



JOCK TALK MICKEY PLACE

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For several seasons now, at the first of every hockey season we hear from gloomy fans that, due to the loss of players from the previous players through graduation or defection, we will be lucky to win a game in the forthcoming M.I.H.L. schedule. This year was certainly no exception. When players, who were expected to form our first line just weren't available, for some reason or other, the harbingers of doom were certain that this would be the BAD year that they had been forecasting for several seasons. THESE FANS FORGET THAT ON P.E.I. WE BREED AND TRAIN HOCKEY PLAYERS...not that I mean to insinuate that we do not welcome and are not glad to have off-Islanders...but, when our stars unexpectedly go to what seem like greener pastures, Vince just has to swallow hard a couple of times and then start training a more locals.

Those who made the trip to Sackville and Moncton last week-end saw plenty of evidence that Mulligan has done it again. On Sat. night our boys knocked off Mt. A., a team that had been strengthened over last year's good team and on Sun. we lost a real close game that saw the Blue Eagle winning and insurance goals being scored late in the third period. We feel that most of our players are young, with a good seasoning of experienced veterans, and we should have a strong team for several seasons.... particularly so when after Christmas potential additions are considered. BUT FOR HEAVEN'S SAKES BOYS WILL YOU PLEASE CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION ON THIS SIDE OF NORTHUMBERLAND STRAIT!!!! It is getting so that every time we see a visiting team it seems like Old Home Week -- it's supposed to be in August!!

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Mount Allison combined their marked height advantage with accurate shooting and, we must admit, dominated this game. Without detracting at all from their undoubted ability, it seems

ludicrous at times when one of our player would straighten up to look an opponent in the eye...only to discover he was peering into his navel!!! We don't think we should issue crying towels to spectators & players yet though...our team will be strengthened by the addition of some of the players who will now be available. We might also observe that, in a small university like UPEI our team, recruited largely from local boys, must start from scratch and rebuild quite often...experience is a necessity and many of our players are just not used to the calibre of play in the Intercollegiate level. We'll be up there after a bit.

We might also add that, to our way of thinking, the WINNING, while more pleasant than losing, still is not EVERYTHING. We have no respect for the type of fan who cheers for and follows only the team that can stay on top. We believe that if you are a Panther fan...then you should cheer for and encourage Panther teams...not just WINNING Panther teams...

it is a long road that has no turns in it and we are certain that the fan who remains loyal to a losing team gets more satisfaction out of a sport when fortune finally comes than the fan who can see only victory as a reason for loyalty.....if the letters on the uniform say UPEI then let's get behind them and let them know that, win, lose or draw they have our support!!!!

We are adding this postscript as we rush before press-time. All around us in the Student Office people are working in preparation for the benefit hockey game. We are always being surprised at how good people are...Also on behalf of the Student Union we wish to acknowledge with thanks, donations of goods from Eastern Bakeries, Enterprise Bakery, Central Creameries, K-Mart groceries, Pure Milk Co., Purity Dairy, Michael Bros., Woolworth's and the UPEI Bookstore...as an example of how people co-operated in this....the hockey team all came in and bought their tickets for the game... now if SMU would only join in.....

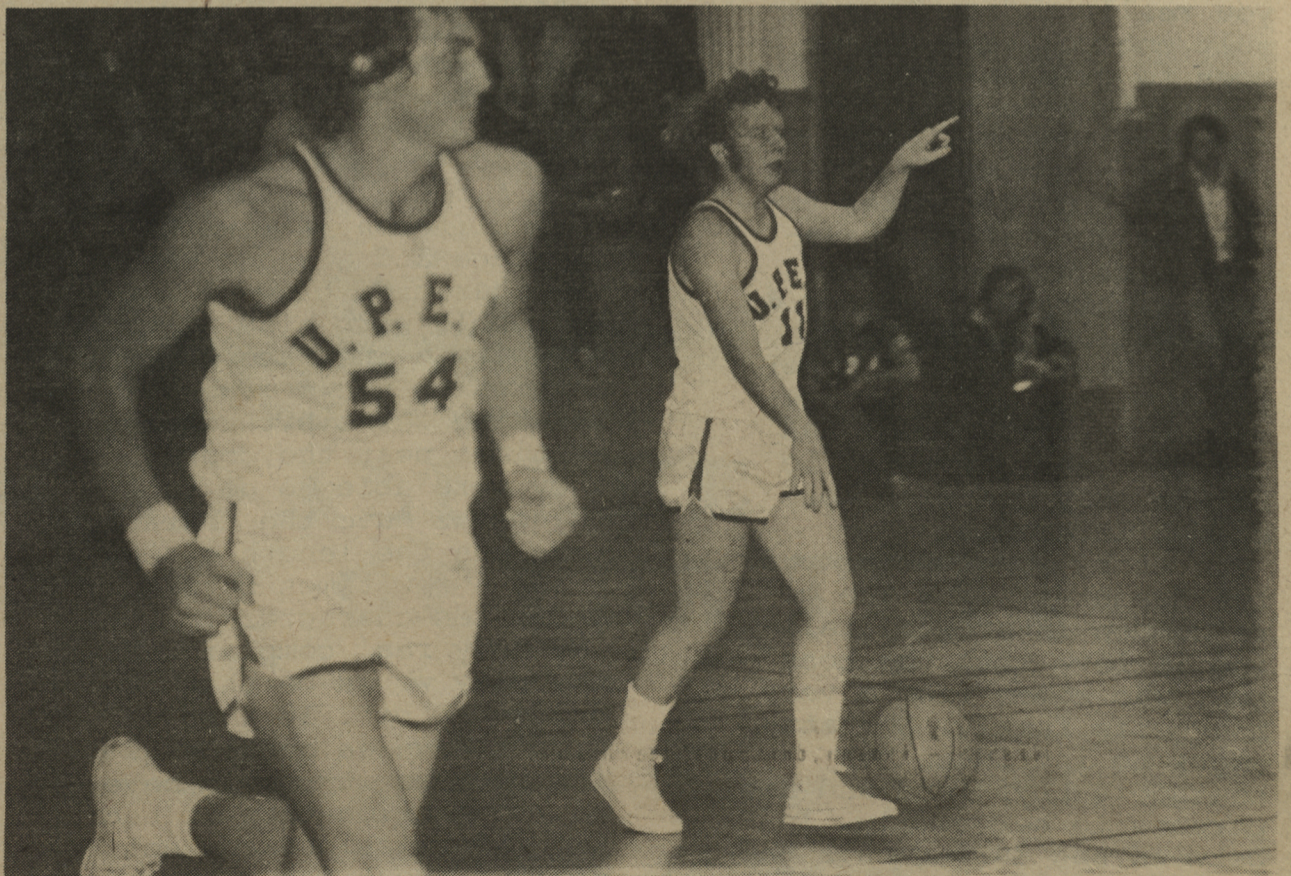


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