

Panthers Play Host To Nutbrown

The U.P.E.I. Basketball Team, coming off an inspired win over powerhouse Saint Mary's and a 106-86 clubbing of Mount Allison, will engage in two crucial contests this weekend as the struggle for play-off spots intensifies.

Saturday, the Panthers face traditionally tough Acadia who are lead by guards Donnie Ehler, the best shooter in the conference according to Panther coach Ed Hilton, and Rodney Martin, who is capable of throwing in 20 or 25 points a game. Up front Acadia gets strong rebounding from former Panther Guy MacIsaac at 6'8" and Kevin Moore at 6'7".

Coach Hilton foresees that the Axemen defence, which has kept them close in every game this year, will cause some problems for the home charges.

The man who brought defence to Wolfville is former U.P.E.I. mentor Dave Nutbrown, who des-

pite a 3-5 record has done an admirable job in his first year with the team. For those not familiar with Nutbrown, he'll be the portly fellow on the Acadia bench who is screaming, shouting, arguing, and sighing as if he were going to have a nervous break-down.

The game also marks the return of Panther stars turned defectors, Chris Sumner and Skeeter Mower, who are assistant coaches for the Axemen.

Sunday, Panther fans are in for a real treat when the Dalhousie Tigers, ranked 5th in the nation, take the floor at Alumni Gymnasium. The Tigers are led by 6'7" Stan Whetstone a bonafide star from New Jersey who scores, rebounds defends, passes, etc. with the best of them. Helping Whetstone in the frontcourt will be the exciting Bo Hampton at 6'6" while at the guard position Steve Lambert is a stalwart.

The Tigers have all the ingredients of National Champion;

and Coach Hilton is understandably worried. Not only does Dalhousie have a sizable height average over the Panthers, but surprisingly, for a team their size, they also have a quicker team than U.P.E.I., according to Hilton who inspected the Tiger armour for a chink last weekend.

The Panthers will be led yet again by Bill Redmond, who Coach Hilton describes as "one of the premier players in the league". Redmond, a 3 time conference All-star, was at his best two weeks ago when the team upset S.M.U., shooting a remarkable 12 for 15 from the field, on top of 4 assists and 4 rebounds. He also shot down Bob Oostveen who should have been terrorizing the Panther defence beforehand.

The Panthers will be looking for help inside from stand out Mike Morgan, Tyrone Norman, T.J. Alleyne, and a 6'7" newcomer Colin Edwards, who Hilton considers a key to a successful stretch drive. In the back court look out for Carl Doucet, quick Aion Pettigrew, sharpshooting Curtis Brown and Nigel Daley. Rounding out the squad are Ron Valentine and Fred Kelley.

The Panthers' goal before the season was to make the play-offs. With a 5 and 2 record, their chances look good. This weekend's games are crucial. Saturday's game against Acadia starts at 4 p.m. preceded by the women's game at 2 p.m. On Sunday, there will be a 3 p.m. start, preceded by the women's contest

WOMEN KEEP FIT CLASSES

MONDAY	11:30 - 12:30 P.M. - 12:30 - 1:30 P.M.
TUESDAY	11:30 - 12:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	11:30 - 12:30 P.M. - 12:30 - 1:30 P.M.
THURSDAY	11:30 - 12:30 P.M.
FRIDAY	11:30 - 12:30 P.M. - 12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

RECREATIONAL HOCKEY

TUESDAY	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.
THURSDAY	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.
FRIDAY	9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

RECREATIONAL SKATING

MONDAY	1:30 - 3:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	1:30 - 3:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	1:30 - 3:00 P.M.
THURSDAY	1:30 - 3:00 P.M.

at 1 p.m. Coach Hilton said that fan support has been excellent; hopefully this will continue during the stretch drive.

-Pat Moore.

NOISE MAKER DAY

Men's Basketball
Acadis vs UPEI
"Welcome Back Dave Nutbrown"
Come on out and make some noise!



Panther Of The Week

This weeks "Panther of the Week" is Curtis Brown. Curtis was high man for the Panthers as he scored 24 points in their win against Mt. A this past weekend. Curtis is now in his second year with the Panthers.

Panthers Depend On Rookies

With one month left in the A.U.A.A. basketball schedule, U.P.E.I.'s drive for a play-off spot will to a large extent be determined by two rookie players. The two rookies who hold the keys are Tyrone Norman and Granny Morgan.

Norman, 6'2" Science student is the club's top scorer with 107 points in seven A.U.A.A. contest for a 15.3 average per game. He is also the second leading rebounder, grabbing them at a rate of 7.5 per game. Norman is right up with the best percentage shooters as he ranks third in the club with a 48.9% shooting average on 96 attempts.

Granny Morgan is the other freshman who is showing his skills in the tough A.U.A.A. league. Granny is the Panthers top rebounder with 57 in seven games. He stands fourth in scoring with 93 points and fifth in shooting percentage with a 47.2 average.

Morgan and Norman are the two first year players that have logged the most playing time with veterans Curtis

Brown, Tejan Alleyne, Aion Pettigrew, and Captain Bill Redmond.

With two crucial games this weekend the rookies and veterans will have to be at their best if they hope to be in the play-offs next month. Acadia Axemen visit the campus at 4:00 on Saturday followed by Dal. on Sunday at 3:00.

The Panthers presently hold down third spot in the league with a 5-2 record.

Commenting on the upcoming games Coach Ed Hilton had this to say, "yes, it's fair to say the rookies must play like established veterans if we are to be successful. Both are capable of playing with anyone around I just hope they are ready this weekend. We know both visiting teams are much bigger than we are, however, we hope speed and determination will make up for our lack of height. Not only our determination, but the fans have been exceptionally good again this year and they have helped motivate our kids and we look for more of the same enthusiasm this weekend."