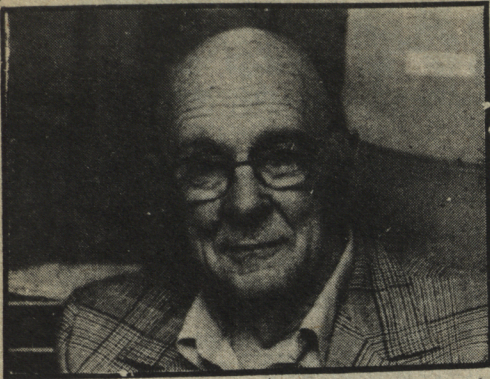


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JOCK TALK

By Mickey Place

Well tempus certainly fugits as the old Romans used to say and here we are at the end of another athletic season with the only event left on the schedule being the Athletic Awards Night, toward which occasion we have rather unhappy memories. We assume the Department is deep in thought and debate about who will be the recipient of the prestigious and uncoveted H.A. award. It seems so recent that we could hear the shouts of the football players as they were going through their drills in preparation for their first game. Since then we have lost quite a few, but let's forget them and think only of the wins and go back to the old refrain "Just wait till next year."

Since our last column, we lost the only playoff game we achieved this year, we split two in hockey, lost two basketball games, but won the final one. This makes a .333 average which would be good as a batting average in baseball, but a trifle disappointing for an overall picture.

IN HOCKEY the Panthers faced two teams rated among the top ten in Canada and managed a split. Although enjoying a 3-2 lead going into the third period against Dalhousie, our

team sagged and allowed the Tigers to score four unanswered goals for a 6-3 loss. Rory Beck had one for us, while Shane Turner netted a pair. We thought Brian O'Stroski showed excellent judgement in an encounter with Dal's Matheson when he recognized the futility of administering a well deserved blow to his opponent's protected face and endeavoured to relieve said foe of his face mask. For this he was relegated to the dressing room for the balance of the game and, for that matter, the rest of the season. Common sense is not always rewarded. On Sunday night the O'Stroskiless Panthers played their final match of the schedule and, although definitely out of league contention, played as though they were engaging in the final playoff game as they dominated throughout and left the touted Saint F.X. team quite bewildered as they won, going away, 7-3. From the report of the Athletic Board, recently made, which recommended a full time staff member for hockey, we fear that this may have been the last game for Jack Hynes behind the Panther bench. This win in a "Nothing" game with an all out effort by his team is quite typical of Jack's inspirational leadership. He has proven himself to be "CLASS" all the way and is, we believe, a better coach, part time, than most full time. This was the last game for graduating Gary Trainor, Harold Hay, Mark Ledwell, Mike Devine and Rory Beck. We thank them for the many exciting moments they have given us during their stay here. We might add that Rory set a season's scoring

mark for the Panthers with 50 points (16 goals 34 assists) breaking Louie Lortie's and David Cameron's mark of 47 set a couple of years ago. Brian O'Stroski's 50 assists shattered the old mark of 30, while Shane Turner's 26 goals for the season bettered Lortie's old record by 3.

In Basketball, our boys played three games on the road, losing two and winning their final match. In Fredericton, our playoff hopes were lost as we dropped two to the Red Raiders, the first 79-70 and the second 101-80 with Bill Redmond leading the

the nationally rated quintet from Dalhousie, and were wiped out early, although Cathy Chandler's 20 points was high for all contestants. Perhaps it was the imposing Dalplex that overawed the girls, but we also believe that the lack of strong competition during league play did not give them the impetus that was required when they came up against real strong opposition. At any rate, they bore little resemblance to the team that overwhelmed Mount Allison on the previous weekend. We note, from the Athletic Report that



Hockey Panthers rest between periods

way with 26 points. On Wednesday night they made a happy exit as they topped Mount Allison 75-73 after trailing 39-32 at the half. Bill Redmond again led the way for us with 19 while Rick Millard was right behind him with 17. We wish there were more Mount A's in the league, as this was our fourth win from them this year and they haven't beaten the Basketball Panthers since 1976! This was the final game for graduating Colin MacAdam, Ron Stuewe, Rick Millard and Bill Fanning. We think "Inaudible??" Dave Nutbrown did a most remarkable job with his charges this year. We are getting accustomed to rotating basketball coaches who come late and leave quietly so that the program has lacked continuity. With the personnel loss the team is suffering via the diploma route, we think it obvious that a great deal of work needs to be done between now and the start of next season.

The Lady Panthers, the only team on campus to make it to the playoff schedule, had what appeared to be an "Off" night in their game against the eventual winners of the Atlantic Championship,

there is a great possibility that they will be in the stronger section of the league next year and we are quite certain that they will, with the experience gained this season, be worthy contenders for league honours.

We were privileged to sit in on Dr. Meincke's press conference which dealt with the report of the Athletic Board. We were quite impressed with the observations and will bring to your attention Dr. Meincke's request for comments and advice with respect to the recommendations of the Board. There will be little sense in your saying, in a future time, "He shoulda done this" or "Why didn't he do that?" if you do not comply with his request. Why not drop a line to the Honourable Doctor?? Do it NOW!!!





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