

# 18 Panther's season ends with 3-0 playoff loss

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p After finishing  
o the regular season  
r with a 10-2-1  
t record, the men's  
s soccer season ended  
with a loss in the  
second round of the  
playoffs.

UPEI earned a  
bye in the first  
round because it  
finished first in the  
Atlantic University  
Athletic Association  
(AUAA) Eastern  
Division.

On November  
6, the team traveled  
to Dalhousie Uni-  
versity to face Saint  
Mary's University  
(SMU) in the semi-  
final game. SMU  
scored twice in the  
first half, then once  
more in the final  
twenty minutes of  
the game. The 3-0  
loss eliminated the  
Panthers from  
further post-season  
play.

"I thought we  
played well and  
worked hard," third-  
year Danny Gordon  
said. "We let up for  
awhile and they  
capitalized on their  
chances."

Ryan  
O'Connell, fourth-  
year, was pulled  
down on a breaka-  
way, which mentally

hurt the team,  
Tommy Craig,  
second-year, said.  
Then with fifteen  
minutes left in the  
game, O'Connell  
was red carded for  
kicking an oppo-  
nent. The Panthers  
were forced to play  
with only ten  
players.

SMU also had  
an advantage be-  
cause its home field  
is turf, like  
Dalhousie's.

McMurrer was  
named first team  
All-Canadian.

This was the  
first time that the  
men's soccer team  
has ever won ten  
games in a regular  
season. It never lost  
a game against any  
team in its' division.  
Goal keepers John  
Andrew Rousseau,  
first-year, and Shane  
Etchegary, fourth-  
year, teamed up for  
a total of nine

coming to get us  
because we were the  
top team," Gordon  
said. "We didn't  
reach our full poten-  
tial. We just played  
well enough to win.  
The only two games  
that we dominated  
were the first and  
last games of the  
season."

Only three  
teams kept the  
Panthers from  
having a perfect  
regular season.  
Saint Mary's and  
Dalhousie each dealt  
the team one loss,  
while UPEI tied St.  
Francis Xavier once.

Next year, the  
Panthers hope to  
remain competitive  
since only  
McMurrer and John  
Michael Murphy are  
graduating. Craig  
and Gordon said  
that with more  
recruiting and  
keeping competi-  
tive, they hope to  
make the playoffs  
again.

"We had good  
team chemistry,"  
Gordon said.  
"We're all close  
friends on and off  
the field. It's disap-  
pointing that we  
didn't win another  
AUAA champion-  
ship, but that's the  
way things happen."  
END

**We let up for  
awhile and they  
capitalized on  
their chances.**

**-Danny Gordon**

Craig said,  
"They had a good  
team, they played  
better than we did."  
Despite this  
loss, UPEI reached  
several milestones  
this year.

Fourth-year  
players Brodie  
McMurrer, Goran  
Rudic, and  
O'Connell were  
chosen for the All-  
Conference AUAA  
All-Star team and

shutouts.

The team is  
made up mostly of  
Islanders. Fourteen  
of the sixteen play-  
ers are from the  
Island, Craig said.  
Everyone that  
started the semi-  
final game was from  
PEI.

"It was a good  
season, but as a  
team, we didn't have  
to fight like last  
year. Everyone was

# Hockey drops two

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The Panthers  
Hockey team lost  
two games this past  
weekend bringing  
their record to 0-9.

On Friday  
UPEI was dealt a 4-  
3 loss by the  
Moncton Aigles  
Bleu. First-year  
Brandon Coalter,  
second-year Scott  
Cameron and  
fourth-year Steve  
LeCoure scored the  
three Panther goals.  
Dave Mitchell  
recorded the loss in  
goal.

University of  
New Brunswick  
(UNB) traveled to  
Charlottetown  
Sunday, beating the  
Panthers, 3-2.  
UPEI was leading  
2-1 in the first two  
periods. The  
Redmen came back  
in the third to win  
the game. Scoring  
for UPEI were  
Chad Ryan, first-  
year and Andrew  
Morrison, second-  
year. Mitchell was  
the losing goalie.

During the  
November 5 game  
against Dalhousie,  
a referee made an  
incorrect call. After  
the game ended in a  
tie, the teams  
entered into a  
penalty shoot out.  
Five players from  
each side shot, but

did not score. The  
game went to  
individual shots.  
After several  
rounds Dalhousie  
scored and was  
awarded the vic-  
tory. UPEI, as the  
home team, should  
have had the oppor-  
tunity to take the  
last shot to tie. The  
officials refused to  
let the Panthers  
take the shot. It  
was a call so bla-  
tantly wrong that  
the Dalhousie  
players and coaches  
were arguing the  
Panthers case.

The issue  
went to review.  
Recently the league  
announced its  
decision. When the  
Panthers play at  
Dalhousie on  
February 5, they  
will be allowed one  
more penalty shot  
at the end of the  
game. If they  
score, the shoot out  
will continue. If  
not, Dalhousie wins  
the game.

Nick  
Chatham, first-year  
said, "It's a good  
decision, but I  
don't think that it  
should have been  
an issue. The refs  
should have made  
the right call to  
begin with. It  
makes the league  
look bad." END

## Basketball Scores

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

November 13 vs. Memorial  
UPEI: 89 mun: 78

November 14 vs. Memorial  
upeI: 60 MUN: 79

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

November 13 vs. Memorial  
upeI: 55 MUN: 60

November 14 vs. Memorial  
upeI: 66 MUN: 67