members of the Blues varsity soccer squads.

By A.P. McCredie
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Silvana Burtini, named top striker at the provincial tournament last fall, was named Female Athlete of the Year for her outstanding season leading the lady Blues to a league-winning season (6-1). Burtini, a practising member of the national team, scored 12 goals in seven league games. The 23-year-old

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kinesiology student was the No. 1 selection to the women's BCCAA all-conference team, and was also selected as a CCAA all-Canadian award winner.

On the men's side, the Blues' three-year veteran Tony Mobilio was named Male Athlete of the Year. Like Burtini, Mobilio enjoyed a stellar season, scoring eight goals during the Blues' league-leading season (7-1). He was selected as a BCCAA all-conference first team player, and — along with teammate Nico Berg — as a recipient of a CCAA all-Canadian award. A highlight of Mobilio's season was a hat trick against BCIT in the third annual Presidents' Cup match.

Both Burtini and Mobilio also

received Scholar Athlete Certificates. Fifteen other student-athletes also won these awards, given to athletes who achieved a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 in the fall term. These 17 athletes comprise almost a third of the total number of Capilano Blues team members.

The Male Scholar Athlete of the year was awarded to Berg, a midfielder with the men's soccer team. Berg joined teammate Mobilio as a member of the first team BCCAA all-Conference and as a winner of a CCAA all-Canadian award. Berg will be competing with the junior national team in the Francophone Games in Paris this July.

Lisa Armstrong, of Vernon, was the winner of the Female Scholar Athlete of the Year award. The 24-year-old student in the legal assistant program played both forward and defender on the lady Blues soccer team.

In her address to the athletes at the banquet, college registrar Dianna Larsen mentioned a recent Simon Fraser University study which found that students who participate in school athletics are generally more successful in terms of their careers and in their contributions to society than those students who do not play sports while in school.

She also noted that the grade-point average of the student athletic body for the 1992 fall term was the highest in the history of the college.

Other award winners included:

● **Team MVP plaques:** Carla King (women's basketball); Mike Barber (men's basketball); Christy Kelland (women's soccer); and Darren Nott (men's soccer).

● **Special Team Awards:** Women's basketball — Karly McKay (most improved player); Adrienne Ng (best defensive player). Men's basketball — Darren Moscovitch (most improved/defensive player); Jeff Winslade (most dedicated player). Women's soccer — Susie Sutherland (most improved player); Maria Grieco (most dedicated player). Men's soccer — Danny Pecile (veteran award for distinguished service); Simon Tait (most dedicated player).



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LADY BLUES soccer player Silvana Burtini — seen here (left) in game against Malaspina — was named Female Athlete of the Year at Capilano College's inaugural athletic award banquet. Tony Mobilio, a standout player with the men's soccer squad, was named Male Athlete of the Year.

Finalists meet in season opener

THE NORTH Shore Men's Baseball League (NSMBL) will open its seventh season with a rematch of the two teams who played in last season's playoff final.

Yorkton will take on the 1992 NSMBL playoff champion Pirates on Tuesday, April 20, at Inter-River Park North on Premier Street.

The league is made up of seven teams which include Jack Lonsdale's, Queen's Cross, the Black Sox, the Keg and Skylights Only.

Each team plays 24 regular season games as well as mid-season and season-ending playoff tournaments.

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According to league president Mark Bodwell, most of the league's teams have already started their spring training.

"Last year was a highly successful season and we expect much the same this year," Bodwell said. The first five places in the

standings were not decided until the last week of play, with Jack Lonsdale's emerging as regular season champs.

"The league plays intermediate-level ball and it's very competitive, although not at the same level as the metro or premier leagues," Bodwell said.

The league will hold tryouts for new players on Sunday, April 4, at 1 p.m. on the top field at Inter-River.

Anyone interested in further information can call Bodwell at 984-7291.