



Athletes of the Week

Tyrone Norman and Sherry Dawn Jones are UPEI's Athletes of the Week, a fact released Tuesday by Paul Ledwell, Sports Information Officer for the Athletic Department of UPEI.

Norman, a member of the UPEI Basketball Panthers, scored 50 points in two games last weekend as the P's swept the University of New Brunswick in AUAA basketball action in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

The 6'2" guard is from Linden, New Jersey, U.S. of A. and is a third year Arts student.

The UPEI Fencing Club, of which eight members are heading to Halifax this weekend to participate in an Atlantic fencing tournament. (Photo: Jan Underhill)

Norman is a valuable member of the hoop squad, plays excellent two-way basketball, and is a potent scorer.

Sherry Dawn Jones, a sophomore member of the Lady Panthers basketball team, is UPEI's Female Athlete of the Week.

Jones, 5'11", plays guard and is from Toronto, Ontario. She is one of the AUAA's top rebounders and scorers.

She is an all around player and a main ingredient in the Lady Panthers' offense.

The UPEI Basketball teams are currently in the running for AUAA titles, with the Men's team ranked third in the country by the CIAU.

The Women's team is in second place in the AUAA and has lost only two games so far; one to St. Mary's and one to the defending AUAA champs, UNB.

And on the same weekend that the Panthers face the Blue Eagles again, they meet the Mount Allison Mounties in the final game of the Panthers' regular season.

On February 21 and February 24, the AUAA hockey semi-finals will be held and February 24, the winners play for the AUAA championship.

Rob Moffat picked up a penalty, which evened the number of skaters on the ice and must have sent chills up Milligans' spine.

UPEI's defenceman filled in for Reid as they stopped two shots from going into the goal, but couldn't manage to score.

With four seconds remaining in the game, a mini brawl broke out, the game was called, and UdeM broke their two game losing streak.

The Panthers and the Blue Eagles face each other again in Moncton at the J. Louis Levesque Arena February 15. If this one is anything like the other two matchups, fans are in for a dilly of a game.

But before that, UPEI play the Dal Tigers this Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and the Acadia Axemen Sunday afternoon at the Forum.

Acadia defeated the Panthers on their last confrontation and the boys will be out to even the score.

The next weekend the Panthers entertain the defending AUAA champs, the University of New Brunswick Red Devils for two games on February 9 and 10.

Blue Eagles down Panthers

The Universite de Moncton Blue Eagles handed the University of Prince Edward Island Panthers their second loss of the regular season with a 7-5 victory Saturday at the J. Louis Levesque Arena in Moncton, New Brunswick.

Michel LaForest scored two goals to pace the blue eagles, who trailed the Panthers 4-3 after the first period. Moncton broke a 5-5 second period tie with two unanswered goals in the third period to revenge a loss last week to the UPEI squad at the Charlottetown Forum.

It was the battle of the two top teams in the Atlantic University Athletic Association hockey conference. The Panthers put the Blue Eagles (2-1) within one point of the Panthers (16-2-0) and at number four in the CIAU national pool.

The Panthers lead the AUAA with 32 points and are ranked number three in the country by the Canadian Inter-University Athletic Association.

Moncton was on the score-early in the first period as Donald LeBlanc (J. Rivest, S. Amyot) redirected a shot from the point at 12:25 between the legs of a surprised Dave Reid.

The next ten minutes was very chippy as both teams tried to take control of the game. Referee Charlie Banfield did not let any call go, at least for the moment.

Ron Carragher, who was named second star of the game, scored UPEI's first goal at 9:09.

Then at 10:23, Darwin McCutcheon was serving a cross checking penalty as Daniel Cote (F. Sills, C. Vilgrain) scored UdeM's third goal.

Eleven seconds later, UPEI retaliated as Albert Roche knocked a Ron Carragher pass out of the air to beat UdeM goalie Dave Quigley on the glove side.

Kevin Skilliter pounced on a loose puck after a shot by Danny Revell hit a UdeM defenceman and blew the shot between the legs of Quigley at 11:49.

Francois Sills (A. Richard, F. Boudreau) scored UdeM's third goal at 16:30 and with 15 seconds remaining, Doug Currie (D. Revell, K. Skilliter) gave the Panthers a 4-3 lead going into the second frame.

The goaltenders on both teams were called upon for some outstanding saves as the Eagles and the Panthers skated furiously up and down the ice surface.

The style of play was very rough with hard hits and cheap shots by both teams much in abundance.

UPEI outshot the Blue Eagles 17-12 in the first period.

The second period had less penalties than the first period but the game was just as fast and hard-hitting.

Serge Amyot blasted a shot from the top of the face-off circle to the right of Reid, which ringed off the left post up to the cross bar and over the right post before trickling in behind the goal line.

Reid had no chance on the shot superbly placed by the Moncton forward.

U de M replied again at 8:53 as Claude Vilgrain was set up in the slot from behind UPEI's goal by Michel LaForest to put UdeM at 5-4.

Greg Gravel (Muttart, G. Roche) pounced on a loose puck at 9:45 to tie the game on a powerplay.

The rest of the period saw four minor penalties and a couple of Panthers received minor injuries: Doug Currie injured his shoulder when he collided with a UdeM player, Steve Fulton injured his hip and Kevin Skilliter suffered an injury to his face.

All three stayed in the game, as the Panthers could

not do without the services of Skilliter and Fulton on the blueline.

UPEI outshot the Blue Eagles 15-14.

The third period was dominated by Moncton as the Panthers seemed to be having some trouble setting up in their own end for a really potent attack. The Eagles had numerous 3-2 breaks but the Panthers' defense stopped any further damage.

Michel LaForest, scored the first of his two third-period goals early in the final frame, beat Reid high to the blocker side with a blistering shot from the point at 0:57.

There was some question as to whether the puck went into the Panthers goal, but goal judge and the referee agreed that the puck hit the inside crossbar.

LaForest slipped in another goal at 13:08 as the Panthers miscued in their own end to put UdeM up 7-5.

The final moments were filled with more penalties, highlighted by a stick measurement at 17:44 which resulted in a UdeM penalty.

The Panthers tried desperately to even the game and pulled the goaltender after coach Vince Mulligan called a time out to plan strategy.



Greg Gravel stands all alone in front of the UdeM goal as Randy Muttart (14) tries to thread the puck through the mass of players. (Photo: Hartinger)

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