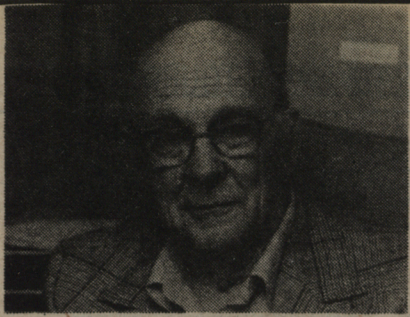


GO Panthers GO!!

JOCK TALK



By Mickey Place

We'll start with the most successful... our Volleyball team started off the season in great style by taking a pair from last year's divisional winners from St.F.X. In the first contest on Friday night, the team dropped the first game 11-15 but rallied to win three straight, 15-3, 15-10, and 15-5. On Saturday X nearly walloped us in three straight as they took the first two by 15-11 scores and the third game went into extra pts. before we managed to pull it out 16-14 (Whew, that was close) and from then on there was no stopping the Pantherettes as they won by 15-5 and 15-4 scores. This gives us a 2-0 record and puts us in a tie for first place with MUN and Acadia. No home action is scheduled until 5 Febuary and they play, in Acadia, on 4 and 5 of December. The Lady Basketball Panthers flew off to St. John's where they split a pair with Memorial. The high scoring Beothuk Sisters(?) went on a scoring rampage in the Saturday game and led by 20 points at one stage of the game. Our heroines managed to struggle back but were unable to catch up and bowed out 68-57 with Colleen Rossiter leading the way for us with a strong game and 20 points. Sunday's game was a different story as we jumped to a quick lead and led 33-26 at the half. The Memorial girls rallied fast in the final session to come close but Cathy Chandler's two baskets during the final critical moments sewed up the game for us as we won 64-55. This portion of the schedual is hard for us as the girls travel again this weekend to the

mainland where they will play St. F.X. on Friday and Dal on Saturday. They'll close out the semester at home on 4 and 5 December when they play hostess to Moncton and S.M.U.

The Basketball Panthers (male edition) had a relaxing weekend as they outclassed the visiting U of Maine team from Presque Isle in two games that gave the Panther bench great opportunities for action. Our team was so much better than theirs as our potatoes outclass their Aroostook Valley ones! In Saturday's game we led 43-36 at the half and coasted to a 93-74 win as Chris Summer's 16 points was high for us. On Sunday it was 62-39 at the half and 120-67 at game's end. Bruce Campbell led the UPEI squad with 21. We were particularly intrigued with the actions of Greg Thorne as he jumped and waved his arms to frustrate the Maine players when they were trying to get the ball into play from the sidelines! The fun is over for our boys after their succession of exhibition games and they'll start the earnest action on Friday night in Antigonish as they open the league with a game against X (who have already beaten them on a neutral court) and then trave on to Halifax for a game with Dalhousie.

Our hockey team, after winning 5 in a row made it 6 in their first game against a tough U.N.B. Red Devil team but had a bad first period in the second game and dropped back from the lone league lead to a tie with the pesky Mount Allison team. In the first game we played very well... scoring three goals in each of the first two periods and won 6-3. Perhaps we ran out of gas after two or perhaps, as we thought at the time,

we were just taking it easy as the Red Devils in the third period tested Avalino Gomez in the Panther nets with no less than 13 unsuccessful shots while we got nary a one on their net.

Single goals came from John Butler (a real "Picture" goal) Terry McKenna, Gary Trainor, Doug Currie while Norman Beck contributed two to the cause. In Saturday's game the first period was a Panther disaster as U.N.B. put four pucks behind Avilino Gomez with a reply from the Panthers. This we did not believe was possible... but it happened! The second period was even, as Terry McKenna blasted in one of his patented slap shots to make

it 1-5 and we owned the third as Dougie Currie got one and dependable Trevor Crawford flipped in a pair but our rally fell one short as we lost 5-4. Next action will be on Saturday night at 7:00 when the two teams sharing first place will be in a head-on collision. We expect there will be a big contingent of Mount A. fans cross Northumberland Strait to witness the battle for the league lead. We trust there'll be enough Panther Rooters there to drown out their noise. Go Panthers Go!! With the National Finals in the Maritimes this year winning the division seems more important than ever.

SPEAKING OUT

Dear Editor of "Sunshine" Writing in regard to my letter of Nov. 10, 1981, in "Speak out In Sports" on Balance or Dishonest.

In the universities in the Atlantic region regarding basketball. Many people have said there is a lot of Facts and Truth to what you say. Why change the system. My reason is - we are not back in the sixties or seventies when money was flowing around to help give education to students. Students who excell in sports alway have received some help from the university. Because universities can get a lot of publicity. It is nice to have a good basketball team not at this price, by winning at all costs. There is no end to this kind of thinking in Atlantic university Athletic Departments heads to me as a tax payer..

It is very dishonest to the universities in the Atlantic region in basketball particularly over the last 25 years in P.E.I. What I am trying to express in the shortest way take football today 5 universities play the game today. Because of the costs and because we needed imports to win at all costs - other sports will go the

same way. Our schools and high schools in the Atlantic region have been improving for years in basketball, why not try and help our younger students in the future in the Atlantic region to develop and to look forward to playing. Take hockey and soccer at UPEI. I congratulate the coaches because we have many Islanders playing on both teams. 70% or more, of the boys that play hockey and soccer in school and highschoools have something to look forward to and the publicity that they will give UPEI. Basketball can still get the same publicity and competition and will be just as keen with our own Atlantic Players and tuition on other benefits that is rightly theirs will go to them.

I would ask that the Student Body at UPEI further this cause to have the university set up a committee on this subject of basketball. And why I am calling the University dishonest, and why I am saying you will be paying more for your tuition, because of some peoples ambition at your expense. Win at all costs.

Thanking you for your time,

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