

SPORTS

From the Hart

Panthers sweep UNB — third in Canada

By The Shadow

The UPEI men's basketball Panthers boosted their season record to 8-2 with three victories on the road this past week.

The wins put the Panthers in a tie with the Acadia Axemen for first place in the AUAA Basketball Conference.

Early last week, the Panthers were boosted from fourth place in the CIAU (national) rankings.

Last Tuesday evening in Sackville, New Brunswick, the Panthers overcame a 32-27 halftime deficit to beat the Mount Allison Mounties 69-62.

Leading the Panthers in that game was point Delroy Adams, who hit for 20 points closely followed by T.J. Alleyne with 18 points.

A big factor for the Panthers was centre Trevor Willock, who had 15 rebounds for the game.

The win avenged a one-point loss to the Mounties earlier in the season.

On the weekend, the Panthers were once again on the road — this time to Fredericton to play the UNB Red Raiders.

Friday night, the Panthers rolled to an 80-64 victory over the Raiders, with Tyrone Norman scoring 26 points and Alleyne contributing 15.

On Saturday, the Panthers literally took the UNB squad to the cleaners, winning 82-40.

The Panthers' twenty-point halftime lead allowed them to use their bench for virtually all of the second half.

Once again, Norman led the way with 24 points, while Trevor Willock netted 11.

The Panthers' upcoming games will be the most important ones of their season.

This weekend UPEI has two games against the Acadia Axemen, who currently hold third spot in the national rankings.

Should the Panthers win both games, they will be in sole possession of first place in the AUAA conference, and will undoubtedly move a notch higher in the national rankings.

Go to it guys!

Volleyball season ends

By Tony Sauer

Despite valiant efforts, the UPEI volleyball Panthers were swept last weekend by the Dalhousie Tigers.

The league-leading Tigers won both matches (Saturday night and Sunday afternoon) by tallies of 3-0.

The Panthers, however, provided respectable opposition, making Dalhousie work for its points.

Linda Dykerman was a bright spot for UPEI with 6 kills, an ace, and three stuffed blocks in the second match.

Dalhousie, however, seemed to have a slight upper hand in every aspect of the game, with accurate serving, excellent smashing and blocking.

Their defense had enough depth to handle most smashes through the blocking, as well.

The matches round out UPEI's volleyball season for 1984-85 though there is a chance of an additional tournament at home.

Good luck is wished to Coach Donna Sears and all players in next year's campaign.

CIAU rankings

Hockey

Alberta
Toronto

UPEI PANTHERS

Moncton
Chicoutimi
Manitoba
Saskatchewan
Laurier
Regina
Laurentian

Men's b-ball

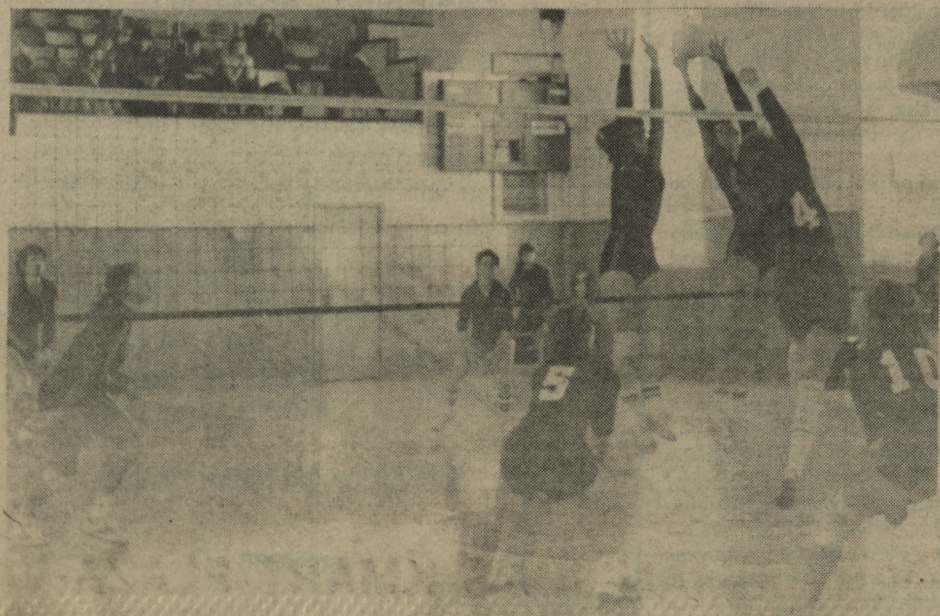
Waterloo
Acadia
UPEI
Winnipeg
Victoria
Saskatchewan
St. F.X.
Manitoba
York
Calgary

Women's b-ball

Victoria
Laurentian
Toronto
Lethbridge
Concordia
McGill
New Brunswick
Alberta
Winnipeg
Manitoba

Volleyball

Winnipeg
Calgary
York
Saskatchewan
Victoria
U.B.C.
Dalhousie
Laval
Ottawa
Manitoba



A volleyball Panther goes up against two Dal blockers. (Photo: Underhill)

The game everyone was talking about last weekend was the Hockey Panthers' untimely defeat by the Universite de Moncton Blue Eagles, which dropped the Panthers to the number three spot in the nation and hiked the Blue Eagles to the fourth spot.

