

Big Wins

JOCK TALK

We suppose we should be halfway satisfied with a 4-4 split in games since we last laboured over these lines but it could have been so much better had fate been just a trifle kinder. In Women's volleyball, to which we concede we haven't paid sufficient attention, we dropped two close matches to unbeaten Acadia, both by 3-2 scores. The Panther defense closed in tightly around the taller and powerful hitters from Acadia with Cathy Sinclair, a freshman from Kensington, leading our players with her strong wavering serve and consistent defense.

Joanne MacKinnon played her usual superb hitting and offensive games. Joanne suffered a 3 stitch injury to her lip and resembled a hockey player after the game. The losses bring the season's record to 3-7 and puts us out of contention for a playoff spot. However Coach Donna Sears and her players deserve congratulations for the progress the team had made in its first year of competition. Next, and final action, will be on 19 and 20 February when the Lady Panthers will hostess(?) the Mt. Allison squad.

The Lady Basketball Panthers played two terrific games as they split with mainland competition. On Friday night in Halifax they scored a real upset as they nosed out the Saint Mary's Belles 62-61. We trailed by 3 with less than two minutes to go but field goals by Velvet Charters and Colleen Rossiter and foul shots by Cathy Chandler gave them the

lead they managed to retain. Next day in Wolfville we dropped a close one to Acadia (whom we had beaten on three occasions) 54-53 after we trailed by 12 with ten minutes to go. The girls play their last game this Saturday at home game this Saturday at 6:00 against Mt. Allison and have two away the following weekend against U. de Moncton and UNB. Teams in other years may have had a better record but we feel our players should take pride in the fact that they have shown that they belong in this league with its stronger competition.

Our Halifax informant called us on Friday night after the SMU basketball game with the terse message "We wuz robbed" but we must concede his attitude is extremely prejudiced. He was most indignant over a late call on Vinnie DePinto on a pass-out. Be that as it may.. we wonder why ANYBODY wants to be a basketball referee.. the final score was 94-91 as St. Mary's stormed from behind in the closing minute after we led 90-87 with a minute or so to go. Chris Sumner was fantastic with 39 points while Billy Redmond had 22. We ALMOST beat Canada's number 1 team and the boys are confident that, if they meet again in the playoffs the decision will be reversed. Against Acadia we were somewhat listless after the emotion of the SMU game but managed a win 71-65 with Billy Redmond getting 24, and Curtis Brown 22. Next action will be here on Saturday against Mt. A. However, our attention must be

focused on the two games to be played in Fredericton the following weekend against UNB. The top four teams make the playoffs, their position is decided on a percentage basis. As we demonstrated on Friday night our team can play with any in the league, and being younger, can improve faster... anything can happen. AUAA playoffs are 12 and 13 March at the Metro Centre in Halifax with #4 playing #1, #3 plays #2. Next day the winners play at 3:00 p.m. WE EXPECT TO BE THERE. The CIAU's are in Victoria B.C. the following weekend.

In hockey a pair of big wins over the Beothuks from Memorial catapulted us into a first place tie with UNB and we have two games in hand. The first game on Saturday night was reasonably close as goals by Trevor Crawford, Gary Trainor, and Callie MacPhail gave us a 3-2 margin going into the third period but early goals by Norman Beck and Steve Peters made it 5-2 and the Panthers appeared to be content with things as they were and did not seem to press in the latter stages. Sunday it was different. It may have been the example the Panthers were trying to set for the Minor Hockey League players, who were there by special invitation in the first period; for after yielding a "quickie" at the 11 second mark they banged in 8 successive tallies... a feat the equal of which we cannot recall in our many years of watching intercollegiate hockey. It was the kind of game we enjoy as there were no suspenseful moments as the Panthers seemed to score at will

during the first two periods and led 16-2. They seemed to get tired of digging the puck out of the net in the final stanza but still won 17-6. All sorts of records were broken. Norman Beck had 5 goals and 9 assists while Doug Currie (back from banishment) had a goal and 5 assists. After the Mt. A game on the 10th Acadia (11-10) will be here on Saturday. We SHOULD make the playoffs. The playoff schedule is odd. The two top teams in each division, plus two WILD CARD teams will play on 26-27-28 February at Moncton and Halifax. The two winners play on 5-6-7 March. The National Championships are in Moncton on 11-12-13-14 March. Moncton is guaranteed a spot in these games even if they do not win the Atlantic section. Should Moncton win the AUAA's the second place finishers has a good chance of being in the CIAU's. You figure it out!


McAdam Div.	GP	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
UPEI	21	14	6	1	106	72	29
UNB	23	14	8	1	119	103	29
MTA	20	12	8	0	114	97	24
MUN	21	4	17	0	77	158	8
STU	21	0	20	1	64	160	1

WOMENS BASKETBALL Standings

GP	W	L	F	A	PTS	
DAL	11	10	1	927	557	20
UNB	11	9	2	806	640	18
SFX	11	8	3	669	618	16
SMU	12	6	6	769	772	12
UPEI	12	5	7	716	803	10
ACAD	10	4	6	526	591	8
MTA	11	2	9	635	774	4
MUN	12	1	11	596	889	2

MENS BASKETBALL Standings

GP	W	L	F	A	AVG.	
SMU	11	11	0	1025	864	1.000
DAL	13	9	4	1135	1027	.692
UPEI	11	6	5	887	868	.545
UNB	10	5	5	834	865	.500
SFX	12	6	6	996	937	.500
MTA	10	1	9	670	900	.100
ACAD	11	1	10	885	971	.090



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