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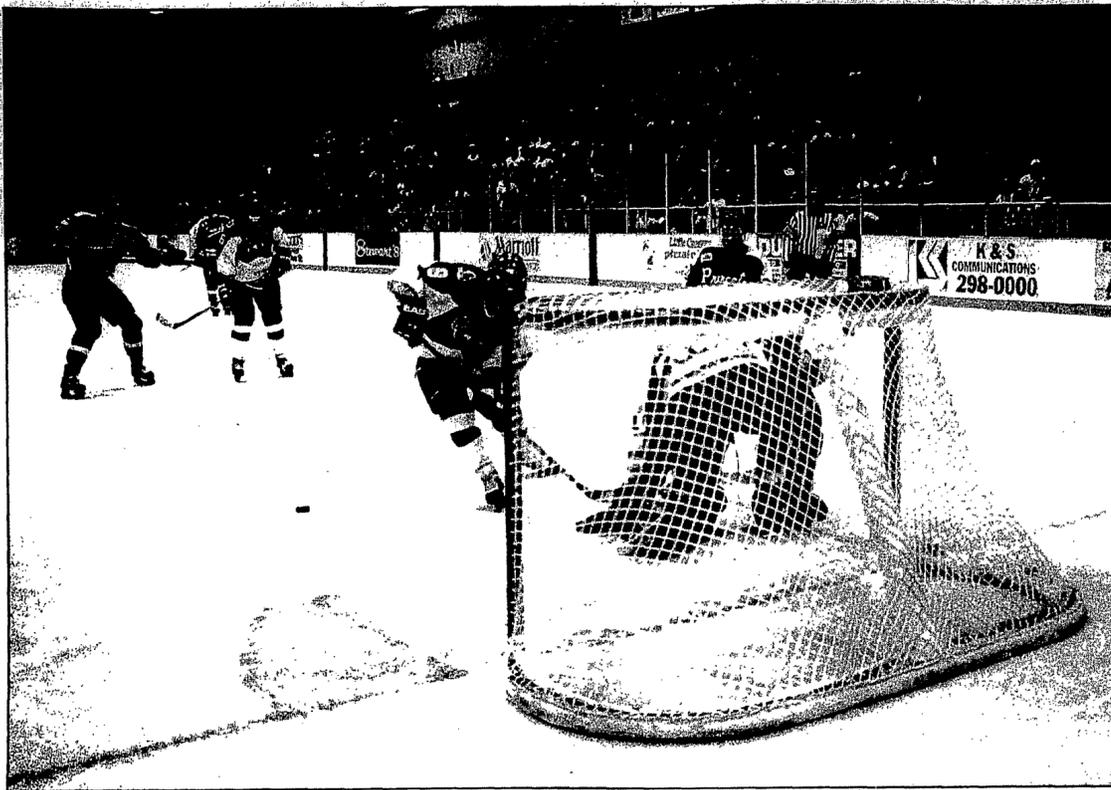
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## Powerful Tigers feast on Cardinals



Plattsburgh State's Jeff Azar (9) is unable to get control of the puck in front of Princeton netminder Erasmo Saitorelli during the first period of Sunday's hockey game at the Stafford Ice Arena.

Photo/Scott Hite

## Division I Princeton shuts out Plattsburgh 8-0 in Stafford opener

By JOHN CORYER Staff Writer

PLATTSBURGH — It wasn't so much a case of the Plattsburgh State men's hockey team playing that poorly Sunday night.

Division I Princeton was — and is — that good.

The Tigers, who have been practicing for only a week, made good on their quality shots and skated to an 8-0 victory over the Cardinals. The game was Plattsburgh's 1995-96 opener at the Stafford Ice Arena and drew a crowd 2,085.

"The offense is there — we're just not putting the puck in the net," Cardinals head coach Bob Emery said of his 0-2 team. "Once we got settled in on our power play, we moved the puck around well, and I thought we did a great job killing penalties."

The Tigers held a modest 30-25 advantage in shots on goal, and Plattsburgh dinged the post three times, twice in the second period and once in the third, while coming up empty.

"After we hit the post for the third time, I looked at Houley (Plattsburgh assistant coach Kevin Houle) and just laughed," Emery said. "We were a little

unlucky at times, but I believe you have to make your own breaks.

"What bothered me the most about this game was that we made mental mistakes that resulted in Princeton scoring four goals.

"That's not taking anyone away from Princeton because they have a good team. But we hurt ourselves with mistakes."

The Tigers grabbed an early 2-0 advantage in the first period. Kevin Sheehan, taking advantage of a Cardinals turnover, beat Plattsburgh netminder Pat O'Neil with a slapshot at 1:57 to open the scoring.

Than at 5:19, Brian Horst jabbed the puck past O'Neil from in close.

Princeton held the upper hand in play early in the game before Plattsburgh settled down and played the Tigers tough the rest of the period.

