

Lady Panthers Gain Position In AUAA Post-Season Action

From the Guardian

UPEI Lady Panthers won their biggest basketball game of the season Saturday as they defeated Mount Allison Angels 68-44.

This means they have gained top spot in the northern section of the AUAA and a birth in the playoffs in the Halifax finals next weekend.

The Sackville squad controlled the opening and scored first but that was the last time they were ahead in the game at UPEI scored on a Dawn MacLeod 20 footer on their first possession and Sharon Dougals' two successful foul shots on their next possession put them ahead to stay.

34-22. The Lady Panthers came up big in all facets of the game as they shot 42 per cent of the floor and played a solid zone defence with Douglas and Cathy Chandler almost shutting down the middle.

UPEI dominated both boards outrebounding Mount A 56-28 with Susan Betts hauling down a game high 18, many of which were in the first 10 minutes during which the tone of the game was set.

The intensity of which the Lady Panthers played the game was typified in the final minute and 30 seconds with freshmen guard Karen Rowell hit for five points and passed off for another basket

as the local girls capped the rout of the Angels.

The game began on an emotional note for the Lady Panthers when their captain and four-year veteran Sandy Drysdale, played in her last home game, was presented with a memento of the occasion by UPEI athletic director Ed Hilton.

SCORING

UPEI: MacLeod 14; Chandler 12; Douglas 10; Drysdale 8; Betts 8; Rossiter 5; Rowell 5; MacAdam 4; Gallant 2.

Mount A: Burns 12; Wheaton 12; MacVicar 10; Ehrlenholtz 4; Couillard; Messier 2; Hamilton.



THE LADY PANTHERS

From left to right: George Morrison - Assistant Coach, Rhody Gallant, Dawn MacLeod, Colleen Rossiter, Sue Betts, Sharon Douglas, Cathy Chandler, Ann MacAdam, Dave MacNeill - Coach Front: Karen Rowell and Sandy Drysdale

LADY PANTHERS PREPARED

By John Cairns

Dave "Hernfe" MacNeill, coach of UPEI's basketball Lady Panthers, describes his team's performance against Mount Allison as quite good. He feels his girls played one of their better games of the year, and well they might have, for only on the basis of

their 68-44 victory did they advance to the AUAA playoffs this weekend.

The playoff tournament, being held in Halifax, will feature UPEI, UNB, St. F.X., and Dalhousie. In speaking with the SUN, Coach MacNeill revealed that UPEI will first confront Dalhousie, a

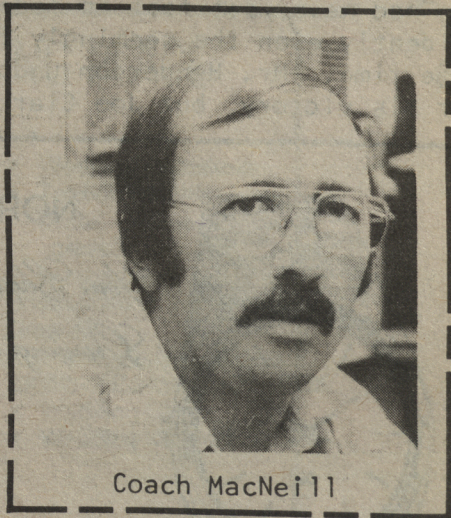
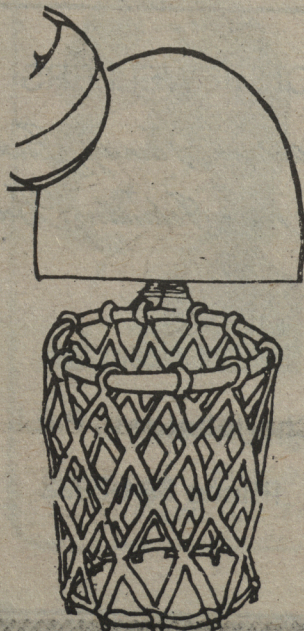
team that can't be underestimated. Dalhousie is ranked as one of the

top three teams in Canada, and Coach MacNeill warns that his squad will face five or six outstanding individuals, several of whom will probably be named all-Canadians.

