

SPORTS

LADY PANTHERS' BASKETBALL TEAM CAPTURE CHAMPIONSHIP



By Darrell Cole, Sports Editor

The UPEI Lady Panthers Basketball Team had a very successful weekend as

they captured the inaugural Rodd-UPEI New Year's Classic women's basketball tournament. The tournament was staged at the Alumni Gym.

In the championship game UPEI avenged its only loss this season with a 71-54 bombing of the Dalhousie Tigers. The Tigers handed the Panthers their only loss of the season in a November tournament. The Lady Panthers jumped out to quick start and a ten-point lead. However, the Tigers fought back to pull within

one point at halftime trailing 30-29. The Tigers took the lead momentarily early in the second-half but the Lady Panthers rallied and pulled away from the tired Tigers leading by as many as eighteen points in the second-half.

The Lady Panthers were lead by Tournament MVP Janet Nichols who dominated rebounding at both ends of the court. In Sunday's game Susan Knickle lead all scorers with 15 points, Janet Nichols had 14 points, Tracey Mac Eachern

and Stephanie Smith each had 9 points, Ria Bahadursingh had 8 points, Stephanie Knickle had 7 points, Nadine Enman had 4 points, Toby Jones had 3 points, and Tracey Bowie had two points.

Tracey MacEachern scored 20 points on Saturday as the Lady Panthers got a berth in Sunday's final with a 84-62 victory over the Brock Lady Badgers. Dalhousie came from behind to defeat UNB 74-71 and gain the final berth in Sunday's championship game.

Panthers beat Laurier to claim runner-up position

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The UPEI Panthers jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the first period and never looked back as they thumped the visiting Sir Wilfred Laurier Golden Hawks 9-3 last Sunday afternoon at Cahill Stadium, in Summerside. The victory gave the Panthers the runner-up trophy in the College Hockey Challenge played last weekend in Summerside. All the proceeds from the tournament which was well attended went to the Centennial Cup '89 Host Committee. Randy Muttart scored three goals in the victory over Laurier. Other goal-scorers on Sunday included Dave Shellington, Richard Little, Mike Thususka, and Kevin Skilliter.

On Friday night the Panthers were upset by underdog St. Mary's Huskies. The Huskies used a combination of strong goaltending and stingy defense to hold off the explosive UPEI attack. After a scoreless first period the Huskies beat goal-

tender Tony Haladuick three times en route to a 3-1 victory over the third ranked

Panthers. Rich Little netted the Panthers only goal midway through the second period. St.Mary's went on to

win the tournament Saturday night as they came from behind for a 4-3 victory over Laurier.

The Panthers were without the services of Captain Steve Fulton, Bob Giffin,

Wayne Mac Phee, Jeff Steffen, and Ron Hennessey who were sitting out suspensions

handed to them for their part in a December brawl with Moncton. Also absent was Donnie Clow who was out of province last weekend, and Greg Choules who is not returning to the Panthers.

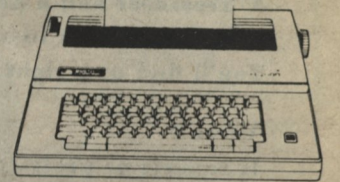
The next action for the Panthers is this weekend when the Panthers will be travelling to Sydney to play the University College of Cape Breton on Saturday and to Antigonish to play the St. F.X. X-Men on Sunday. The suspended players will

miss Saturday's game in Sydney but will be in uniform on Sunday against the X-Men. ■



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