

# Panther teams resume action

U.P.E.I. athletes, after going well in their exams and having a long Christmas break, are ready to get back to action with their respective teams as the second half of the 1983-84 season gets underway. The first half of the A.U.A.A. schedule has been a successful one for U.P.E.I. teams. The soccer team became the first major sports team from U.P.E.I. to win a conference championship and all players on the other teams have made a New Year's resolution to not let the soccer team stand alone as the champions from U.P.E.I. The hockey team has resumed practising after having a successful first half which left them in second place with a record of 7 wins, 6 losses for 14 points, 6 behind league leading U.N.B. The Panthers have three players in the top-ten in scoring. Rookie Greg Gravel is tied for third with 22 points, 2 behind the leader, while Albert Roche and Ron

Carragher are tied for sixth with 17 points.

The Panthers also sport the top goaltender in the league in Avelino Gomez who has a 2.43 goals-against-average.

The Panthers will be strengthened by the addition of Don Hawkes, who had to sit out the first half of the season because of eligibility rules. Hawkes, who is big at 6'3" and 240 lbs., is looking forward to seeing league action and is especially looking forward to meeting reigning conference champions Moncton Blue Eagles next Wednesday in Moncton. The team returns here to play Acadia Saturday and Sunday January 14th and 15th.

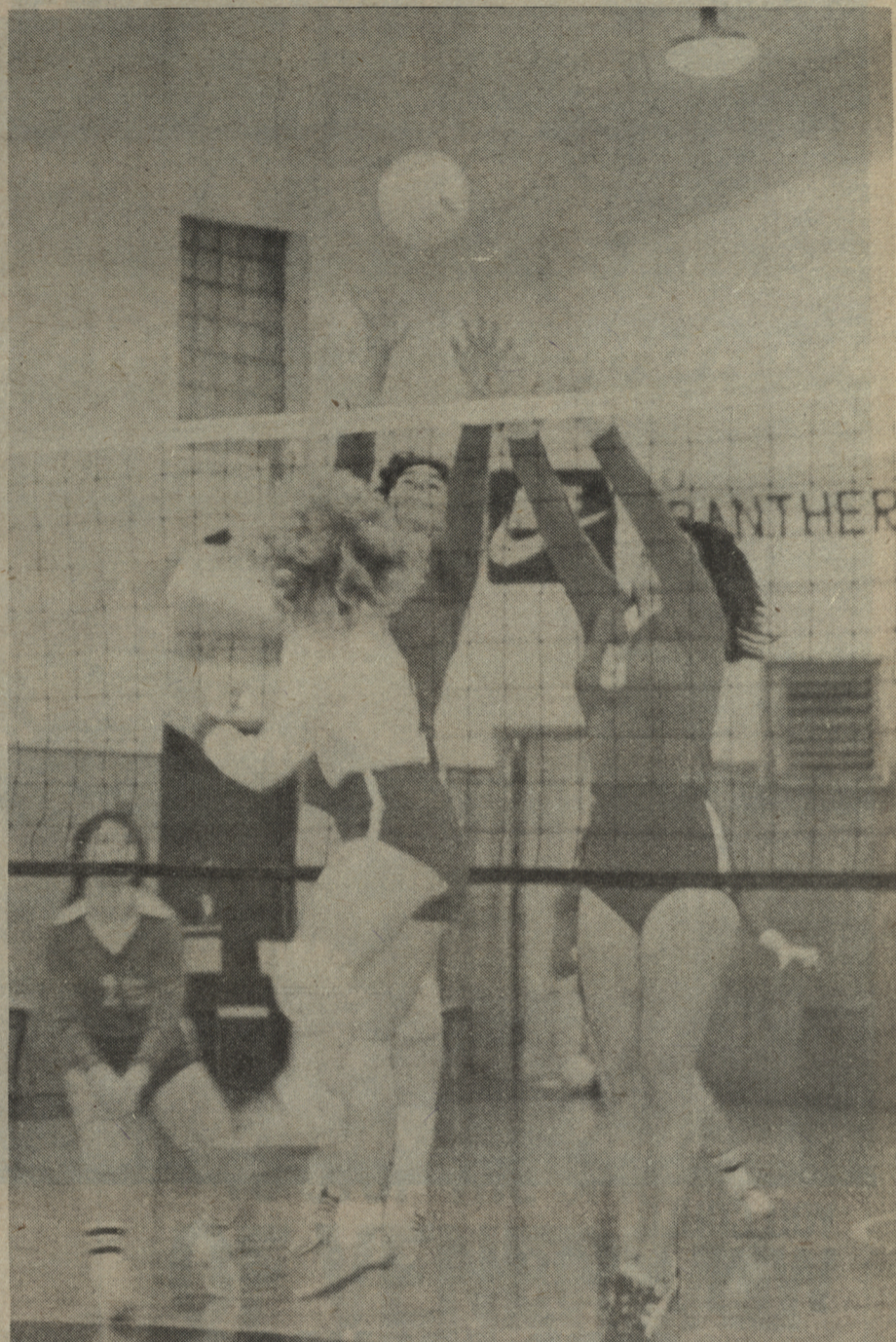
The women's basketball team, presently tied for third with a record of 2 wins and 1 loss, resumed play Friday night in a 76-35 win over Mt. A in a non-conference game. The Lady Panthers are bolstered by the addition of Sherridawn Jones, one of the most sought after high school players in Toronto.

Jones should give the Lady Panthers strong play on both the offensive and defensive boards.

The Lady Panthers placed two players, Cathy Chandler and rookie sensation Sonia Edwards, in the top ten scoring. In addition, Edwards was the top rebounder in the league, averaging 11 rebounds a game.

Meanwhile, the men's basketball team is back from excellent showing in Ottawa where they were two points away from winning the Carleton tournament.

The Panthers are tied for first place in the A.U.A.A. with six points, including a big win over St. Mary's and are looking forward to the second half of the season, when they play the majority of their games. Mike Morgan leads the conference in scoring averaging 24 points a game while Morgan and rookie Trevor Willock are among the top eight in rebounding.



In volleyball action over the weekend, UPEI played the U de M Blue Eagles at the Alumni Gymnasium. Photo: Grimmer.

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