

Sports

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Opinion:

UPEI Soccer Teams Tough at Home

by Lorne Caborn

The weekend of October 7-8 was a good weekend for the UPEI Panther soccer fans. The men kept their playoff hopes alive, finishing the weekend 1-4-3 after recording a loss and a tie. The women boosted their record to 3-3-1 with a win and a tie.

Saturday saw St.F.X. make the trip to MacAdam field with the women starting things off. Using their superior foot speed and passing ability the Lady Panthers kept the ball out of their end while Sarah Driscoll capitilized on a St.F.X. giveaway for a 1-0 lead after the first half. The second half saw the teams exchange goals with Sarah Wylie netting the winner.

On the men's side, the Panthers suffered a 3-0 loss to a tough X-Men team. The visitors struck early and the home team was unable to mount a comeback despite some good scoring chances in a game marred by whistles.

St.Mary's came to town Sunday and

the Lady Panthers continued their defensive dominance as the two teams battled to a 0-0 tie despite many opporitunities for both teams to break the deadlock.

A battle may have been what the referees in the men's contest thought they were watching as the whistles continued from where they left off on Saturday. Three player ejections, five yellow cards and an ejection of UPEI coach Bruce Norton took away from an excellent short-handed effort from the home team with good goaltending and smart defense bringing them to a 0-0 tie with the Huskies.

The men played next at home versus Moncton on Oct. 14 while the women continued their home stand on Oct 15 against UNB.

Attention sports fans: If you want to see more coverage of your favorite sport email me at lcaborn@upe.ca with scores, highlights, contact people or general comments. This is open to coaches and players as well.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

On September 30, the UPEI women's rugby team beat the Fredericton Loyalists with a score of 35-15, giving themselves their third straight win. scoring for the home team was Karen Murray and Shannon Gillis with two tries each and Kim Barry, Lisa Avery, and Kelli Hyde, each with a single try. Player of the game was awarded to Shannon Gillis.

The women took Thanksgiving weekend off but were be back in action on the weekend of October 14 and 15th when they travel to New Brunswick to play UNB and the Loyalists.

P.S. Congratulations to the rookies for surviving Rookie Night! Just think what you guys get to do to the rookies next year!

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Men's Rugby

The UPEI men's rugby team defeated UNB by a score of 17-15 Saturday at UNB. UPEI trailed an unsportsmanlike UNB team throughout the game. UPEI fought back in the second half from a 10-0 deficit with tries from forwards Mike Farmer and Billy McQueen to tie the game at 10-10. UNB scored again to retake the lead on a try by Alex Delarge. Rookie Dayre McNally scored in the final minute to once again tie the game. The kicking skill of standoff Mike Lewis would give UPEI a 2 point conversion to take the lead and victory at 17-15.

UPEI's second team suffered its first loss of the season, a close 8-3 decision against UNB's second team. UPEI's only points of the game were by the team captain, Scott MacCormack. Both rugby teams will play at home against number one ranked Mount Allison on October 21 at UPEI.



by J. Jones

This week: The Laws of Attraction

I might as well get one required topic off my mind right now -- love. Personally I'm pretty sick of having it shoved down my throat whenever I turn on the TV, go to a movie, or walk outdoors, so I'll make this as brief as possible. I have discovered, through intensive research and experimentation, that Fate is enjoying making me look like an utter fool.

I have proven this point so exactly that I have devised a law, one that is universal and unbreakable, one that may rival Murphy's law in popularity: it's the Jonesian Law of Attraction. No, it's not some obscure abstract physics idea, but it's pretty close. This law is: Whenever you feel the least attractive as a person, you are bound to meet someone who feels that you are the most attractive thing on earth; and whenever you feel like a love god incarnate, you will be treated like a discarded cigarette butt. The more you think about it, the more it is true.

Case in point: Tuesday morning, I foolishly decide to start working out. Why I picked this morning from Wednesday or Monday (or any other day in the past five years for that matter), I will never know. I think that Fate prodded me into it, probably just for the laughs. Needless to say, I am in the shape of an athletic watermelon, bordering slightly on tubby but escaping this label only because of loose clothes. Anyway, some inbred idea erupted into my mind that said: "Jog to school today. You can do it!" Yes I can, but why do I want to? "Trust me! You'll know when you get to class!"

Like the wuss I am, I listened to my sorry excuse for a conscience. I pulled on my extra-loose gym pants, laced up my sneakers, and slowly plodded my way to school. I was sweating profusely by the time I "jogged" (more like "bounced") to the end of the driveway. Thirty minutes later, I reached UPEI, only to find out I was twenty minutes late for my class. No sense disturbing them, I thought. I'll just go to the library to study (read sleep) until my next class. Sleep I did, straight for an hour. I'm surprised no one heard snoring in the study carrels.

After a solid hour of "studying," I figured I should get to my next class -- except for the fact that I forgot that I often drool while I am asleep. A large stain was

visible on my shirt, and as well, my hair was, oh, "slightly" tousled. At that exact minute, as though on cue from above, I met the creature of my dreams. Not wanting to gross anyone out, I tried to slink off to the washroom to at least pretend that I cared about my personal appearance. Too late. I was acknowledge by a smile that meant either "I hope we meet later" or "My God! I didn't know apes were allowed out of their cages!"

This did not go well for me. I would have gladly walked off the balcony just to avoid being seen, but of course, that would make things even worse, with the ambulances and everything, so I hurried along, hoping nothing else would happen. Finally, my luck changed, and I was able to survive into my next class. Funny, I've always seen this kind of obvious plot device in bad eighties movies -- never in real life! But now I at least believe that there is such thing as Fate, and that it thinks I am a running joke.

Anyway, sorry for the lite-news this week, and I will continue my "National Debates" next week, if anyone cares. So until next issue, remember this Law -- it is true, but only I admit to believing in it!

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