



JOCK TALK

By Mickey Place

On Saturday night, comfortably ensconced in our usual seat high in the Forum rafters, we were happily contemplating our favourite hockey team as, with only six minutes to the final bell, they appeared to be wielding Panther power over a frustrated band of Axemen as they enjoyed an apparently insurmountable 2-0 margin over the Acadia team. Then, much to our dismay, the roof fell in. Taking two chippy penalties IN OUR OFFENSIVE ZONE we allowed the determined band of visitors to tie the score in the late minutes and then sweep on to an unbelievable 5-4 overtime win. It was the kind of a win you'd love to have, but a Heller to lose. Our scorers were

Gerald Walker, Lonnie Thompson and Shane Turner, who chipped in with two. Our whole team had played well throughout, particularly the four member defence and goalie Shane Carmody would have richly deserved the shutout that we thought he was getting. He displayed a particularly fast hand as he gloved many of what Jack Kane used to term "Quality" shots. We don't know what Jack Hynes said or did but the Sunday night team that faced Saint Mary's played well throughout the 60 minutes and avoided the relapse that lost the first game. Certainly all is forgiven as our boys accomplished a feat that had eluded Panther teams throughout UPEI's existence....they trimmed the Huskies on our ice! In a striking first period of good hockey, they outshot S.M.U. 13-4 and went to the dressing room with a 3-0 lead. Trevor Crawford scored our first on passes from Harold Hay and Brian Ostroski, Terry McKenna took a pass from Steve

Murphy and blasted a shot that caromed into the net and Shane Turner combined with Mike Devine and Rory Beck to flip in a shot that couldn't have had an inch to spare. That was the end of the scoring for us "Good Guys" and the lead held up until late in the third period when S.M.U. got their only goal of the night. We outshot the opposition 31-22 and incurred but two penalties, both in the final period and both in our defensive end. This split, coming after a 2 game winning trip to Memorial the previous weekend, gives us a 3-1 standing and bodes well for an exciting and successful season as Acadia and S.M.U. are regarded as powerhouses in Nova Scotia, both having beaten last year's winner, Dalhousie. This week we have two games at home. Saturday night it will be U.N.B. and Sunday afternoon we hope to give a real Panther welcome to the Saint Thomas team which is returning to league play after sitting out for a few seasons.

basketball last week, our girls played a return match at the home court of the St. F.X. team and won again 52-49. Then, this past weekend, they travelled to Wolfville where they played in the Tip-Off Tournament. In the first game, playing before the biggest crowd of spectators they had ever encountered, they were very nervous and possibly stage struck and this showed in their dismal 17% shooting. They had drawn as their opponents the eventual winners, Laval, who were quite strong, and proved themselves very good shooters. They rebounded well and were masters mistresses of the fast break. Final score was 60-33. In the consolation game against Mount Allison our heroines trailed by 13 points at the half. However, in the final 20 minutes our defense tightened and our full court press caused Mount A. to yield repeated turnovers leading to UPEI baskets and we won over the team that is expected to be our strongest league opposition by a 69-63 score. We hope this gives our girls a psychological boost as we played quite shorthanded. We dressed but 8 and Sharon Douglas saw only limited action due to an injured ankle. In this game Dawn MacLeod led our scorers with 25 while Cathy Chandler was close behind with 20. The first league games will be played here on the 16th, 17th and 18th with S.T.U. while U.N.B. is coming on the 18th.

The basketball Panthers played well this past weekend in the Acadia Tip-Off tournament. In the opening game the Panthers came back from a 10 point deficit at half time to nose out the Mount Allison Mounties by a 75-73 score. Rick Millard led our scorers with 26. We out-rebounded Mt. A. 39-26 but the Mount A. ability at the foul line 15/22 contrasted to our 5/8 kept the game close. On Saturday night, in the final, the strong and experienced Acadia Axemen beat us by an 88-60 score. Rick Millard again led our scorers with 18. Coach Bob Nutbrown, however, was quite pleased with the performance of his comparatively inexperienced team as in the second half we had made a very respectable surge to a 51-38 score before Acadia's far superior depth widened the margin. Their second half effort should act as an impetus to the team when Acadia visits us on 21 November to open up our A.U.A.A. season. Fans may, however, get their first look at this year's team on Saturday at 8 p.m. when they play the annual game with the Alumni. On the distaff side of things, in Lady Panther

In Pantherette hockey goalie "P.O" Patti Bradley shut out Sunny King 2-0 as Brenda Perry netted two and we lost to U.N.B. 5-4 with Rose Whelan, Nancy MacMillan and Brenda Perry scoring and smiling Pelly Shepler adding a shorthanded marker.

We are happy to confide that, like the T.V. participation script of the man who shouts, "I did it! I did it!" we walked from our home to the University on Monday. Since our injury so many people have been so kind to us and we hope the "Be kind to Mickey" motif is no longer necessary...nevertheless we do want to say "Thanks" and we do appreciate the many courtesies shown us. Nice people at UPEI.



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