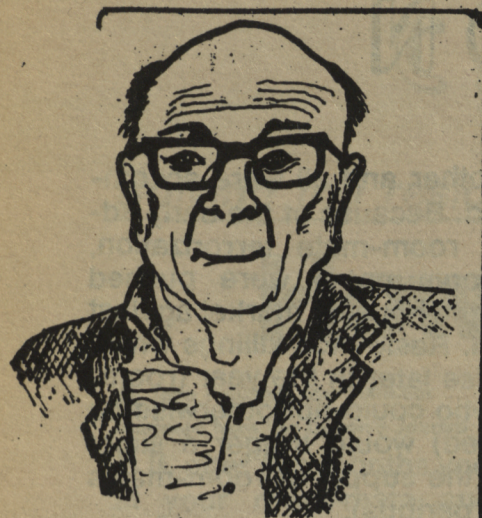


Panthers meet interesting people in Barumba



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Due to uncertain weather conditions on Friday last we decided to forego the trip to Sackville for the Mount A. game and stayed at home, hoping to catch John Nevilles broadcast. We thought he might be very good inasmuch as he would be minus that gravel voiced character who often times messes up the sessions between periods. However, the N.B. Telephone and high wind frustrated us, and forced eager listeners to rely on Kenny Adam's bulletins from

CIMN, because a broadcast line could not be established. We were pleased to learn that our heroes managed a come-from-behind 5-2 win over the somewhat stubborn Mounties. This is the team that the intercollegiate hockey magazine had rated as being just a bit too strong for us as they conceded the final playoff spot to the Garnet and Gold. Our goal scorers were hard skaters Ken Burton and Val Mitchell with two apiece and genial Joe Pillerphony with one.

Saturday the weather was worse but we did want to see that Moncton game so decided to catch the 8.00 a.m. boat. We started out with two young fellows and, by the time we reached Borden, they were senior citizens. Driving to catch a ferry on slippery roads certainly ages one! We slid, skidded and lurched all the way... but it was worth it! In the large and opulent Louis Lavesque rink our team never looked better and came out with a 1-1 deadlock. We were talking to one of the avid Moncton rooters (and there cer-

tainly are a lot of them) and he conceded that it would have been a shame for any other ending than a tie, because both teams played so well that they both deserved to win. Exceptional goalkeeping by both netminders, fast skating and accurate passing by the forwards and excellent defensive work by both teams combined to make this game a real classic. Mike Sellick (who plays better every time out) scored our lone marker about 15 minutes into the middle period, Les Aigles Bleu tied it up in the opening minute of the third period when a shot from close in smacked Snags McInnis on the chin and as he went down like a poled ox their Boulanger lifted the rebounded puck into the net over his prostrate form. Wilfred MacDonald was hurt early in the third period and we finished the game, and overtime, with but three defence-men. We'd be remiss in our courtesy if we did not remark that the Moncton fans (in our opinion the fairest in the circuit) gave both teams a resounding ovation as the

game ended - with a particular and deserved tribute to Ronnie McInnis. Besides the injury to Wilfred, Gerry McCarron and Snags McInnis are both ailing and the schedule makers certainly did us a big favour when they programmed Panther action to skip this weekend. We'll close out the pre-Xmas agenda by playing host to Acadia and Saint Mary's. On the 4&5 of December - hopefully with a full complement of players. We spent some time over the weekend studying the crystal ball that can be borrowed from the Athletic Department, and we have come up with the definite opinion that the Hockey Panthers can very well finish second in the standings (Jack Hynes may fault me for not prophesying "First") if we win the games we SHOULD win and if our contenders lose the games they SHOULD lose. A second place finish would give us the home stand for the first round of playoffs with the third place finisher.. two out of three... Let's go !!! A bit of hometown noise will help us; so fans... lets get out next weekend. The trip home was a stinker. We got to Tormentine around 5:15 and waited until 11:30 for the wind to abate and permit a safe crossing. The waiting room was filled and we are really pleased at the graceful acceptance of adversity that was shown by all. Many and varied comments were heard from the Upper Canadians about the delightful social opportunities that are afforded all and sundry to mix with their fellow Islanders as they enjoy the pleasures of waiting for a ferry crossing. They've never had it so good! We heard one remark "No wonder everybody on Prince Edward Island knows everybody else in the Province... they meet at the Ferry Terminals." Delightful! From the ferry to Charlottetown, after a rough crossing, about 100 cars proceeded in single file in a light snowstorm but with a heavy drift... each car following blindly after the red tail lights of the preceding vehicle. We admired the navigational abilities of whoever was leading the procession, had he driven into a field or over a bridge he would have had 100 cars right behind him!

The Basketball Panthers took on the star-studded Budget Rent-a-Car Raiders on Sunday afternoon and lost out 93-84 in a contest which featured accurate shooting by the visitors but, at the same time, showed Panther fans that they have one of the top teams in the country this year. This was the fifth game of the season by the Budget team against University competition and, we are happy to note, their closest. They have beaten St. Mary's by 12, Acadia by 24, Dalhousie by 40 and St. F. X. by 34. High scorers for us were Ken Rowe and Dennis "Sky" High with 26 each. The Panthers next action will be against the Alumni on Saturday night in our gym and on Sunday, at 3.00 p.m. they take on nationally ranked and highly rated Saint Mary's. For those who can't get into the gym the game will be carried over CIMN.

The Pantherette Basketball team will open their season with the Mickey Fox coached Saint Mary's girls, Sunday at 1.00p.m.

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