

Panther.....Sports

UPEI wins AUAA women's basketball championship

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The UPEI women's basketball team won the AUAA title this past weekend, in addition to leaving the regular season in first place. UPEI beat UCCB in the quarter finals, continued the winning streak against UNB in the semifinals and took down Memorial university in the final.

In the final game, UPEI and Memorial fought for the lead and left the first half with a tied game. The Panthers had a shaky start, but veterans Eiranne Rigby and Jenn Johnson set a scoring spree to prove why they were voted AUAA first team all stars.

One of the reasons the Panthers got the win was due to the tremendous crowd support. The action team and the mascot brought the crowd to a frenzy when the girls needed it most.

Marie Claude Couture's go-ahead lay-up and the following free-throws by Jenn Johnson sealed the fate of the Sea-hawks. Johnson commented after the game, "my wildest dreams have come true."

Panther coach Tracey Ellsworth said after the UNB semi-final game, "we have a championship team, and they played like champions tonight."

That quote could be used again for the final game . . . congrats, you deserve it!

NEXT WEEK - PHOTO COVERAGE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

AUAA Women's basketball 1998 all conference awards

First Team

Jadranka Crnogorac SMU
Eireann Rigby PEI
Ann Murrin MUN
Jenn Johnson PEI
Shelley Ryan UNB

Second Team

Jenifer Devereau MUN
Jennifer Reid SMU
Catherine Jamieson SFX
Sarah Williams SFX
Bonny Munn UNB

Rookie of the Year

Angelia Crealock DAL

Coach of the Year

Jill Healey

MVP

Jadranka Crnogorac

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