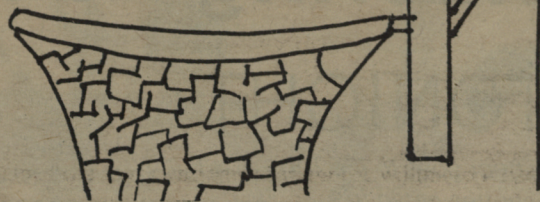


## Jock Talk



By Mickey Place

The UPEI athletic season started off Saturday with inclement weather, but in spite of adverse conditions our teams came off reasonably well with two BIG wins, a loss and a tie.

The women's field hockey team lost their opener to the expected league winners the Saint Mary's Belles 5-0 in a game in which nothing went well for the Lady Panthers.

However, the next day, they tied a good Acadia team 2-2 after leading until the latter stages of the contest.

Libby Baldwin and Mary Chamberlain were our scorers.

The team will play at home twice this weekend. On Friday they'll play hostess to Mount Allison (who lost to SMU on Sunday 4-0) and on Sunday *les dames* from the U. de Moncton will be here.

Coach Barb Mullaly has high hopes for two wins in these games and is quite confident that her team will finish well up in the standings.

In Soccer, playing Saint Mary's Huskies in the wind and rain, we were discouraged early in the first half when the usually accurately passing J.F. Painchaud had a cold wet ball slither off his fingers to land directly in front of the toe of a surprised but pleased SMU forward who promptly booted it past our chagrined Hotbread.

However, shortly thereafter Richard Pierre Gilles used his head to bat the ball into the Husky net. When Don MacKenzie booted one in for the lead our confidence was restored.

A few minutes later Richard P. G. again used his pate and it was 3-1. We are always amazed at how this 5'8" player can go straight up in the air like a Jack-in-the-box and use his noggin to change the direction of a high ball when facing much taller opponents!

He then showed his versatility by scoring his third marker of the session in the conventional way; the half ended 4-1.

In the final period the Panthers, probably looking forward to the game on Sunday, seemed quite content with the score and were less aggressive. The most noteworthy play was Painchaud's brilliant save on a penalty shot. Scott Neil, a most welcome returnee from Edinburgh, rounded off the scoring on a pretty play and the game ended 5-1.

In Sunday's contest against Acadia, the Panthers seemed somewhat sluggish in the first half, although they enjoyed a wide margin in the play.

We have no idea what exhortations Coach Wilson delivered to his charges during the rest period, but they were certainly effective. Shortly after play resumed Dave MacRae opened the scoring after an accurate throw-in by Steve Polenz, and Glen Smiley made it 2-0 when he took a goal mouth pass from Mitch Murphy.

It looked like a Soviet hockey play! Scott Neil made a solo rush from mid-field and lifted what looked like a nine-iron shot over the head of the lunging defender, and it was 3-0.

In another exhibition of accurate passing, Alan Andrews deposited the ball into the twine to make it 4-0 and Steve Polenz brought it to the final 5-0 when his penalty shot proved to be too hot for the Acadia goalie to handle.

Trent Hayes, playing his first game in goal for the Panthers, performed well in gaining the shutout.

With a win-loss record of 2-0 and a 10-1 figure in scoring we should be rated very high in the National Rankings.

The team goes to Mount Allison for a 4:00 p.m. game on Friday and will be at home to play the U. de Moncton on Sunday. Two wins, with the resulting 4-0 record would be most encouraging.

In spite of the horrible weather on Saturday and again on Sunday everyone enjoyed the antics of the Pink Panther and the sexy(?) foursome which certainly stimulated the players and entertained the fans (who this year appear willing to make a noise).

However we were puzzled by their chanting for Albert ("I sure wish we had a guy like Albert!") We think Coach Wilson is wise to keep Albert under wraps and he should only enter play when sorely needed.

Then too, there is the question that is of great concern throughout intercollegiate athletic circles this year ... Is Albert eligible?

Since writing the above and just as we go to press, we note that the C.I.A.U. rankings are out and that we are rated, in Soccer, as the 2 team in Canada! St. F.X. is #4, Mount A. #8 and Dalhousie #10!



A Panther shows great form in soccer play over the weekend which earned UPEI a Number 2 ranking country-wide in CIAU standings.

## More on the weekend's games

By Ross Hartinger

The nationally ranked University of Prince Edward Island Panther Soccer team and the Ladies field hockey team opened their respective Atlantic University Athletic Association seasons last weekend.

The Mens Soccer team, which is ranked second in the country behind Laurentian as of Monday September 17, defeated St. Mary's University of Halifax Saturday 5-1 and defeated Acadia University 5-0 on Sunday.

Saturday's match was a true test for any soccer team with rain drenching the soccer pitch for the entire ninety minutes of play.

Saint Mary's opened the scoring early when SMU player Hassan Eshawsh picked up an errant pass from UPEI goalkeeper J.F. Painchaud and placed the ball into the top right hand corner at the 3-minute mark.

Richard Pierre-Gilles tied the game at 12 minutes in the first half and that started the ball rolling so to speak.

Don MacKenzie scored the Panthers second goal, which proved to be the winner, at 17:00 of the first half.

Pierre-Gilles scored his

second goal of the day at 35:00 and added another at 38:00 and the half ended with U.P.E.I. up 4-1.

The second half saw SMU giving up one more goal to the Panthers when Scott Neil scored the Panthers fifth goal late in the second half at 35:00.

On Sunday, the Panthers kept the ball rolling and blanked Acadia University 5-0 to give the men's soccer team their second win on the weekend. Both teams played to a scoreless first half but at 9:00 of the second half, Dave MacRae scored and the Panthers never looked back — scoring four more unanswered goals.

At 21:00 of the second half Glen Smiley scored and four minutes later Scott Neil put the Panthers up 3-0.

Alan Andres scored the fourth goal which was the nicest goal of the match. Glen Smiley took the corner kick which bounced off the head of Steve Polenz to Andrews who was alone in front of the Acadia goal.

Steve Polenz scored the fifth goal with two minutes left in the game on a penalty kick a shot which Polenz rarely makes a mistake.

The Ladies Field Hockey team garnered their first point of the season tying Acadia on Sunday 2-2 but lost their season opener Saturday to St. Mary's 5-0. UPEI goaltender Tracey MacEachern was outstanding in the net on both days.

Sunday, UPEI hustled on offense and made key defense plays to hammer out a time with Acadia. Acadia's Jackie Dugget scored twice for the Axettes while Libby Baldwin and Mary Chamberlain added singles for the Lady Panthers.

Hats off to the Ladies and coach Barb Mullaly for two well played games and their first point of the AUAA season.

Last year the Ladies managed only one point for the entire year.

This weekend the Mens Soccer team travels to Mount Allison University for a game Friday at 4:00 p.m.

The Ladies play Mount Allison at MacAdam field Friday at 4:00 p.m.

On Sunday, University de Moncton will be on campus to play both the field hockey team and the soccer team. The ladies play at 1:00 p.m. and the men at 3:00 p.m.

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The Netted Gem wishes to congratulate Richard Pierre Gilles, UPEI Athlete of the Week for September 17-23. Great hattrick, Richard!