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TRAVERSE DES SIOUX LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

OJIBWAY

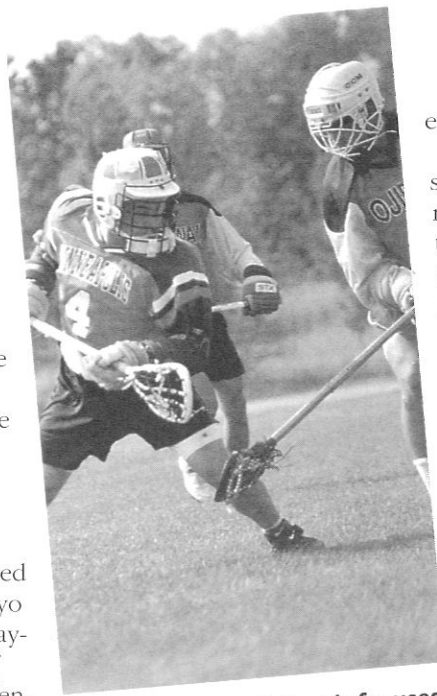
With help from numerous sponsors, the **FIRST ANNUAL TRAVERSE DES SIOUX LACROSSE TOURNAMENT** was established in Minnesota to benefit the Inner City Native American Youth Lacrosse League and to rekindle Native American and local youth interest in the sport.

The tournament is part of the festivities surrounding the Traverse des Sioux Treaty Encampment. The treaty itself marked a turning point in the local history of both the Native Americans and the European settlers. For the former it was the beginning of the end, and for the latter it was a new beginning. Despite the unfairness of some treaty provisions, Native Americans have celebrated the event to be put in touch with their roots and traditions.

"It is a symbolic experience for us", said Mike Gilbert, head coach and President of the Ojibway National Team.

The Ojibway, the Minneapolis Lacrosse Club and the Minnesota All-Star College team rounded out the September tournament played at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. The Ojibway won the tournament by defeating the All-Stars 8-6.

Dr. Tom Vennum, author of *American Indian Lacrosse: Little Brother of War*, presented awards to Roland Auroyo as the best offensive player, and Drew Radika of the All-Stars as best defensive player. The Ojibway Team is hoping that the tournament will help them export their lacrosse tradition to the Dakota and Sioux tribes in Minnesota. "Currently our closest competition is 400 miles away, so we would definitely like to see more Native American teams



Chris "Tapper" Smith focuses in on a ground ball against the Ojibway.

evolve," said Gilbert.

The tournament was sponsored and organized by members of the Minnesota Chapter of the Lacrosse Foundation. Equipment and awards were donated by Brine and Bacharach Rasin. Corporate sponsorships, entry fees, T-shirt sales and a pledge drive by the players of the college All-Star team raised more than \$1200 for the Inner City Lacrosse project.

The event was also complemented by a historical reenactment of the

"round-stick" version of lacrosse, which was played by the Dakota during the 1851 treaty negotiations. The tournament players participated in the reenactment of the game by using traditional homemade sticks fashioned by stick-maker Bud Davids.

Keith Burke, President and Captain of the Minneapolis Lacrosse Club, sums up the weekend. "For the players it was extremely interesting to learn about the roots of the game we play. In all, the weekend provided both an exciting and cultural experience for players and fans, new and old."

- **Brian Woods**

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LAKE TAHOE

Hawaii wins Lake Tahoe

Lake Tahoe, NV - The **4TH ANNUAL LAKE TAHOE TOURNAMENT** was held in North Lake late in August. The lake, mountains, trees and entertainment (casinos) attracted 300 players and friends. Hawaii defeated Moondoggies of La Jolla, CA, the defending Champions, 8-4. The best thing about this tournament is the fund-raising that the alumni teams do and the new teams that will be coming into our Northern California Club Association in 1995. Tahoe Dawgs, East Bay (all California players) and Oakland will all be added to our 10-team spring season. Fun was the order for the entire weekend.

- **Carl Steiner**