

# Panthers split with Dal : still No. 1

Panther guard Aion Pettigrew drives to the basket for two points. (Photo: Forston)

By The Shadow

The UPEI Men's basketball Panthers continued their winning ways last Wednesday defeating the Mount Allison Mounties 86-60 at Alumni Gymnasium.

The Mounties came out with a very deceiving trap defense, hoping to force the Panthers out of their regular offensive attack.

The two teams battled back and forth, with Mount Allison holding a slight edge for the first ten minutes.

Once the Panthers got warmed up, however, there was very little to hold UPEI back.

The UPEI press was extremely effective; the Panthers picked off pass after pass in the dying minutes of the first half to stretch a 2 point game to a

40-27 advantage at halftime.

In the second half, the Panthers maintained their lead at twenty points with consistent shooting and solid defense. The final score was 86-60.

Leading the Panthers' offensive attack was Tyrone Norman, with 17 points and 9 rebounds. Aion Pettigrew scored 15 points with 7 rebounds. Heading the rebounding statistics was Mark Roberts with 10 rebounds. Mark Hayden led the Mounties with 12 points.

The UPEI Men's basketball Panthers split their weekend games in Halifax with the Dalhousie Tigers, leading everyone to expect a drop in the rankings but the CIAU, who still poll the Panthers in the number one spot.

The Panthers, who acquired the ranking after their two victories over the Acadia Axemen two weeks ago, held on for a 67-62 win over the Tigers Friday night, but lost 65-61 in their Saturday afternoon game.

The players did not seem overly affected by the loss Saturday, however. The general reaction seemed to be relief — although the number one spot brings recognition, it also brings pressure — something the Panthers would rather not have right now.

Recapping the weekend games, the Panthers were led Friday night by T. J. Alleyne and Trevor Willock with 17 points apiece. The Panthers did not play up to par due mainly to the aggressive Tiger defense.

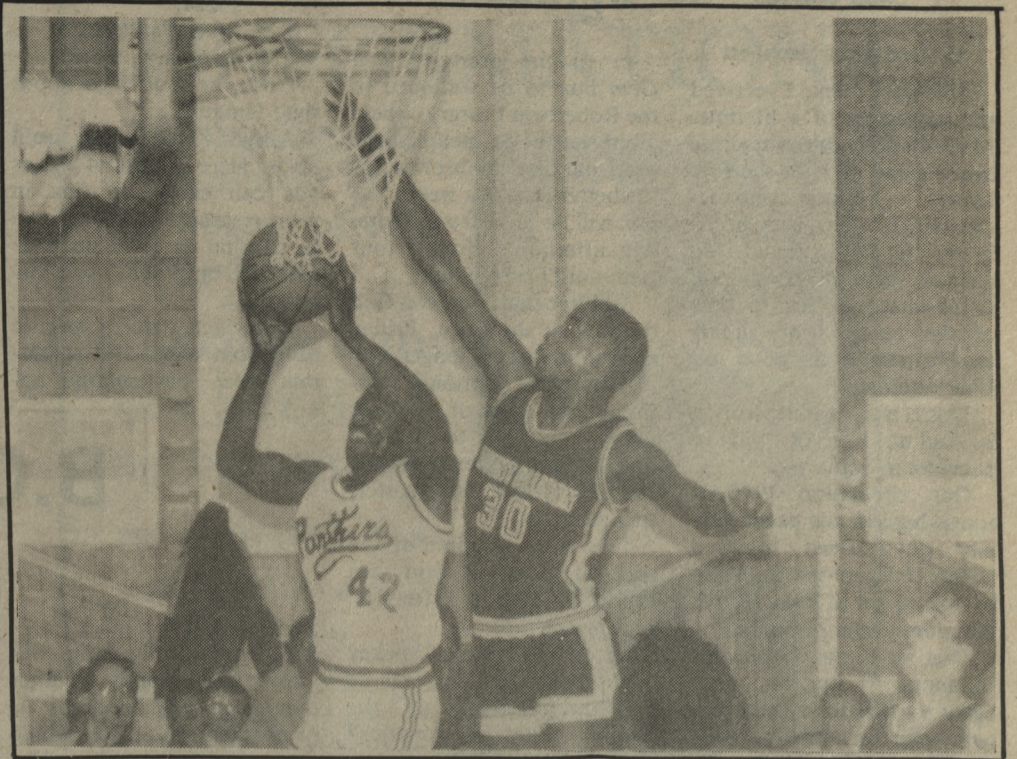
However, in the dying minutes, the Panthers exploded with several unanswered baskets to give them the victory.

