What's where in sports

JOCK TALK

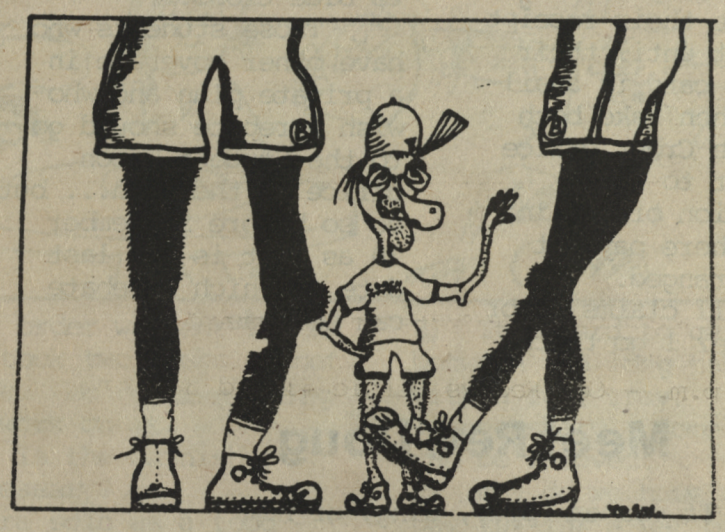
by Mickey Place

Not much action to report on the Panther athletic scene this past week. In the only two games played our Field Hockey team tied one and lost one to bring our season't record to 1-1-1. Against St. F.X. we seemed to enjoy a definite territorial advantage but only Libby Baldwin was able to get the ball past the Tretiaklike X goalkeeper and Libby could only manage that once! The teams, after a 15 minute overtime had to settle with a 1-1 tie. On Sunday we suffered a short letdown on the latter part of the first session and the Memorial girls banged in five unanswered goals. The second perios was a 1-1 standoff and the final score was 6-1. We might note that Coach Barbara Mullally pointed out to the sometimes acerbic critic Freddy MacDonald that the team has scored in every game to date! The team travels to St. Mary's and Acadia this weekend.

Last week we made but slight reference to the Hockey Team and that is a hard subject to skip on P.E.I. At a press meeting on Monday night Coach Jack Hynes advised that he has 12 players from last year's club reporting for training. Jamie Cudmore and Neil MacKenzie are trying out for goal, with a possible third candidate being at the Winnipeg camp. If he's cut he'll be back. Jack remarked that goalkeeping is 70% of the game. On defence we'll have Brian O'Stroski, Mike Ready, Terry McKenna, and Duane Sprague. There are excellent prospects in from Island High Schools. On the forward line Norman Beck, Gary Trainor, Trevor Crawford, Peter MacDonald, Thane Campbell and Steve Peters are back and there are several "graduates" from the Island Junior League, the various high schools, other provinces and even one from Scotland. We expect an entertaining season.

Last week we also skipped reference to the Women's Volleyball Team, mostly because we have little knowledge of the sport. We have asked coaches Phil O'Neil and Barbara Phillips to keep us posted on their activities and will pass along their news. We have made a resolution to see their first home game on November 20 when St. F.X. will be here.

There has been a lot of newspaper and radio comment on "Athletic Awards" (a euphemism for the old "Athletic Scholarship) to students and we find the subject very confusing. However, in our humble opinion, there has been a great deal of hypocracy exhibited. We note that Ontario has now decided to enter into the Canadian Intercollegiate Championships in spite of their "holier than thou" objections to whatever new system is being adopted. We recently saw a report which stated that, at UPEI the average athlete devotes about eighteen hours a week to his/her sport. The eighteen hours represent a time committed above the normal academic class load. The athletes' ability to handle this work is exhibited in their academic standings for the year. Forty percent of the athletes are rated outstanding or above average students while fifty percent are rated as average students. Very few are rated as "Unsatisfactory".. less than five percent. If these students were performing for pay we think they would make much more as student police or at cleaning the Barn. We have always been confused over the transfer rules. We have long suspected that the various athletic directors assemble each year and try to devise ironclad rules that cannot be broken. They then return to their respective campuses where the coaches try to think up was to circumvent the stipulations. (Except, of course, "Honest Eddie" Hilton.). It would seem to be a hard thing to do now, .. a student athlete who transfers must sit out a year, period. Even one going to graduate school is not exempted. We wonder if many coaches are burning midnight oil trying to devise ways around that rule. As we peck this out on Tuesday night, the 22nd on our four fingered typewriter we note that the next game on campus will be on Wednesday the 23rd when Mount A. (rated #10 in Canada last year) plays soccer here. We hope we won and that you were there.



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