

Hoop Panthers Overcome "Cape" Fear

by Jason Martell

The UPEI men's and ladies basketball teams hooked up with UCCB last weekend for a pair of games with each squad, and abruptly sent the Capers scrambling for the nearest Marine Atlantic terminal.

The men's team won both games by final scores of 87-81 and 91-69, while the women eked out an 81-80 win in overtime on Saturday before pounding the lady Capers 80-57 on Sunday.

Conference scoring leader Curtis Robinson scored 29 points on Saturday while pulling down 21 rebounds to go along with a 25 point performance on Sunday. Panther returnee Jason Macdonald had 15 points in the Saturday victory while Doug Newsome, Peter Lawlor, and Michael Moore all scored in double figures in the rematch.

"We really played well as a team this weekend," said Robinson. "It was really nice to see the guys play so well on Sunday and not take anything for granted after the first win."

The win gives the Panthers an overall record of 5-4 which is good for third place in the conference, six behind Dalhousie and eight behind AUAA leader Acadia.

The Lady Panthers played their best basketball of the season as their pair of weekend wins improved their record to 4-7 and vaulted them into the sixth and final playoff spot. Carolyn Deighan hit a pair of clutch free throws to help send Saturday's game into overtime where Eireaan Rigby hit what proved to be the game winning basket. Rigby had 30 points in the 23 point drubbing on Sunday to move her into the top five in conference scoring with a 16.8 ppg average, while Kara Saunders scored 13 points and Stephanie Shive added 10.

Both the men's and ladies teams will see action next on the 27th and 28th of January and thanks to the wonders of modern technology, those games will be over by the time you read this but for the record, Saint Mary's and Acadia will be in town for one game each.

The Acadia men's team sits in first place in the AUAA with 22 points

but are only 1-1 on the road while the Lady Axettes come in fourth in the conference with 16 points.

Saint Mary's mens and ladies teams only have one win each and both Huskies' squads reside in the AUAA basement with records of 1-6 and 1-8 respectively.

Saying that the UPEI men's hockey team embarrassed Cape Breton last weekend is a bit of an understatement, comparable to "Peter McNeely is a bad fighter" or "The popcorn at the Civic Centre is a little bit salty."

The Panthers hammered the Capers 13-2 and were lead offensively by K.J. White (three goals, two assists), Willie Skilliter (two goals, one assist), and John Nelson and Tyler Ertel who had four points each. Craig Johnson picked up the win for the Panthers in the net.

Head coach Doug Currie and his troops didn't fare as well on Sunday, though as they were downed by St. F.X. 3-2 in Antigonish. The Panther goals were scored by Todd Walker and Clarke Trolley in a game which saw UPEI fire 40 shots at X-Men netminder Shawn Silver. St. F.X.'s Brian Trenholm scored with only 4:21 remaining in the game to snap UPEI's three game winning streak and bring the Panthers back to the .500 mark with an overall record of 9-9-1.

Despite Sunday's loss the Panthers now have a total of 19 points and are only five points behind behind first place UNB.

Useless stat of the week: The AUAA women's basketball conference is one of the most competitive in the CIAU, yet only one team from the entire league is listed in the current national rankings. The Dalhousie women's team had a perfect record of 10-0 at week's end and were only ranked 8th in the nation.

Someone should really tell the rankings committee that the days of the covered wagon are long since passed here in the Maritimes, and that the country's best basketball is being played east of Montreal.

UPEI / TRADEWIND INTRAMURAL BALL HOCKEY

STANDINGS

| | GP | W | L | GF | GA | PTS |
|-----------------|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| BLANCHARD HALL | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| WHITE LIGHTNING | 1 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 2 |
| TEMPLAR REVIVAL | 1 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 3 | 2 |
| MARIAN HALL | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| AVC | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| DWAYNE GILKS' | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| BROTHERHOOD | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 0 |
| DESKERS | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 0 |

UPEI / TRADEWIND IHL STANDINGS

PRINCE OF WALES

| | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | PTS |
|----------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| WOLVERINES | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 61 | 28 | 3 |
| SHOOTING STARS | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 52 | 27 | 12 |
| MARIAN I | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 49 | 57 | 8 |
| AVC | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 32 | 40 | 8 |
| HAC N SAC | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 66 | 50 | 7 |
| BROTHERHOOD | 9 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 44 | 67 | 6 |

SAINT DUNSTANS

| | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | PTS |
|-----------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| FLYING SHANIAS | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 73 | 40 | 15 |
| THE ORIGINAL REDNECKS | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 40 | 48 | 10 |
| BUSINESS SOCIETY | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 29 | 23 | 10 |
| CHIQUITAS | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 40 | 37 | 10 |
| ROYALTY (HC) | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 47 | 36 | 9 |
| ENGINEERS | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 46 | 38 | 8 |
| MARIAN II | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 13 | 25 | 4 |
| DOWNTOWN (HC) | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 22 | 64 | 2 |
| HITMEN | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 31 | 49 | 0 |
| ALUMNI | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 12 | 27 | 0 |

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