

Hockey on a three-game win streak

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The second half of the season has brought out a different side of the Panther hockey team. Its record improved to 5-14-3, with three wins in the past week.

Freshman Brandon Coalter attributed the team's recent success to "[a] better distribution of talent on different lines. The guys are playing better together and [the] bounces are finally going our way."

Last Wednesday UPEI traveled to New Brunswick and beat Moncton 5-2. Doug Clarke scored two goals. Mark Lynk, Ryan Power and Andrew Morrison scored one each.

The weekend brought the St. Thomas University Tommies to Charlottetown. Saturday the Tommies opened by scoring within seconds gone in the first period. Lynk, assisted by Morrison and Scott Cameron, responded quickly with the first

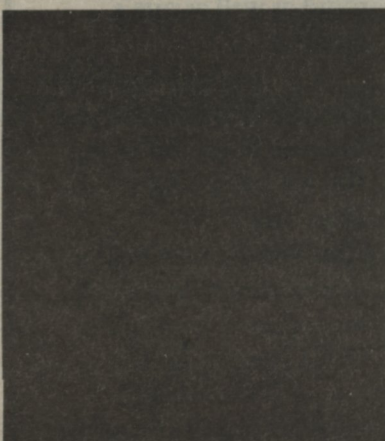
Panther goal. At 4:35 Clarke scored, set up by Cameron again. STU tied the game with about six minutes left on a power play goal. But fourth-year assistant captain Gordie Walsh, with help from Morrison and fourth-year assistant captain Steve Le Coure, the Panthers ended the first period on top.

Walsh started off the scoring 50 seconds into the second period, assisted by Dylan Taylor and Aaron McInnis. The Tommies responded with a power play goal, then followed it up several minutes later with an even-strength score. With eight minutes left in the second period, first-year Ryan Power scored an unassisted goal for the Panthers. Almost a minute later on a power play, Lynk scored his second goal of the night, assisted by Cameron and Morrison.

The third period was quiet, as far as goal-scoring was concerned.

Tempers flared and several penalties were called for roughing, leaving the atmosphere charged for Sunday's game as UPEI recorded a 6-4 win.

Sunday afternoon the Panthers edged St. Thomas 4-3. Clarke, assisted by Morrison and Cameron, scored on a power play goal within the first minute of play. STU responded with back-to-back goals netted within a minute. The scoring ended in the first



as Le Coure's hard shot got behind the Moncton goalie.

The only goal scored in the second period was by captain Duncan Fader, assisted by



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He shoots! Brandon Coalter tries to get the puck past the St. Thomas goalie, as Andrew Morrison skates forward to help.

Cameron and Lynk.

Liam MacEachern, scored the last Panther goal in the third period. St. Thomas finished its scoring with 3:50 left in the game.

"The goal tending and forechecking were strong (in these two games). We had a couple of let downs in the second periods," Coalter said. "Overall, we've played the best we've played all year."

The hockey season is coming to a close, but a few games still remain to be played. The Panther still have a chance to make something decent out of this year. Next weekend they travel to Nova Scotia to take on Dalhousie and Acadia. Their last three

regular season games will be played at home. Feb. 8 is a rescheduled game against St. FX. The weekend of Feb. 12-13, the team will play St. Thomas and the University of New Brunswick. Feb. 18 is the quarter final game of the playoffs against St. Thomas.

"We should win against Dal and Acadia. Going into the playoffs on a winning streak rather than a losing streak would be good," Coalter said. "Playing against St. Thomas will be tough, but with two wins we should have momentum."

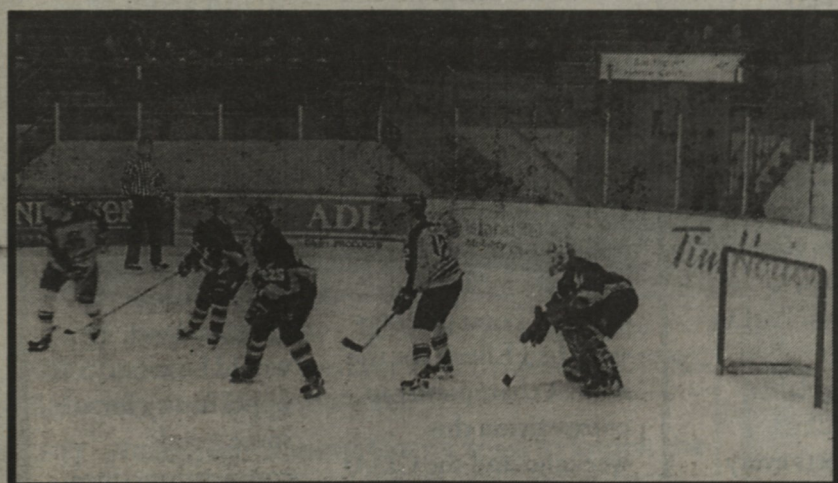


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Waiting. Doug Clarke positions himself in front of the St. Thomas net to wait for a pass from a teammate.

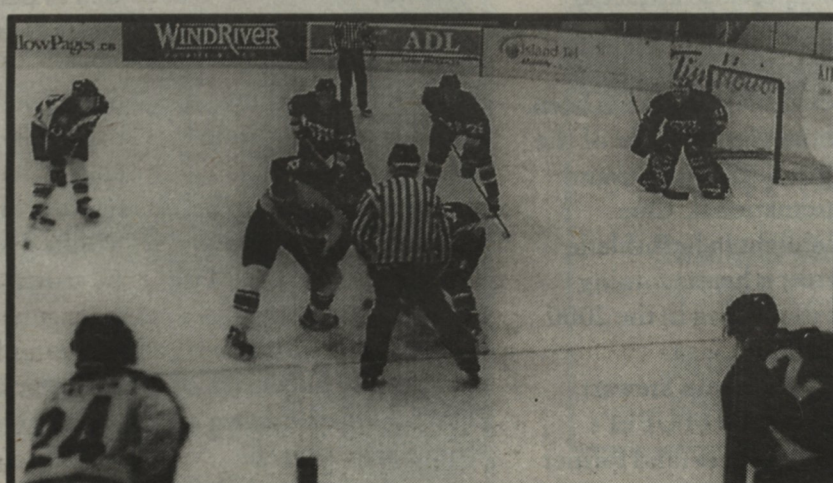


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Faceoff. Doug Clarke attempts to win the puck and pass it to teammate Scott Cameron or Andrew Morrison.