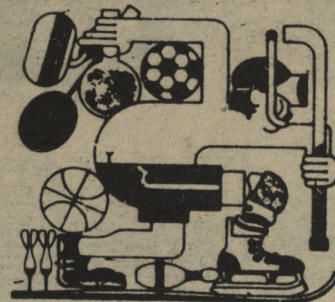


# JOCK TALK



By MICKEY PLACE

Panther hockey hopes took another big leap over the past weekend as the team played well in taking two from the St. Francis Xavier team that had whumped us twice in pre-season exhibition play. It is much nicer to win when it really counts!

In the first game we took an early and decisive lead as Ted Kozab and Albert Roche scored unanswered goals in the first period and Kozab also scored the only counter in the second to make it 3-0. Avalino Gomez' bid for a white-wash was foiled in the third as X managed to get one by him while Ron Carragher and Garth Arsenault made the goal-judges light flash to end the game at 5-1. Gomez was brilliant in the nets as we were out-shot 33-27. Carragher's score was an unusual and somewhat amusing one as the X goalkeeper left the protection of his crease in an attempt to smother a loose puck. Just as he got his glove on it, he was knocked sprawling by a Panther and, attempting to scramble back to protect his net, he arrived shortly after the puck was battered in!

Sunday's game was a different type of contest. X scored first and from then on the lead went to one and then to the other. Following goals by Norman Beck, Albert Roche, Jeff Lantz, and Terry McKenna, we led 4-3 with but seconds to go in the final frame when, in the usual last-ditch strategy, X pulled their goalkeeper in favour of an extra forward and suc-

ceeded in tying it up! In the overtime, we thought, from their play, that X would have been quite content to have the game end in a tie as they seemed to hang back to ensure the deadlock. However, their strategy backfired as Trevor Crawford took a long pass, streaked up right wing, and blasted a terrific slapshot over the shoulder of their lunging goalkeeper, to give us a satisfying 5-4 win. This brings our league record to 5-3 and is a most encouraging development for a team that only a couple of weeks ago was in a low standing with a 1-3 statistic. We found our enjoyment of this victory somewhat frustrated, as we watched the action seated between their sub-goalie ("why, oh why did I leave that net?") and their assistant coach... both very nice fellows, so we felt it only proper that we should be somewhat restrained in our enthusiasm. You would not believe the number of statistics they keep in a game! As far as we are concerned, the only stat that really matters is the number of times the puck goes into the net... after that figure is determined, for all practical purposes, you can stop counting! The team goes to Acadia this weekend for two (that we should win), and then plays at Mount Allison on 30 November and at Moncton on 5 December. They will not play at home until 7 and 8 January. Our volleyball team lost to Dalhousie and Acadia in straight sets but won

a squeaker with Mount Allison 9-15, 15-7, 15-10, 9-15, and then pulled out the match with a 15-8 score. They play the ladies from St. F.X. here this Friday and Saturday. The Lady Panther basketball team trimmed the U. de Moncton quintet in an exhibition game in our gym on Sunday with a 59-41 score. Colleen Rossiter led our scorers with 17, while Sue Betts was runner-up with 12. Coach George Morrison used his bench extensively. Ann Marie McInnis, Donna Noonan, Karen Rowell, Doris MacPhee, Cindy Doyle and Dora Erman all participated in the scoring. This win brings our pre-season record to 4-2 and should be very encouraging, as they face a road trip to open their league season with games at St. F.X. and St. Mary's. They will be at home next Wednesday against Mt. A. Our basketball Panthers took another long trek into foreign fields and the wilds of Maine to win two from the U. of Maine at Presque Isle. We won the first in a close game (74-70) with Aion Pettigrew leading our boys with 22. In the second game, on Sunday, the Panthers went into high gear and ran up a 104-58 win, as Curtis Brown scored a sensational 38 points. These games conclude our very successful exhibition series and we assume they will be in tip-top shape for our A.U.A.A. opener against St. F.X. on Friday at 8:00. This is the team that just beat us out in the AUAA semi-finals in Halifax last spring, so a win is very important for us.

Basketball-starved fans will be pleased to know that we'll also have games in the gym on Wednesday when Mount A. will visit us... the woman's game at 6:00 and the gents, at 8:00. The long winter won't seem nearly as cold and bleak if we have a streak of wins to warm us up so get out and cheer our teams on! More noise, please!!!!

