

Hockey Panthers Make Playoffs

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The UPEI Hockey Panthers claimed fifth spot in the overall AUS standings, despite losing two of their last three regular season games. Two of the games went into overtime, which assured UPEI a point in the standings.

Last Friday night at the Civic Centre, the Panthers played host to the Moncton Blue Eagles. It was a lack-luster performance by both teams, with the first goals coming late in the third period.

Brian Passmore opened the scoring at 12:57 with his tenth goal of the season, with assists by Joel Ward and Cleon Smith on a UPEI power-play. Jean-Benoit Descamps responded for the Blue Eagles, with 1:24 left in the period to force overtime.

In the extra frame, Joel Ward gathered up the loose puck and deposited it behind the Moncton goalie at 3:42 to give the Panthers the 2-1 victory.

On Saturday, the Panthers played their final regular season home game against the St. Thomas Tommies, which resulted in an 8-7 loss in overtime. With the single point and a 1-0 overtime loss by St. FX to SMU, the Panthers could not be caught by the X-

Men, and earned fifth spot overall.

The Panthers fought hard to come back in Saturday's game, and sent it to overtime. At one point, they were down 7-3. Then they scored four unanswered goals in the final fifteen minutes, before losing in the extra period on a goal by Tommies defenceman Darryl Knight on the power-play.

On Sunday in Fredericton, in a meaningless game, the Tommies defeated the Panthers 5-4 in overtime for the second straight game to end the regular season. Edan Welch scored the winner 3:47 into overtime for the Tommies, who finished last in the AUS hockey standings eliminating them from the post season.

The Panthers begin their playoff run this Wednesday against the UNB Varsity Reds in a best-of-three quarter-final. Game one will be played at the Civic Centre at 7:00 pm, with game two at the Aitken Centre Saturday night. Game three will also be at UNB, if necessary. The Panthers finished fourth in the standings, and will have home-rink advantage.

Best of luck to this excellent Panthers hockey squad.

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wednesday, feb 3

Myron's: **Greg Doucette**

thursday, feb 14

Baba's Lounge: **Port Citizen**
Myron's: **Flush**
Olde Dublin Pub: **Fortune s Hand**

friday, feb 15

Baba's Lounge: **Wannabes**
The Barn: **Dr. Bookertable**
Big Momma's Pub: **Roger Jones**
Brennan's: **The Jeff Morris Band**
Melons: **Big Tilda**
Olde Dublin Pub: **Fortune s Hand**

saturday, feb 16

Baba's Lounge: **Christina Forgeron and Friends**
Big Momma's Pub: **Paul MacAusland**
Brennan's: **The Dysfunktional Dads**
Harp and Thistle: **Wannabees**
Myron's: **Davis Ward**
Olde Dublin Pub: **Fortune s Hand**

sunday, feb 17

Olympic Mania! Watch some curling.

monday, feb 18

Melons: **Kitchen and Bathrooms**

tuesday, feb 19

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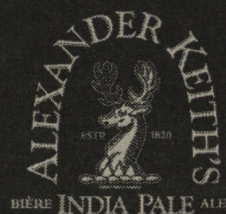
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