

JOCK TALK

The end of a very good year

The 1983-84 Basketball Panthers, like Napoleon, lost the final decision at Waterloo but, unlike the deposed emperor, they will not be banished to an obscure Island but have been welcomed back with an admiring and enthusiastic reception.

Having been designated as "Runners-up" after the U.A.A. finals in Halifax they had been invited to participate in the C.I.A.U. mid-western basketball tournament that would decide on an entrant to the finals to be held in Halifax this coming weekend.

For our first opponents were the Mustangs from the University of Western Ontario. As they were ranked #11 in Canada, while we were designated as #11, we entered this contest rated as underdogs.

However, our boys were not cowed by their highly regarded opponents, led 3-31 at the half and after a most dramatic finish, ended the game as 70-60 winners! In this final session neither team, at any time, enjoyed a lead of more than three points, and a foul against the panthers, that might have given the Mustangs a victory, was adjudged to have occurred a split-second after the final buzzer had sounded! Whew!

Mike Morgan led our scorers with 19 while Tyorman had 14.

In the final game we were matched against the hometown Waterloo Warriors, finalists in last year's championship round against the winning U. of Victoria.

Coping against the tallest team they had encountered this year, the Panthers were outplayed throughout most of the first half but rallied to a 41-32 at the break.

In the second session the Warriors made it 49-32 very quickly but then, for ten minutes, the Panthers took over and outplayed their giant opponents as they closed to 58-53.

The Warrior's Coach was quoted as saying, in admiring fashion, "It was embarrassing to have players six to ten inches taller than the other team and then to watch your opponents go right up in our faces and put the ball into the net!"

However, the Warriors adjusted their play to cope with us midget upstarts and the gallant Panthers bowed out 82-63.

Mike Morgan, who was picked as a tournament all-star, was high for us with 18

while Tejan Alleyne had 17.

It was a fine showing by a talented and courageous team. We're proud of them!

U.P.E.I. fans were somewhat startled to learn that our Basketball Panthers are probably the A.U.A.A. champions!

In another surprising disclosure Saint Mary's announced that they have been using a player (freshman and A.U.A.A. "Rookie of the Year", Ron Lardge) who is probably ineligible and so they have relinquished the title which they seemed to have won when they beat us in the tournament final.

If they are out we should be in and there has to be a champ!

Inasmuch as this disclosure came after Saint Mary's team had reached Fredericton, and there was not time to get a fourth contestant, their withdrawal gave Lethbridge a bye and must have killed interest in the tournament, as the hometown U.N.B. Red Raiders were not highly regarded.

Lethbridge beat Brock in the final.

Now it appears that the BIG losers may be Dalhousie who are hosting the national finals in Halifax without any entrant for whom Halifax fans might be enthused.

Who but a real dyed-in-the-wool basketball enthusiast cares who wins ... Waterloo, Brandon, Lethbridge or Victoria?

There's an old saying that all good things must come to an end and the final curtain has come down on Panther athletic activity which began on 17 Sept. last!

We take great pride in the accomplishments of our teams and Director Ed Hilton and all coaches are to be congratulated!

We have reached heights never before attained in Island University history!

The Field Hockey and Volleyball teams finished with improved records. Although out of post season play, both have been going through a building period and look forward, with optimism, to next year.

In Soccer we won the Atlantic Championship and lost out 1-0 in the Eastern Finals after experiencing frustrating obstacles prior to the game.

In hockey we made the playoffs only to lose out 3-2 in both games to the U. de Moncton.

The Basketball Pantherettes finished second in the league and were ousted in playoffs by the Dal girls whom they

had twice beaten in season play.