Coach MacNeill does have considerable respect for his team's upcoming opponents, but he is also confident in the abilities of his own players. He rates this year's UPEI team as slightly stonger than the one he coached last year to an undefeated regular season. Last season's weakness, he declares, was inexperience, a problem that the passing of time has done much to cure. Another positive factor is that the 1979-80 squad, unlike its predecessor, has faced strong opponents before the playoffs. The result is that the Lady Panthers appear prepared for whatever may face them.

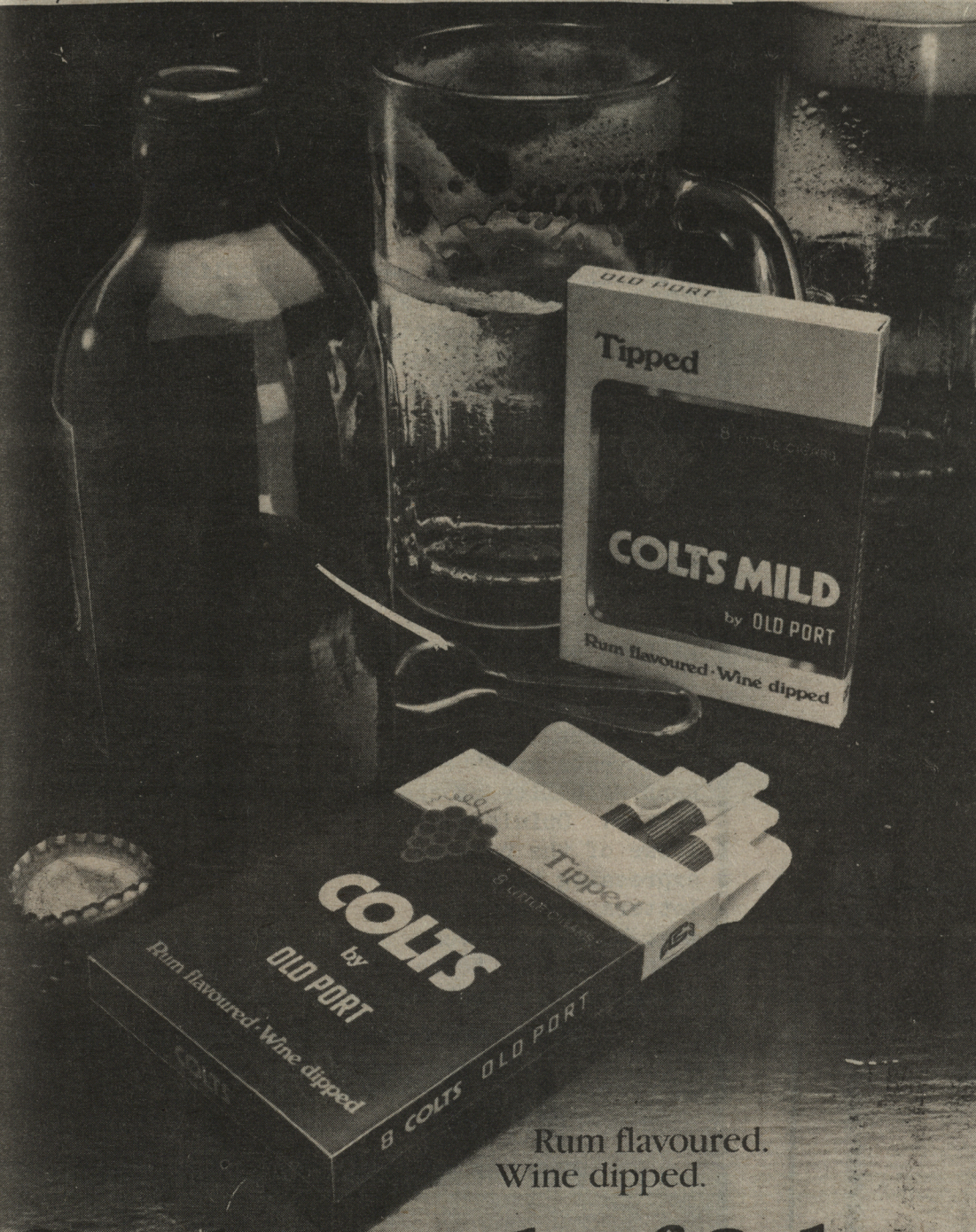


Take aim !



Coach MacNeill

In the 1979 AUAA semi-finals the UPEI women were decisively beaten by a nationally ranked UNB. We at UPEI wish our team the best in trying to reverse that result now.



Crack a pack of Colts along with the beer.