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# JOCK TALK

We have previously heard of and experienced deafening silences but we have never noticed one as marked as that which greeted the U. de Moncton's go-ahead goal at 1.54 of the overtime on Sunday. Up to that discouraging moment the ancient forum had rocked with cacophonous din as our Panthers struggled on even terms with the national champions. It being "Noisemaker's Night" that damn oil drum was banged throughout and, combined with sundry horns and whatever else could produce the most discordant noises, kept the arena in continuous uproar. The after-game consumption of headache treating aspirin must have been tremendous. We don't know if it was a contributing factor but the game was the most exciting of the year and, we thought, the standard of play the best we have seen in quite some time. The only real fault we can find is that, to ua, the wrong team won. As in most games we were left with some wonderings. We regretted a dodier injury to Currie and we wondered at the game misconduct and expulsion of Bob Hicks in an possibly related incident where Moncton's Dodier was the obvious aggressor. However, the referee was on the ice and we weren't and, we must admit to prejudice. Doug Currie opened the scoring at 6.52 of the first and we led by that as the second period started. Francois Besette ev ende it for them early in the middle period but we again went ahead on a pretty goal by Albert Roch (welcome back Albert) midway in the period and we led 2-1 as that period

(We'd probably be leading the league if we had two period games) In the final period they tied the game up with but five minutes to go and scored the winner early in the overtime. The silence was oppressive, as the Panthers pressed, Moncton added two for a final 5-2 score, which result was not at all indicative of the play. We have seen few intercollegiate games in which the goalkeeping was as outstanding as this one. Time after time each goalkeeper made saves that would indicated that St. Jude favoured both. Play throughout was wide open as each goalie faced 35 shots in regulation time. Moncton outshot us 7-5 in the overtime including one into a Gomez less net. After a turn-around of a 6-2 win over U.N.B. the previous weekend on a technicality and obvious mis-understanding we really needed a win as our record is now 7-7-1 instead of 8-6-1. The Panthers now face a hard schedule as in its next six games five will be on the road against tough opposition...two at S.M.U. this weekend, Dal. and St. F.X. on 5 and 6 Feb. and at Moncton on the 9th Mount A. will be here on 25th Jan. We need better than a split in these games to achieve post-season play. Our Lady Panthers travelled afar over the weekend visiting both Fredericton and Main. They lost to U.N.B. Red Bloomers (nationally rated #10) as Dale Ann Frman led the way for us with 18. The team then travelled on to Machias for a games with the U. of Maine there and, sad to say, we lost again! The Pantherettes sustained a most serious loss during the week when, in practise, leading scorer Colleen Rossiter suffered a ligament injury which me-

cessated surgery and hospitalization. It is feared that she is lost to the team for the season. She'll be missed! On Tuesday night the team took on Mount Allison in the Sackville gym and won a thrilling game in overtime by a 64-60 score. We trailed at the half 32-30 but, spear-headed by Sue Betts 22 points and Libby Bladwin's 21, the score at the end of regulation time was even, players went on to their 4 point triumph. Next home game will be against the St. Mary's Belles on Sunday at 6 p.m. The Basketball Panthers, needing a split but in hopes of a sweep, also travelled to U.N.B. over the weekend. The first game they trailed 45-43 at the half but, with the lead frequently changing hands, finally emerged victors by an 81-77 score. Curtis Brown led with 18, while Norman Tyronne was right behind with 16. Starting the second game we son the tip-off, the ball went to a corner, we make a bad pass, they scored and, from then on, it was all downhill as we could never recover and play to our potential. It was 43-30 at the half and we lost 97-63 for our worst loss of the season. It was just one of those games in which everything went sour. Tejan Alleyne's 16 was high for us. It was a happier story in Sackville where the Panthers took an early lead and never looked back as they posted an 82-57 win over Mount Allison. Curtis Brown was high with 16 while Tyronne Norman and Mike Morgan were right behind with him. Next game here will be on Sunday at 8 p.m. against Garv

Heald's league leading 14 each.

We note that the Student Union Male and Female "Athlete of the Month" awards have been given to Libby Baldwin, Colleen Rossiter, Trevor Crawford and a joint one to J.F. Painchaud and Scott Neil who were tied in the vote for their soccer play. Congratulations to all!

We note that the C.I.A.U. ratings are out. Playing in the RFSST league in the country Moncton, who have been national champions for two years and are 11-1 for the season, rate only #3. Dalhousie, the only team to beat Moncton in league play, are accorded not better than a #7 rating. Men's Basketball is even more ridiculous! Saint Mary's lead their league with a 5-1 record are rated #10. Dalhousie, right behind S.M.U., with 4-1 is rated #3 while St. F.X. #4 in the league are rated as #8. Dave Nutbrown's Acadia, third in the standings, is not rated. It MUST be the Central Canada Syndrome!

HOCKEY

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Moncton	11	1	0	94	36	22
Dalhousie	11	2	0	76	46	22
St. Mary's	8	5	0	66	46	16
UPEI	7	7	1	67	71	15
Mt. Allison	6	6	1	64	66	13
Acadia	6	7	1	66	75	13
St. FX	4	8	1	45	65	9
UNB	4	11	0	62	82	8
St. Thomas	2	11	0	52	96	4

Men's Basketball

	W	L	F	A	Pct.
St. Mary's	5	1	434	390	.833
Dalhousie	4	1	427	377	.800
Acadia	3	3	425	454	.500
St. FX	2	2	361	338	.500
UPEI	2	2	337	332	.500
UNB	3	4	563	506	.455
Mount Allison	0	6	406	556	.000

Women's Basketball

	W	L	F	A	PTS.
UNB	7	0	538	372	14
Memorial	5	3	415	450	10
Dalhousie	4	1	293	184	8
St. Mary's	3	3	372	395	6
St. FX	2	2	183	142	4
UPEI	2	4	316	357	4
Acadia	0	4	172	220	0
Mt. Allison	0	6	249	418	0