

# UPEI Lady Panthers Basketball 1987-88 Review

The 1987-88 basketball season was by far the most successful ever for a Lady Panther Team. The Lady Panthers roared through the regular season with a perfect 14-0 record. For the third year in a row the Lady Panthers were to host the AUSA Championships at ancient Alumni Gym. The previous year the Lady Panthers had defeated the Dalhousie Tigers 59-57 for their first ever championship. In the first game Dalhousie upset UNB 50-40 to advance to the finals. The Lady Panthers met an Acadia team which had given them some trouble a few weeks earlier. That scenario would not repeat itself as the Lady Panthers roared out to an early lead despite some foul problems. Actually the foul problems helped UPEI as the Lady Panthers were able to rest their key players for much of the game. The axettes tried to get back in its game but Turn overs proved too costly. It was to be a rematch of the past two years to see who would walk away with the AUSA Championship.

The Lady Panthers came into

the game knowing a loss would wipe out their great regular season, while Dalhousie had nothing to lose. A capacity crowd filled every inch of Alumni Gym expecting a great game between two great teams. They would not be disappointed.

Dalhousie jumped out to the early lead, but the Lady Panthers led by senior Tracy MacEachern clawed their way back into the game. As the case was all year it was the Lady Panthers defence who led them to the front. Janet Nichols great work under the boards sparked the Lady Panthers to a 35-23 lead at half time.

UPEI picked up, in the second half where they left off in the first. Applying immense defensive pressure the Lady Panthers were able to up their lead to 16 points. Dalhousie called timeout and from there whittled away at the lead. The Tigerettes were able to get within four points then Nadine Enman hit some clutch free throws to give UPEI some breathing room.

The Game was still up for grabs until the smallest player, Ria Bahadursingh stood tallest. She picked off a Dalhousie pass and was fouled. Her two free throws salted away the victory and gave the Lady Panthers a 58-51 victory and their second successive AUSA Championship. Janet Nichols was named MVP of the tournament. Bahadursingh and Smith were voted All-Stars. Dave MacNeill was named Coach of the Year for the 4th straight year.

From there the Lady Panthers went to the CIAU Tournament in Lethbridge, Alberta. UPEI arrived with a 5th place ranking, their highest ever. They met number 4 ranked Toronto in their first game.

The Lady Panthers rebounded from a six point half-time Deficit to defeat the University of Toronto 66-59. Janet Nichols was named the Player of the Game as she scored 13 points and hauled down a big 19 rebounds. Rookie Stephanie

Smith led the Lady Panthers in scoring with 18 points and 9 rebounds despite an injured foot.

Next the Lady Panthers met the number 1 ranked team from Calgary. The size of Calgary proved too much and UPEI was hurt when Tracy MacEachern was unable to play because of her

injury. The Lady Panthers then met the Victoria Vikettes where they ran into foul trouble and lost a heartbreaker, 55-50.

The year was still the best ever for the Lady Panthers as they returned with a 4th place finish, the best ever for a UPEI woman's basketball team.

## Intercollegiate Scoreboard

October 28:

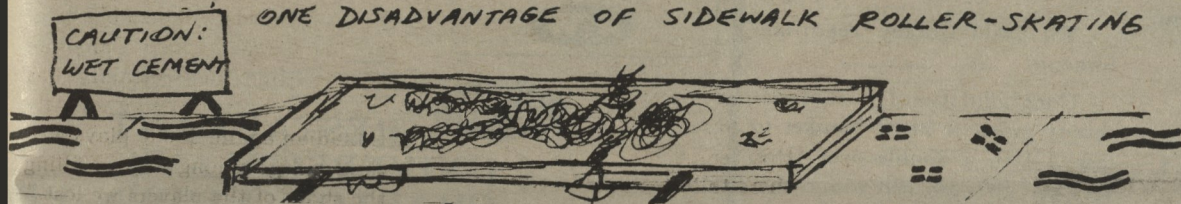
Men's Basketball (Acadia Tip Off)	UPEI 92	vs. DAL 84
Women's Basketball (Concordia Tournament)	UPEI 87	vs. McMaster 95

October 29:

Soccer	UPEI 7	vs. UCCB 0
Hockey	UPEI 7	vs. UCCB 2
Men's Basketball (Acadia Tip Off)	UPEI 71	vs. Acadia 69
Women's Basketball (Concordia Tournament)	UPEI 69	vs. McGill '66

October 30:

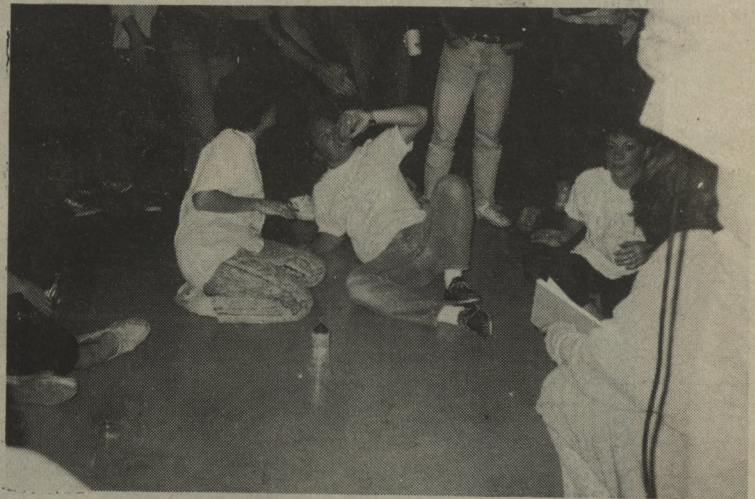
Hockey	UPEI 7	vs. St. F.X. 2
Women's Basketball (Concordia Tournament)	UPEI 83	vs. Concordia 63
Soccer	UPEI 2	vs. St. F.X. 3



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