In basketball, by a most circuitous route, we appear to be the A.U.A.A. champs! Two A.U.A.A. champion-

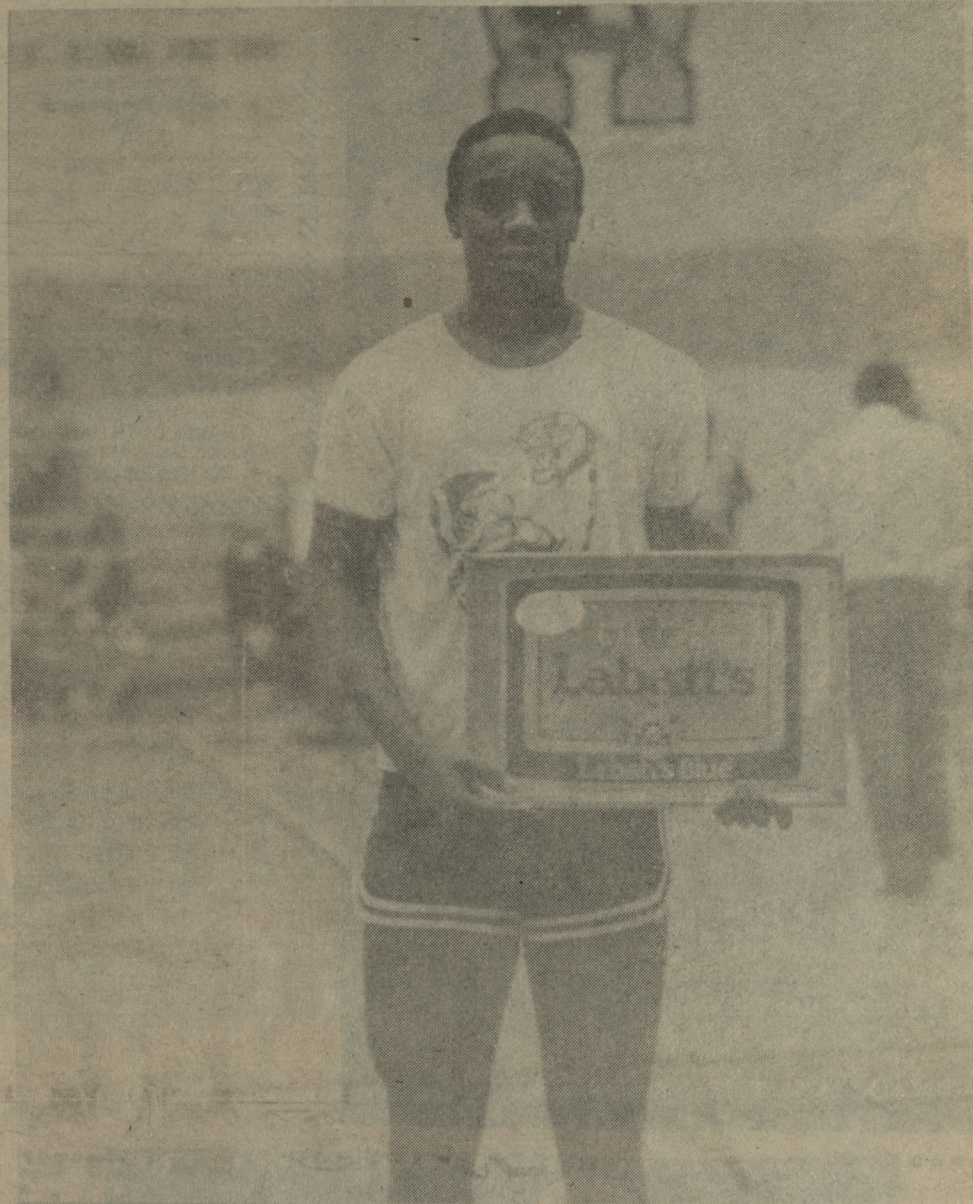
ships for little young U.P.E.I.!

That's quite a record! It is particularly noteworthy when we note that most of our coaches are part-time and that the full time ones have

other strenuous duties!

Good work all! Let's aim for three next year!

Won't somebody please accuse us of being a "Jock" college?



Basketball Panther Mike Morgan was chosen as a tournament All-star in Waterloo over the March 9-11 weekend. Way to go, Mike!

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Congratulations to the Ford Bronco II winners in the Long Distance "Phone Sweet Home" Contest.
We wish them many years of great driving. And to the other students who participated - our thanks. It was good to hear from all of you. And remember, there are other people who like to keep in touch with you - back home. So "Phone Sweet Home" regularly! Good luck in your exams, and have a super Summer.

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