Crimson Panthers and Derp Dynasty Capture Broomball Championships
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After a long and grueling season of intramural broomball, two teams have walked away from it all with championships as both Crimson Panthers and Derp Dynasty outlasted their opponents to win in their respective leagues.
In the co-rec division, four teams entered the night of December 3rd with championship aspirations.
In one semifinal, top seeded Crimson Panthers faced off against fifth seeded Rolltiders. In the early goings, Rolltiders were playing evenly with the top team in the league, and the score was knotted at two after the first period. However, in the second and third period Crimson Panthers established their dominance. Danielle Smith scored twice while the Crimson Panthers defense held up their end of the bargain on their way to a 5-2 victory.

In the other semifinal, the shocker of the tournament was Fireballz, a number 15 seed overall that came over from the co-rec recreational division and had already scored two upsets over Broom Brawlers and The Perfume en route to the semifinals. Their opponents were third seeded Eskimo Family, and despite a solid effort from Fireballz, the experienced Eskimo Family proved to be too as goalie Billy Farr pitched a 3-0 shutout. That pitted Crimson Panthers against Eskimo Family in the championship contest. In the first period, both teams’ defenses stood out and neither team was able to create many scoring opportunities. Farr and Casey Holden were solid in goal not allowing their opponents to get anything cheap with so much on the line.
In the second period however, scoring chances began to open up and both teams were just inches away several times from scoring. Finally late into the second, Mady Paul struck the first goal of the contest to give Eskimo Family a 1-0 lead.

The final period saw intense action as both teams tried to avoid the crucial mistake that would lead to a goal for their opponent. With time ticking away, it seemed as though Paul’s goal in the second would be enough for Eskimo Family to walk away with a championship, however Crimson Panthers were not willing to go down without a fight.

Late into the third period with the clock ticking down, Crimson Panther’s Ryan Kasterke notched a goal to save the season for his team and tie the score up at one. Just a few minutes later, Chad Smith added a goal of his own and just like that the Crimson Panthers had stormed all the way back to take a 2-1 lead. Holden would make one final save in the final ten seconds on Eskimo Family’s final attempt, and that would seal the championship for Crimson Panthers capping off an undefeated season.

“We don’t lose that’s our team motto, so we just weren’t going to let it happen,” said Smith. “I feel like we outplayed them the whole game so I felt like we deserved it.”

“That makes two in a row and the second one always feels better,” added Holden referencing his team’s back-to-back championships in co-rec broomball. “We knew that because the other team had a couple of hockey players, that we’d have a challenge in front of us.”

Meanwhile, the men’s competitive division also crowned their champions, and it too was a repeat of previous seasons.

Despite losing a game in the regular season and having only the number three overall seed, Derp Dynasty still was looked at as the favorites going into the tournament.

In the semifinals, the defending champions used a balanced attack to take out previously unbeaten Charnugs 5-1.

Their opponents would be the top seeded Snipe Chirp Cele who disposed of recreational champions Icebrawlerz 8-1 in the other semifinal.
The matchup was one that many expected to take place, and it figured to be a classic between two competitive and evenly matched teams. However, DJ Mizzoni turned what could have been a classic matchup into a beat down. Mizzoni scored five of the eight goals for Derp Dynasty, and their defense was solid all game long as Derp Dynasty picked up yet another broomball champions, defeating Snipe Chrip Cele 8-1.