



SEASON ROUNDUP

Well another year has passed us by in the sports world and we can begin looking to next year for the unexpected.

The Lady Panthers field hockey season was highlighted by the showing of a fine crop of rookies who should provide a sound nucleus for Barb Mullay next year. Although losing key players such as Janet Ellis and Mary Bradley, I feel Barb Mullay will have and should have a much better team next year. The highschools on the island produce some excellent talent in field hockey and if last years crop was anything to judge by them this up coming year should vault us into the Atlantic finals. Sandy Drysdale had an excellent season in goal and along with rookie Honey McTissac who was a standout next season should be even better.

SEXISM IN SPORTS

Fredericton (CUP) -- A motion was passed at the spring regional conference of Atlantic Region Canadian University Press (ARCUP) calling for a greater awareness of sexism in sportswriting and asking that the member papers attempt to eliminate this problem.

Speaking on the motion, Tom Best, sports editor of the Brunswickan, said that one of the major problems facing the women's athletics was their own attitude. "There are no 'ladies' in sports" he said.

He said that some of the terms used by women when referring to sports such as "powder puff", indicate they are less serious than men and added that this was not the case. He felt that if women's athletics were to gain equality with men's athletics, the attitudes of the people controlling the money would have to be changed and one way of doing this was through the terms that the media uses in referring to women's sports.

Football Panthers... What can you say about these fine gentlemen that has not already been said. Early in the season the Panthers had few followers who believed they would do so well as they did. The Panthers played 500% ball during the final playoff to St. F. X. after eliminating Dalhousie in an earlier playoff. The Panthers had many factors which attributed to their marked success but the most important one had to be the enlargement of the coaching staff. With people like, Bill Simmons, Dave Fox, Jerry Edge and Doug Crossman back up Ed Hilton the success of the football program has to improve.

One of the main factors in the Panthers excellent showing had to be due to freshman quarterback Rick Kiraly. Kiraly came into training camp just prior to the opening of the season and stepped into the position with authority. The excellent running ability added to the fact of a strong arm posed a double threat to other teams in the league as Kiraly displayed.

On the other side of the line we have what some believe to be one of the strongest upcoming defenses in the Panther history. With newcomer Vernon Phal teamed with All-Conference Mike at the tackle positions, our defense played excellent football many times keeping other teams off the scoreboard, until the offense got rolling. All Conference Hubert MacDonald became had one of his best years as a Panther by making key plays late in many games, which helped to squeeze out a victory. With the incoming rookies added to the list of fine Hall players on campus the Panthers should next year by all rights emerge with a 5-1 record. The potential is their now all that has to be done is for the season to start so I can be proven correct.

Turning to basketball we will always remember this

season as the season we started on the road towards a national championship. The Panthers performed above everyone's expectations and provided a great deal of excitement all season. The Panthers started the pre-season by winning the coveted Acadia Tip Off Tournament in convincing style. As the season began we defeated SMU but then a long layoff over the Christmas holidays did little for U.P.E.I. as we lost the finesse we had acquired early in the season. With standouts like Kevin Feighery and Mark Vickers in the back court feeding 6'7" Tom Kappos and 6'5" Ken Rowe the Nationals were only one step away. Over the Christmas holidays the step was accomplished with the addition of Rick Mallard from Sackville N.B. to back up Dennis High. The addition of Mallard added the extra depth needed for a chance at the nationals. Our sixth place finish in the nationals is just a prelude to what will happen next year and if we can find a person to fill Kevin Feighery's shoes we will be well on our way to the finals in Halifax.

The hockey season provided many surprises which were not expected. Val Mitchell was the best surprise of the year as he showed the league his potential which we hope will carry U.P.E.I. to the finals next year. Wilfred MacDonald is not surprising to people who realize his talent on skates as he showed the whole year. A fine future is in store for another rookie who comes from Kinkora High School. Cameron showed late in the season that by this time next year he will definitely be a

solid part of the Panthers hockey team. Our fourth place finish was not surprising as we were expected to reach that plateau from the outset of the season. The hockey teams fine showing in the playoffs against St. F.X. made all those people who believed the series to be one sided eat their words. The hockey team was anything but a pushover for St. F.X. as we felt from this corner that U.P.E.I. could have gone to the finals with a little luck.

In curling Bruce Nortons rink provided the fans with some excellent games but just failed to win the championship. Just the opposite happened in girls curling where Gloria Basha shipped her rink through the tournament undefeated to win the Women's Atlantic curling title in convincing style.

Brent Cutcliffe and Kevin McQuad teamed up to win the doubles championship in badminton when representing U.P.E.I. in the Atlantic Finals.

Walter Wilkins went to UNB and captured the Atlantic Universities Foil Championship (fencing). Wilkins although representing U.P.E.I. had to pay \$75 of his own money in order to go. I wonder if the Athletic Department could have helped him out in that matter?

PREDICTIONS

- Football: 3rd behind SMU and Acadia.
- Field Hockey: 4th.
- Basketball: Men - 1st
- Ladies - 4th
- Hockey: 3rd

Passing Notes.

Colin McAdam asked me to mention to his fan club that he did score 2 points in the national tournament. Well done Colin.

TABLE TENNIS

Sunday April 3, 1977

- 11 AM B.Dean vs.*Ramsee Nasaralah
- 11:30 * Vernon Pau vs*Steven Henry
- 12 Brian Eamer vs*Marty Hilton
- 12:30 Ozzie Dippolito vs Barry Bower
- 1 PM John Dowlin vs Lorne Clow
- 1:30 * Crockett vs*John Ballem
- 2 *Bruce DeBarros vs Bruce Nicholson
- 2:30 * Y.S. Wu vs * Brian Gaudet
- *=One loss would result in elimination

- For information contact:
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- Results are posted on the Gym Control Room bulletin board.-

