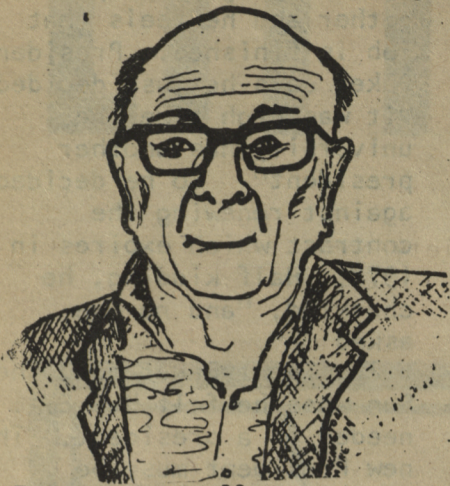


# ANOTHER 'ALMOST' FOR PANTHERS



## jock talk mickey place

Last week we started this column pointing out it is conforming with and the logical conclusion of the Editor's policy on front & back pages. When it was not printed we were told by the charming but humourless Assistant Editor that it was skipped because she thought it funny! We are trying it once more but will not repeat it for we are told it makes the typist dizzy! Hope you did not like it!

The biggest upset in years almost happened on MacAdam Field on Saturday afternoon as our Panthers dropped a real close one to Saint Francis Xavier 11-7. Our boys, now (0-3) almost topped nationally ranked X (3-0) in a contest that could have gone either way. It pretty much centered on one key play.. Rick Kiraly's last-minute pass to Socky MacDonald which instead went into the arms of X safetyman Sinfield on the one yard

line. Socky was just over the line and a catch by him would have sent our fans delirious. However, as the much-quoted lines go, "The saddest words of tongue or pen are 'It might have been'". After a first quarter, in which it appeared the X-men were about to devour us, any advantage in play seemed to be with our side. St. F.X. quickly took an 8-0 lead which they held until, in the second quarter, Dave Connaughton recovered an X fumble on their 50 yard line. With John Paul MacIntyre running and Kiraly passing to Smiley MacLeod we got to their 28 from where Rick Kiraly passed to MacIntyre for the only P.E.I. T.D. of the day. Mike Kennedy waddled in and put the ball through the uprights to break his intercollegiate scoring virginity. It was also U.P.E.I.'s first point after Touchdown for the season, and the half ended 8-7 for the bad guys. While they had a field goal for the only score of the second half, it seemed only frosting on the cake as the dramatic moment approached. With time running out in the final minutes, Dan Desjardins blocked an X punt on their 37 and on the next play a Kiraly-MacLeod pass took the ball to their 26. However on the next play...one which COULD have won the game...Kiraly passed for a last minute effort for a win but it was garnered in and the game was just



about over. We were quite proud of the showing of our team and they looked like anything but a three-time loser. We'd like to end off comment on the game by marvelling at the punting of rookie Dave MacLeod...we seem to have what we really need in him...we'd also wonder how Rick Kiraly feels...it seems every game we go right down to the wire and just miss through no fault of his...we haven't been beaten by more than a converted T.D. yet and Rick must be getting tired of playing the dramatic role he is being forced into.

On a more pleasant note, we'd like to comment that Mike Kennedy played host to the whole team for a spaghetti dinner on Lower Spring Park Road on Saturday night...Mike swears that he did not impose on Pam as he claims credit for all the cooking...alright Mike...but who cleaned up and washed the dishes? The players must have felt guilty eating huge quantities of food before those emaciated looking whippets.

This Saturday it will be a visit to S.M.U. for one we hope to win...we hope that Mati Kolga and Mike Laryotolkis will be completely recovered and ready to play. We also regret to report that Bill Bews has a broken ankle, suffered in the late moment moments of the Mount A. game and will be out for the season.

Our Lady Panthers continued to play well but still lack the scoring touch as they dropped a close 2-0 game to the Dalhousie Tigerettes (we KNOW female Tigers are "Cats") on a drenched field on Sunday.

One U.P.E.I. team did manage to eke out a single point over the weekend as

Vincie Mulligan's Soccer Team earned a 2-2 tie in the mud and rain. Up to this game, Dal was undefeated and hadn't been scored upon. Ian Cameron and George Haddad scored for us. This Sunday the soccer team plays Moncton--away.

It is not very often that U.P.E.I. has to be concerned about RETAINING a North American championship or even a Canadian championship but this Thursday night at the Charlottetown Driving Park five hopefuls will be contending for the right to represent our University, the C.D.P. and the P.E. Island in an effort to retain the North American and Canadian championships won last year by the no-longer eligible Lynn MacLeod. The Thursday night feature will take place between the 9th and 10th heats at the regular C.D.P. meet. It will, of course, have no pari-mutuel betting. The students will chase after \$300 in scholarships which has been donated by local firms. The winner will have \$150 deposited with the Business Office here while second and third will be credited with \$100 and \$50 respectively...the winner will then compete for another \$2,000 put up by the Canadian Trotting Association in Edmonton. The Charlottetown Driving Park will pay air fare to and from Edmonton. The contestants are (1) Kevin Gallant on the pole position with Key Teresa; Scott Campbell with Lucky Daryl is in the #2 slot; #3 will be Kevin McCarville behind Rum Julep; #4 will be Mike Gallant with Sharp Bur and, on the outside, will be the only girl in the race, Sharon MacLure, driving Storms Over. All



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