However, the victory did have one crippling effect — Willock sprained his ankle, and his mobility was considerably affected by it, resulting in a mediocre performance Saturday afternoon.

The team as a unit has very little motivation to play, and ended up losing to the more aggressive Tigers' squad.

The Panthers' offense was led by Tyrone Norman with 17 points. T.J. Alleyne and Aion Pettigrew had 10 points each.

This weekend, the Panthers will be in Wolfville, Nova Scotia for a rematch against the Acadia Axemen.



## Lady Panthers win

By Nancy Ross

The Alumni Gym was the scene for some great basketball on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Panther fans were treated to a double-header in which both men's and women's teams were successful — the women over the non-ranked Mount Allison squad.

The Lady Panthers dominated the first half, for the most part. While UPEI's offense was scoring, its defense was having a strong game, holding Mount Allison to only 2 points to its 14, midway through the first half.

The team then picked up the pace even more in a relentless attack which frustrated

Mount Allison's players.

UPEI's defense thus far was working very well, holding Mount A to a low shooting percentage.

However, in the last several minutes of the first half UPEI's defense weakened, and Mount A finally had an opportunity to score some points.

At halftime the Lady Panthers led Mount Allison 22-12.

During the second half, UPEI came on strong, dominating Mount A's defense, but taking some questionable fouls which slowed down play.

The Panthers were victims of numerous turnovers, which again slowed their performance

and accuracy.

Still, Mount A was unsuccessful in catching the Lady Panthers; the final score was UPEI 60, Mount A. 42.

The points were equally distributed among the Lady Panthers in a total team effort.

Coach Dave MacNeill gave all his team members the opportunity to play. However, it was obvious the team was not playing up to its potential; on several occasions performance was sloppy.

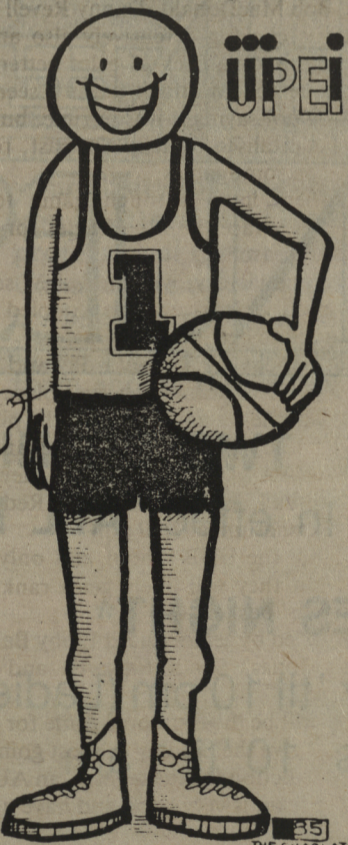
UPEI's next encounter will be against the University of New Brunswick, currently ranked first in the AUAA. The game is Friday at 7 p.m. at the Alumni Gym, and will be the last game in regular season play for the team.

## A tribute to the Panthers men's basketball team:

As of press time, we still hadn't discovered who the Athletes of the Week were.

So, this space is meant to show our appreciation to the top-ranked basketball team in the country.

Go for it, guys!



### CIAU rankings

#### Men's B'Ball

- UPEI Panthers
- Victoria
- Waterloo
- Winnipeg
- Sask.
- Acadia
- York
- Lethbridge
- Manitoba
- McMaster

#### Hockey

- Alberta
- Toronto
- UPEI Panthers
- Chicoutimi
- Moncton
- Manitoba
- Sask.
- Laurier
- Regina
- Ottawa

#### Womens' B'Ball

- Victoria
- Toronto
- Laurentian
- Lethbridge
- Concordia
- Manitoba
- McGill
- Alberta
- New Brunswick
- Brock

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