Any thoughts of Plattsburgh winning the game were dashed in the second period when the Tigers added three more goals for a 5-0 edge.

Robbie Sinclair scored off a nice centering pass from linemate Matt Brush at 4:00, Syl

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## Trophy tops off Braves' mound success

By BEN WALKER AP Baseball Writer

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves always had the best pitching in baseball. Now, they've got the World Series trophy to prove it.

Tom Glavine, somewhat of a forgotten man on a staff that included Greg Maddux, finished off the quest that began five seasons ago, becoming the Series MVP by shutting down the Cleveland Indians 1-0 in the clincher Saturday night.

"A one-hitter in the sixth game of the World Series has got to be the best," Braves pitching coach Leo Mazzone said. "One little bloop single.

"What Tommy did was put the stamp on five years of great pitching."

Actually, the entire Atlanta staff shackled the power-hitting Indians throughout the Series. Former NL playoff MVPs Steve Avery and John Smoltz, relief ace Mark Wohlers, closer-turned-setup man Alejandro Pena, Greg McMichael, Pedro Borbon, all of them.

Facing the team that had led the majors in hitting, scoring and home runs, the Braves held the Indians to a paltry .179 batting average. Shut out only three times all year, Cleveland managed just a soft single by Tony Pena against Glavine and Wohlers in Game 6.

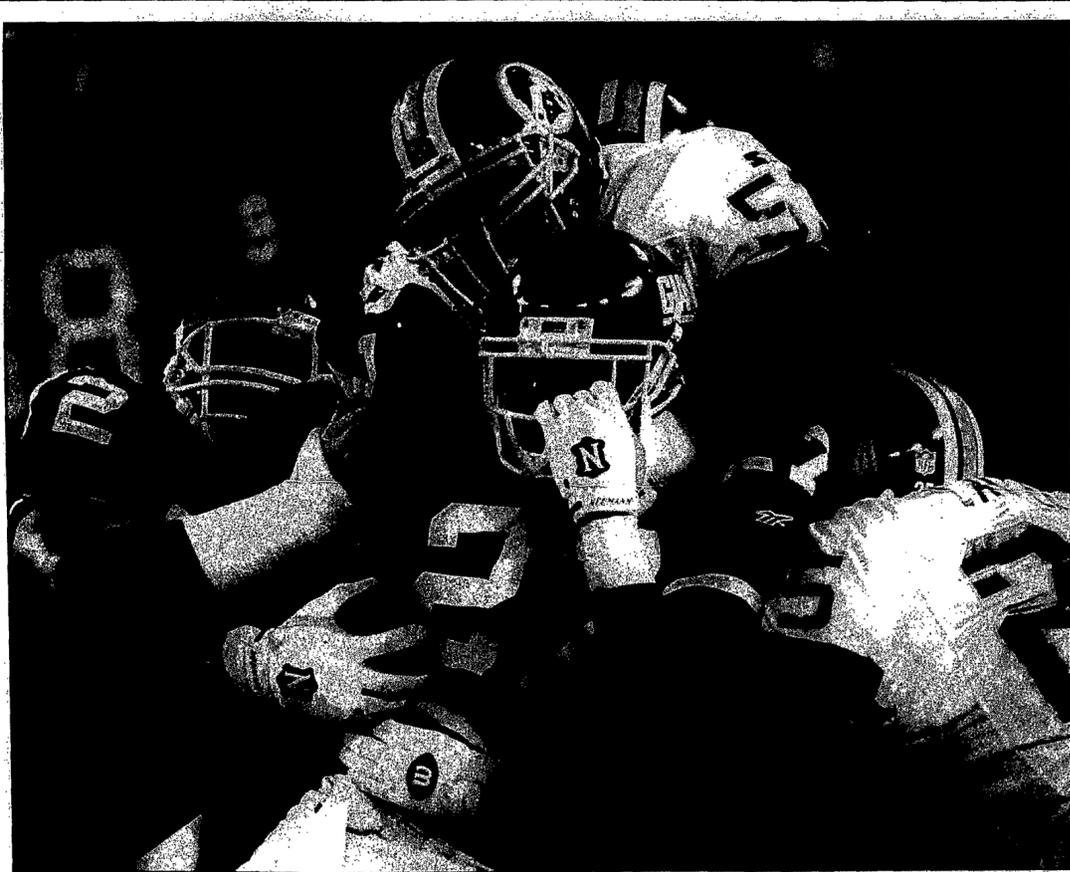
"It's as good as it gets," said Glavine, who worked the first eight innings. "It's been a long time coming for all of us. I wanted to win this as badly as anything I wanted to win in my life."

Glavine leads the majors in wins during the last five years with 91, one more than Maddux, and has one Cy Young to show for it. But it's been Maddux, sure to win his fourth straight Cy Young this season, who's gotten most of the credit on the staff that annually leads the majors in ERA.

