

## SPORTS

## Panthers fall short at Final 6

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Brent McLaren drained a three-pointer with 2.4 seconds left, but it wasn't enough as the Saint Mary's Huskies eliminated the UPEI Panthers from the AUS men's basketball championship with a 67-64 win in Thursday's quarterfinal in Halifax.

McLaren's clutch trey got the fifth-seeded Panthers to within one, but Huskies guard Mark McLaughlin made good on two free throws to seal the victory with 1.7 seconds remaining.

Sherone Edwards threw up a Hail Mary from midcourt as time expired, but there would be no heroic buzzer-beater in this one.

Ikeobi Uchegbu led the fourth-ranked Huskies with 27 points and 11 rebounds,

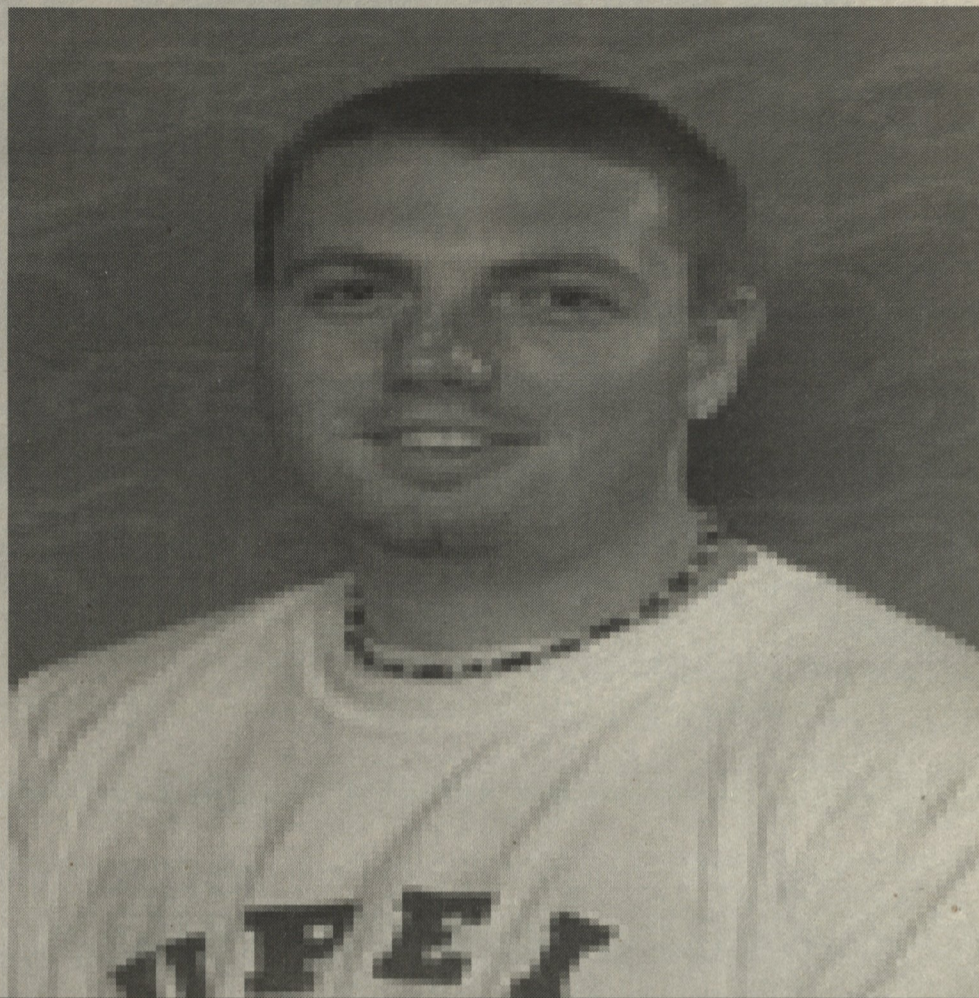
with McLaughlin adding 23 points.

UPEI's trio of graduating players led the way in the losing cause with matching double-doubles. Doug McKinney scored 22 points and 13 rebounds, while Edwards added 14 and 10 and Stay had 10 and 12.

The Huskies led 32-27 at the half.

The loss marked the end of a season which began in controversy after veteran coach Mike Connolly was fired in June and replaced by Matthew Davies. The Panthers got off to a sluggish 2-5 start and finished 8-12, but got it done when it counted, with seven of those wins coming in four-point games.

The Huskies went on to lose a thriller of a championship game, falling just short in a 74-72 overtime loss to the Acadia Axemen.



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