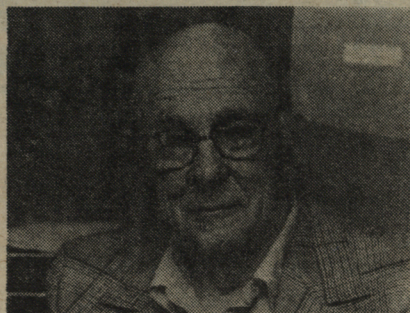


Won 4, Lost 2, - .666 JOCK TALK



by Mickey Place

It is nice here on P.E.I. and we sometimes wonder if getting on and off it is worth all the hassle.

This thought came to us on Friday afternoon as, after a half hour wait we were second in line as we watched the fully loaded ferry start across the Strait. We had hoped that, visiting our Halifax resident son we might get to the Tip-Off Tournament. We missed the night games but did get down to Wolfville next morning just as the Lady Panther game was ending.

Who ever heard of a basketball game starting at 9:00 a.m.?...our metabolism isn't functioning until after that time!

We are told that the Basketball Panthers played very well in their first taste of regional competition and, for a time, were ahead of the St. F.X. team which we are told should win the Maritime crown this year. Sez who? Score at the half was 49-47 for us. However, we were unable to handle All-Canadian star Mark Brodie (game total 40 points) and they drew away in the last few minutes, when experience is a big factor and won 89-81.

Curtis Brown has high for us with 20. Next day we saw the Mount Allison game in which the big interest was whether we would make the century mark and if we could beat them by 30 points as Acadia had done the night before.

Coach Nutbrown used his bench a lot and they performed impressively. Final score was 100-71, with Tejan Alleyne leading the way with 18 and Vinnie DePinto right back of him with 16. Our continuous speed seemed to confuse the Garnet & Gold boys and we hope the same will be true this weekend as

they travel to Antigonish for another warm-up tournament. On Friday night we'll take on Musson College from Bangor, Maine, while St. F.X. will face Carleton in the other half of the knock-out schedule.

Next home games will be with the U. of Maine from Presque Isle on the 21 and 22 of this month. In Lady Panther action at Acadia, the girls dropped a close one to St. F.X. 63-59, with Cathy Chandler leading our scorers. In the consolation match, Velvet Charters was high with 16 as we took an easy win from Mount A. 70-59. There will be a lull in Pantherette action until next weekend when, with doubleheaders with the Panther games our team will face Memorial to open their league play.

In hockey the team also travelled to Acadia where, in a thrilling game they won 3-2 to extend their winning streak to four games and, in so doing, snapped Acadia's winning streak and also took over first place with a 4-1 record. Our goal scorers were Norman Beck, Doug Currie and Trevor Crawford. We don't have the records at hand but might comment that we think Trevor Crawford has scored in every game played this year. Trevor has great experience and makes the best french fries available on P.E.I. as Driving Park patrons can attest. We wonder if the vitamins encountered play any part in his success.

The above was written on Tuesday evening just prior to going to the Moncton game at the Forum and we are pleased to comment later on the very, very good game our boys played in topping the National Champions by a 4-3 score and generally outplaying them throughout. We think it was their best game in years. Shots on goal were 32-11 for us with the first period margin being 15-3! It was a good clean, hard fought contest in which there was very little of the chippy play which we felt marred most games between these two teams in recent years. Our boys played hockey and concentrated on the play of the

game. We thought the truly remarkable feat and, really an oddity in UPEI records was Brian O'Stroski's staying out of the penalty box throughout! Goal scorers were Brian O'Stroski, Norman Beck with a pair and, once again, Trevor Crawford. Although facing few shots, Avelino Gomez made several spectacular saves, particularly in the

third period as Moncton pressed. In the first period we thought Moncton took several foolish penalties and, as the play favoured us by a wide margin, we remarked to their statistician, who sat beside us, that they took but few shots on goal. He replied, "You're not allowed to shoot from the penalty box." There may be a moral in that reply.



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Blanchard Corner

In last weeks SUN the Engineers bi-weekly made reference to Tony Carrol. The insults hurled at Tony were of a derogatory nature.

Implying that Tony is a "bonehead" was uncalled for as Tony is one of the brightest persons I know.

Of course if you believe this you'll also believe the Engineers will win the Intramural hockey league.

Also last week Tony's column attacked Blanchard Corner. All we can say Tony is when Blanchard finishes with

your team they'll be known as the Stunned Selects.

In woman's football, (comparable to the ruggedness of Tony Carrol) Blanchard lost 6 to 1 in the finals. The other team was superior in upper body development and this is why Blanchard lost.

Other Blanchard spoerint news has basketball on Monday nights and volleyball on Wednesdays at the gym. All you have to do is show up at the right time. And that's the way it is.