

Defending national champs sweep tourney Volleyball opens season with split

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The Saint Mary's Huskies, National Mens Basketball Champions 1999, won the UPEI Invitational tournament this weekend. Saint Mary's had perfect 3-0 record in the round-robin, to win the tournament.

The tournament began Friday at the Field House in the battle of Halifax, as Saint Mary's played the Dalhousie Tigers. The Huskies were up 45-32 after the first half. Things opened up more in the second half with several field goals and more action. The Huskies took the game 89-79. Patrick Toulouse was named

player of the game for Saint Marys as was Charlottetown's own Dave Mulally for the Tigers.

The second game of the tournament was between UPEI and Laval's Rouge et Or. This basketball game was fast-paced, with a number of dunks and three pointers. UPEI's Chris Smith made a dunk and was given a technical foul when he hung on the rim to avoid landing on one of the Laval players. The Panthers trailed Laval 45-54 at the half, but almost came back in the second half. Scottie Morrison drained a three from far out (Scottie Land) late

in the game to give UPEI the lead by one point. The Panthers were unable to hold on as Laval won, 97-95.

Saturday's games were played in Summerside. The Huskies defeated the Panthers and earned their second win; the score was 75-60.

Dalhousie tallied its first

win in the match-up against Laval by a score of 76-72.

Action returned to the Field house on Sunday for the tournament's last day of play. Saint Mary's took on Laval in the first match and won the game 96-73, winning the tournament. The top scorer for SMU was Jonah Taussig with 25 points while Samuel Audet-Sow led Laval with 19. In the tournament's final game the Panthers were able to drop the

Smith got the Panther high of 20 points while William Fagan led the Tigers with 14.

The Panthers finished the tournament with a 1-2 record. Scottie Morrison, Jonathan McKercher and Mike Serois all looked strong in the guard position and were all hitting threes. Up front Chris Smith, Dave Love and Jimmy Morris all posted well. New players Terrence Cambell, Darryl Bouchard and Mike Perterson all got playing time and should help the Panthers this year.

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UPEI's volleyball team, noted to be much improved over the last couple of years by Athletic Director Barb Mullaly, opened at home this weekend to the UCCB Capers.

The Panthers dropped their first game Saturday 3 sets to 1 against the Capers but they were able to come back on Sunday and win their match 3 sets to 0.

UPEI has four first year players this year and look as

though they will do well this season. The UPEI and UCCB teams looked a little rusty this weekend as is to be expected with season openers but both teams made good plays and showed potential. END

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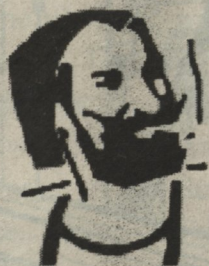
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