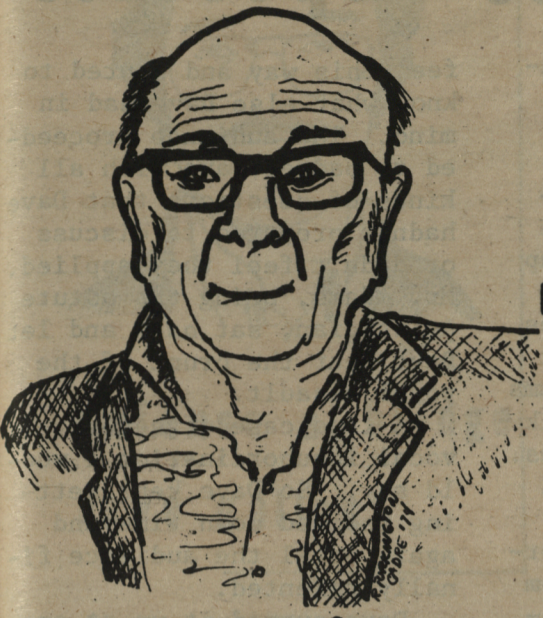


Basketball Panthers Reach Playoffs With Superlative Win



Jock talk
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There was a little girl and she had a little curl
Right in the middle of her forehead
And when she was good she was very very good
And when she was bad she was horrid.

We think this is a very good description of this year's Panther Hockey Club, and we had a clear demonstration of their great skill as well as their frustration this week. On Tuesday night against the Mount Allison Mounties they spotted the opposition two goals, then fought back to tie it up at the end of the first period. The second stanza, the two teams traded goals, but in the third period our boys were held scoreless while the Mounties potted three in less than five minutes and so emerged victors by a 6-3 score. Lennie Kelly scored two and Doug MacLean the other. We may have been hampered in the third by heavy going, as the Forum's ice-flooding equipment was out of order and the teams played on snowy ice. We wondered what they would have done if overtime had been played & thought they might have to substitute skis for skates. On Thursday night against Les fast-skating Aigles Bleu from U. de Moncton the Panthers looked pretty tame until the middle of the second period when, trailing by 1-3, they erupted for four goals in 3 minutes and 48 seconds & really looked like the team we still think they are. Final score was 7-6 and brought our league record to 7 and 9. Now THAT isn't good enough to make the playoffs. Our goal scorers in this game were D'Arcy Murphy, Terry Devine, Danny Murphy while Carl Trainor and Joe Filippone had two each. (Watch that spelling...it is correct!) This game ended the Pan-

ther career of Dave Murnaghan, George Matthews, and D'Arcy Murphy. We certainly wish them well for they have provided many hours of entertainment during their stay with us. Lennie Kelly, for collecting the most points in the season's three-star selections was awarded the Poncarosa Cup prior to the game, while Wilfrid MacDonald recieved the Gentleman Jim trophy and their check for \$100 for being chosen, by the players themselves, as the "Rookie of the Year". It must have been a hard choice to make, for the rookies this year were a most impressive lot, and if all who are on this year's team return next year we have great hope for the next season.

John Neville, the man with all the figures in his head, has supplied us with a lot of statistics & we think such a study must drive Jack Kane crazy. Poor Jack, he can't score goals, he can only tell people how. WE are struck by the fact that, although we won but 7 & lost 9 and scored but 80 goals against 86, we outshot our opponents on an average of 38.1 against 35.2 for our opponents. Throw out the 60-30 margin by which Moncton outshot us in one game & the figures become even more amazing. We'll repeat that our adversaries' goalkeepers always seem to think that they're Tretiak.

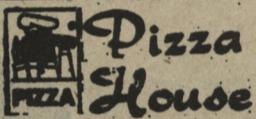
In Pantherette basketball the girls dropped their final game of

the year to the Xettes by a 62-42 margin after trailing at the half by 22-31. Linda Campbell was our high scorer and this marked our final game, because of graduation for Janet Trainor, Mary Bradley, & Sandra Dunsford. They will be missed and we wish them all the best.

The Panther Basketball team played a superlative game in outscoring St. F.X. in a match which decided the final playoff spot. It was the kind of game we really enjoy. As the Panthers enjoyed a 53-28 margin in the first half and never let up in their 102-67 win. Loudest cheer of the afternoon went to rookie Colin MacAdam when his basket made the century mark. We think that it was the best game we have seen a Panther team play & graduating Art Laffin again led the team with 29 points & graduating Jamie Ballem again played an outstanding game. We hate to see them go. By this win we'll go into the playoffs & will open against St. Mary's in the Halifax Forum next Friday night at 7:00. We were asked if the Student Union will be willing to sponsor a bus. Writing this on Sunday night, we'll have to

advise that we'll look into the possibility & we'll find out the cost and have it on CIMN,

We feel that great congratulations must go to Gary Heald & his players for their steady improvement over the season...we believe that today's game was the best exhibition of basketball that we have seen a UPEI team perform. As they are now reaching their peak, we think that neither the Panthers nor their supporters expect that, as high as they are rated nationally, the St. Mary's team is a shoo-in next Friday night. Certainly a trip to Halifax appears attractive for next weekend. There will be two basketball games on Friday night and two Saturday afternoon. Two hockey games on Saturday night & the final on Sunday afternoon. That is a lot of action. See you in Halifax on Friday night????



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