The game was a sellout, as about 3,000 fans packed the J. Louis Levesque Arena to see the two top teams in the AUAA do battle. The game was fast and clogging, and the highly offensive Blue Eagles eked out the victory to move within one point of the league-leading UPEI Panthers.

What a game! The fans got into the game at least a half hour before the game even started, first applauding the tractor which cleaned the ice surface and then the blue-colored eagle which took root in the penalty box.

The Moncton organization has a really strong booster club which was out in full force for the game. They really put the Charlottetown fans to shame with their blue wave, their clanging noise-makers, and their cheers.

There were about 200 Island fans who managed to squeeze in among the partisan crowd which swelled the arena, whenever they cheered though, the Moncton gang quickly silenced the vocal few.

The fans on the Island do have a chance to renounce their poor involvement in the Panther games, as the P's have four more home games at the Forum.

The Basketball Panthers moved to the number three spot in the country with their three consecutive wins: One over the Mount Allison Mounties and a two-game sweep of the UNB Red Raiders in Fredericton last weekend.

Acadia is second in the country and former UPEI Coach Dave Nutbrown who defected to the Nova Scotia school two years ago for better terms and better athletic facilities will be on the campus this weekend. Chris Summer and Skeeter Mower, who made the trip to the valley with Nutbrown and are now two of Acadia's top players, will be the target of the Panthers' defense.

B'ball fans are in for a treat ... and please, if you are going to the game, at least try to get your hand clapping. Bring a banner or two ... paint your face ... bring anything that will make noise. (Friday 8:00 p.m., Saturday 2:00 p.m.)

The Lady Panthers will be on the road this weekend to play Dalhousie Saturday and Acadia University Friday night. UPEI has only two losses this year and is in second place in the AUAA behind the powerhouse UNB Red Bloomers.

The Women's Volleyball team finished their season last weekend on a losing note to the 7th ranked Dalhousie Tigers (See story.)

If you can find time to see any of the games this weekend try not to use your hands as a cushion.

HART'S NOTE

University Athletic Director Ed Hilton could not be reached for comment before deadline, but Les Smith, SU Vice-President External, commented Tuesday after a meeting with Hilton.

Hilton explained to him the Universite de Moncton sent 100 tickets over to the Island, all of which were given to booster club members and to some students who had reserved the highly prized tickets beforehand.

Smith said the Student Union was not informed about the tickets and thought the whole deal wasn't very good for the students.

He said he will contact the Universite de Moncton in hopes of getting more tickets for the February 15 matchup between the Panthers and the Eagles. A bus or a couple of Fan Vans may be sent to Moncton at a cost of about \$20.00 per person.

Smith wants the Student Union to control the distribution of the tickets thus giving the campus community a fair chance at attending the game, instead of having to wait in the long line-up with the chance of not seeing the game at all.

Just a little tidbit to the

I must admit, though, the UPEI students who go to the games do cheer and support Panther sports, but they are overshadowed by the majority of Apathetic people an excellent word to define PEI.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

How many UPEI students were aware that we were sent tickets to the Panthers' hockey game in Moncton last weekend?

From what I can gather, our athletic director received tickets (I have heard numbers up to 125) to the game.

Where did they go? Some say Booster Club members had first choice. But I know of at least one member who stood in line for a rush ticket two hours before the game.

The students did not get those tickets. Many went over and ended up standing around the back or sitting in the midst of Moncton fans.

The reserved section (or part of it) behind the Panthers' bench had supposedly been allocated to UPEI. However, a healthy proportion of those sitting there were cheering for the Blue Eagles, and certainly the Panthers didn't seem to receive much support from that area.

Even the players didn't have access to UPEI's reserved tickets. Several of their family members stood in line with the rest of us, and some didn't go because they didn't have tickets.

While I am sure that all the recipients of those tickets were dedicated fans, it seems preferable, for both players and fans, to have the vocal support coming from behind rather than from across the ice.

If the athletic director cannot get more tickets in advance, perhaps he would consider publicizing the availability of the ones he does have, and find a better way of distributing them.

In the meantime, fans should be aware that UPEI plays in Moncton again on February 15 ... and there will be tickets around somewhere.

Sincerely,
Ticked Off

whole story, the same was done when the Blue Eagles fans travelled to PEI. Most of the fans were boosters and some UdeM students were also a little upset.

Let's face it, though, there can't be tickets for everyone and his dog! I do think that in the future; advertisement and notice of the availability of the tickets should be improved so that misunderstandings like the one that occurred last weekend won't happen again.

Here is a word of advice. ... GET IN LINE NOW ...