"He's the best pitcher I've ever seen," Glavine said.

Maddux was masterful in Game 1, limiting Albert Belle, Carlos Baerga and the rest of the Indians to two hits. Glavine did him even one better in the clin-

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New York's Rodney Hampton (27) leans for extra yardage against Washington's Marcus Patton (53) and Tom Carter (25).

AP Photo

## Gift points lift Giants in turnover festival

By JOSEPH WHITE AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — The New York Giants took everything the Washington Redskins had to give. It was more than enough.

The Giants scored 17 first-half points off four Washington turnovers, and also took advantage of wide open receivers and sloppy tackling in a 24-15 victory Sunday night.

The former NFC East powers, shadows of their past Super Bowl selves, had trouble stopping each other, but frequently stopped themselves with seven combined turnovers.

The Giants led 24-3 at halftime. They could have had more, were it not for two fumbles deep in Redskins territory. In the second half, the Giants offense was unable to sit on the lead, gaining only 57 yards as Washington mounted a com-

eback. The tone was set on the game's opening drive. The Redskins were moving the ball with ease — 48 yards in four plays — when Marc Logan bobbled Gus Frerotte's swing pass into the hands of safety Vencie Glenn, who returned the interception 75 yards untouched for a touchdown.

Eddie Murray's 47-yard field goal on the Redskins' next series made it 7-3. The Giants came back with a 13-play drive that ended when Rodney Hampton, with a clear path to the end zone, fumbled it away for a touchdown.

It was Hampton's fourth fumble since he broke his right hand against the 49ers on Oct. 1. Earlier in the series, Hampton, who was wearing a splint to protect the hand, overtook Joe Morris to become the Giants' career rushing leader.

Three plays after Hampton's

fumble, Gus Frerotte (22-for-44, 345 yards, four interceptions) telegraphed a pass while under pressure, giving Giants cornerback Phillippi Sparks an easy interception at the Redskins' 16. But on the next play, tight end Brian Kozlowski fumbled at the 10 to give the ball back.

Frerotte's third interception came when Jamal Duff batted a pass to fellow lineman Michael Strahan, who returned it 62 yards to the Redskins' 2. Two plays later, rookie Tyrone Wheatley ran through Stanley Richard's tackle for a 1-yard TD run to make it 14-3 early in the second quarter.

It took two gifts of poor coverage from the Redskins for the Giants to score their next touchdown. Left wide open by the Washington secondary, Chris Calloway dropped a pass deep over the middle. On the next play, Mike Sherrard was left alone by his cousin, Red-

skins cornerback Darrell Green, for a 58-yard TD reception from Dave Brown (11-for-22, 139 yards).

The Redskins then drove within the Giants' 30 before receiver Tydus Winans was stripped by Glenn, who also recovered the fumble. The Giants (3-5) followed with a 13-play drive that resulted in Brad Daluiso's 31-yard field goal.

The Redskins (3-6) continued to move the ball well the second half, dominating time of possession and yardage, but had only a touchdown and a field goal to show for it.

Logan's 3-yard TD run made it 24-12 late in the third quarter, and Murray kicked a 27-yard field goal in the fourth. Thomas Randolph came up with the Giants' fourth interception when he stole the ball from receiver Olanda Truitt late in the game.

## Card women earn NCAA trip

By JOHN CORYER Staff Writer

OSWEGO — They're in!

A determined effort by the Plattsburgh State women's soccer team in Sunday's consolation game of the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association tournament paid off in more than just a 1-0 victory over Ithaca.

The Cardinals learned late Sunday night that they were selected to participate in the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Championships for the first time.

Jaime Retersdorf's overtime goal gave the Cardinals, who bounced back from Saturday's disappointing 1-0 loss to Cortland, the win over Ithaca, which went into the state tourney as the No. 1 seed.

Brockport went to a penalty-kick shootout to defeat Cortland, 1-0, in the championship game of the state tourney. Since the Brockport vs. Cortland game goes into the books as a tie, that may have helped Plattsburgh get into the NCAA Tourney.

Neither Brockport nor Cortland were chosen to the 20-team NCAA field despite their strong showing at the state tourney.

The Cardinals swing into action Wednesday at Williams College (Massachusetts) in the first round. Should Plattsburgh win that game, the Cardinals travel to William Smith College over the weekend.

"It was a hard weekend," Plattsburgh State head coach Karen Wiley said.

"We played two 120-minute games, and players like Laura Ray didn't step off the field. Ithaca is a good team, and we played real well. Actually, the team was exhausted; they played their hearts out."

The game-winning goal came at 9:48 of the first overtime.

"Ithaca has a real good sweeper, and Jaime got the ball and managed to beat her," Wiley said.

"The sweeper overcommitted, and Jaime got about 10 yards by her before scoring from 12 yards out. She wasn't looking to put it in the corner — she just drove it in the net."

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