

Varsity Reds win two over Panthers

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The blizzard that hit Charlottetown disrupted many events Island wide including the basketball games at UPEI. However, the ball games were not cancelled but instead pushed back one



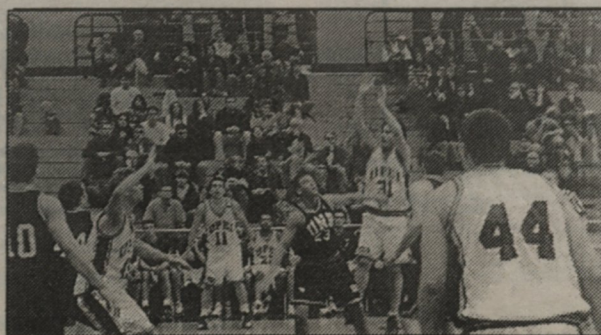
day. The Men's Panther team played the first part of their double header against the New Brunswick Varsity Reds at the Field House on Saturday night. The Panthers shot better than the Reds in the first half shooting 53.1% from the field while the Reds shot 44.4%. At the end of the first half UPEI was up 43-37. The Panther lead was helped in part by a five point play at the end of the half. With 00:03 seconds remaining Jonathan McKercher was fouled as shot the ball to end the half. Upset that his teammate fouled with so little time remaining one of the UNB guards pushed his own player and was given a technical foul. Scott Morrison made his two free throws after McKercher drained his three giving the Panthers the extended lead going into the second half.

Things did not go as well for the Panthers in

the second half. Their field goal percentage dropped to 34.6% and they only shot 25.0% from beyond the arc. UNB increased their percentages by hitting 53.3% from field goal range and 66.7% from the three point line. Mike King made 4 three pointers on the night hitting

several late in the game which were especially damaging to the Panthers as they ended up losing 76-71. King was named AUAA player of the game and had the team high for the Reds with 15 points while Jeff Cotter added 14. Scott Morrison scored the team high with 24 points including 6 threes while Jonathan McKercher and Chris Smith finished with 12 points a piece for UPEI.

The second half of the double header was played on Monday the 23 of January at the Field House. In this game the Reds got ahead early and kept the lead. At the end of the half UNB was up



by a score of 41-18. UPEI was able to mount a comeback in the second half but it was not enough and they ended up losing. "We came out pretty flat in the first half," said Captain Scott Morrison "we were outworked down low and our shots wouldn't fall from outside. We played better in the second half but it was too late." The final score saw the Reds defeating UPEI 75-65.

Describing the second half coach George Morrison said "I think we came out and played with more heart and effort in the second half. Sometimes you know there is no substitute for effort."

Top scorers for the Reds was Ryan Johnston who netted 14 while Dave Love picked up 24 for the Panthers. UNB's Henry Rogers was awarded the AUAA player of the game.

The next set of games for the Panther Men will be against UCCB at home on the 29 and 30 of January at 6:00 PM on Saturday and on Sunday at 2:00 PM.

"There a big set of games" Coach Morrison noted looking forward to the games against UCCB "we win a couple of games there and we're back in the thick of things." □

Lady Panthers split games with Reds

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The UPEI Women's Panthers were able to pull off a win in the first half of their delayed double header against the Reds but not the sweep.

The Panthers played the first game at home on Saturday night in a Field House that was close to capacity. UPEI used a lot of pressure defence and finished the first half leading the Reds 30-25.

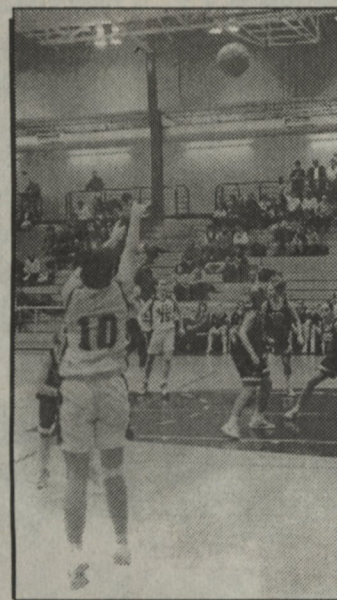
The Ladies continued to lead in the second half and won the game 59-48.

"We got the job done, we played really good defence" explained Panther captain Marie-Claude Couture.

Lynn Robertson who scored 18 points had the team high for UNB. Marie-Claude Couture had the high for the Panthers with 15 while Kate Ellis added 14 and Kate Myron scored 13. Myron who is back from an injury that caused her to miss games earlier in the season was named AUAA player of the game.

On Monday UNB and UPEI played the second half of their double header and this time the Varsity Reds commanded the score board. At half time UNB lead 30-22 and

the Reds finished the match defeating the Panthers 68-50. "The difference was I don't think we were physically ready" UPEI coach Tracy Ellsworth said explaining the difference in the two games "we seemed tired and a little fatigued for no



obvious reason". Virginia Dickison scored a team high for UNB with 21 points including 3 three pointers. Dickison was awarded the AUAA player of the game.

Hi-scorer for the Panthers was Kate Myron who had 12 points.

Marie-Claude Couture who played in the AUAA all-star game between the two games against UNB had a busy weekend. "Yeah definitely, I was tired" Captain Couture said describing having played three games of Basketball in three days. "We can't use those excuses though, we have to get the job done" Couture continued "We just have to regroup and think about next weekend."

Up next for the Women's Panthers are home games against UCCB Saturday January 29 at 4:00 PM and Sunday January 30 at 12:00 PM. □