

Hockey Panthers Suspensions Reviewed

By Billy McQueen

AUAA suspensions were issued as a result of the brawl that occurred early in the hockey season (November 15, 1997) between the Panthers and the Acadia Axemen. Puck Panther Jonathon Murphy, who was suspended for instigating two fights a subsequent fight and a two game misconduct was given a 12 game suspension. This suspension was later reduced to six games. Jeremy Pierce's suspension was also reduced, his from 10 games to six games. Acadia's Jeff Mercer's suspension was reduced from a nine game suspension to 4 games. Also, Acadia's Bruce Watson's 14 game suspension was reduced to 8 games.

Dave MacLean, hockey chairman of the AUAA said, "We in the AUAA were concerned that we were double penalizing players for the same offence when it came to CIAU sanctions and upon checking with our colleagues across the country, this was confirmed."

Obviously the Panthers will welcome back the two players after playing somewhat shorthanded for a good deal of the season.

MacLean left a warning for the players though.

"I am certain that all the players involved are aware that the AUAA does not condone section such as this. Repeated behaviour of this nature will not be tolerated, and will be dealt with harshly."

Sports Briefs

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Well, the new '98 season is upon us, and this semester is packed with sporting events.

The highlight to look forward to is the women's basketball AUAA finals at UPEI. The women are showing great stamina in the AUAA's this year. They have conceded only one loss and remain at the top the league in the basketball standings. The girl's dominated Acadia at home this weekend in a 66-37 victory. Kate Ellis had a great game dropping field goals from everywhere on the court, as well as playing good defense.

The men's team had a 98-53 loss against a very talented Acadia side. The men's team only needs one more win to beat last season's record. Scott Batemen came off the bench and had his best game of the season. Hopefully we'll see more of him on the court this year.

The Hockey Panthers had an exhibition game against the University of Manitoba during the break and a lost a close one 5-4. Things are looking up for the Puck Panthers who will be able to use suspended players Jonathon Murphy and Jeremy Pirece due to AUAA suspension reductions.

The only home games this week are hockey -- SFX on Saturday and Sunday...see you there.

INTRAMURAL HOCKEY LEAGUE SCHEDULE

January	6	HC2	vs.	Meg-no's
		Irish	vs.	Nomads
	7	Marion	vs.	HC3
January	13	HC3	vs.	Meg-no's
		HC2	vs.	Nomads
	14	Irish	vs.	Marion
January	20	Irish	vs.	Meg-no's
		Marion	vs.	Nomads
	21	HC3	vs.	HC2
January	27	Marion	vs.	Meg-no's
		HC3	vs.	Nomads
	28	HC2	vs.	Irish
February	3	HC3	vs.	Irish
		Nomads	vs.	Meg-no's
	4	Marion	vs.	HC2

UPEI / MYRONS BALL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Schedule

Friday January 16th

1pm	Rednecks	vs.	Peters
2pm	Sullivan	vs.	Degrace
3pm	Goodfellows	vs.	Affleck
6:30pm	Lynch	vs.	J.M Murphy

Friday January 23rd

1pm	Goodfellows	vs.	Degrace
2pm	Rednecks	vs.	Sullivan
3pm	Lynch	vs.	Peters
6:30pm	J.M. Murphy	vs.	Affleck