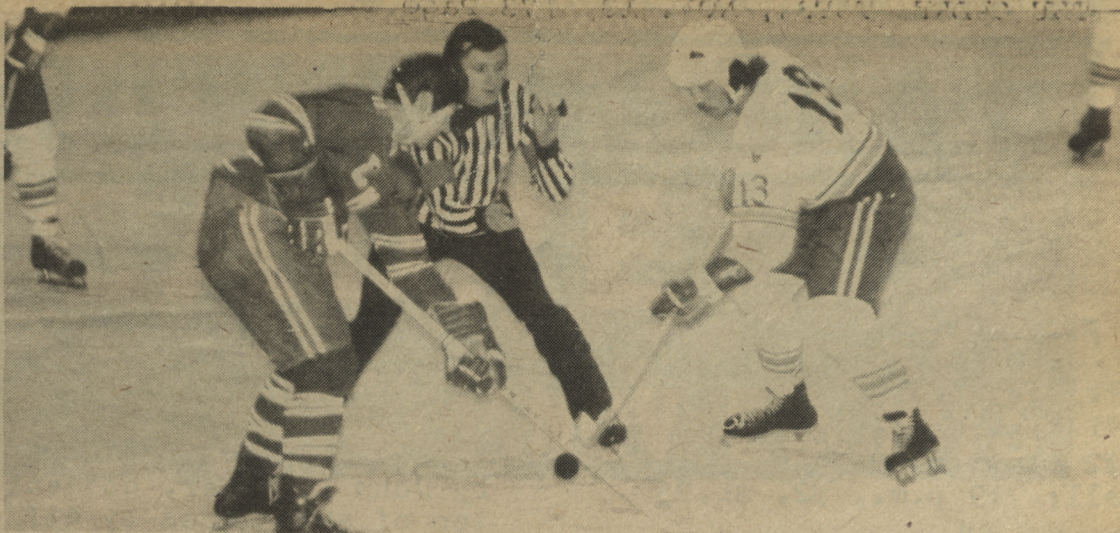


# Jock Talk mickey place



S.M.U. 32 -- U.P.E.I. 15

And so the big game goes to Halifax....did a couple of inches make a 500 mile trip necessary??? Or are we rationalizing??? Who can really tell?

On a muddy MacAdam Field both teams put on a very good show...the Panthers fell too far back in the first half (1-19) to have a very good chance to win but an 8 point loss would have brought the Panthers first place under the somewhat complicated formula that has been made necessary by the possibility of a three way tie. As we mended our muddy way for a bracer at the half some thought that our playoff chances seemed in jeopardy.

However, our's is a "Second-Half" team and with a few minutes to go in the last quarter we seemed to be in good scoring position with the margin closed to 15-25. Then a most disheartening series of plays put our chances out of reach. Grant Canvin's T.D. pass to Mike Read was ruled out of bounds although Mike argued and pointed to his inside-the-line cleat marks but when was the last time you saw such a claim allowed??? Then Stoddard's try for a field goal hit the upright and bounc-



ed the wrong way (for us)... as we said above, those two inches made a big difference. If either of these had counted and IF Robinson hadn't made the touchdown pass that followed these two unfortunate plays we might have had the game here.

These IF'S remind us of a story our mother used to tell about two tramps. One of them found an old frying pan and remarked to his companion, "You know, if we had a fire and if we had some ham we could have some ham and eggs.....if we had some eggs!"

We hope that, as you read this, this, the main topic of campus conversation will be our impending Atlantis Bowl game.....

Lest a good turn goes unheeded, we, along with the Student Union, wish to acknowledge to the St. Mary's Athletic Dept., and particularly to R.W. Clements,

our thanks for the thoughtfulness they exhibited when they sent us 200 reserved seat tickets, (value \$2.50) for the center grandstand section right behind our beloved Panther bench. These they let us have for only \$1. each which was the same price they charged their own students. More than this what could they do?...one should realize that this game was not staged by the team, but, being a playoff, by the league itself and a charge was stipulated. We wish to assure S.M.U. that no matter how much we want to beat them, this courtesy is greatly appreciated.

U.P.E.I. 73-65...C.M.R. 65-55 (Basketball)

Like the hockey team our basketball team is undergoing a rebuilding and seem to improve with every outing. Emphasis has shifted to P.E.I. boys (...not that foreigners aren't welcome!) Games with C.M.R. showed we had a 10 point lead at the half in the 1st game only to lose it and, in the second game trailed by thirteen but rallied well to win by 10.

From conversation with a C.M.R. player, we learn

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that their institution has an enrollment of 400, recruited for scholastic ability and military potential. They have teams playing hockey, basketball, water polo, soccer and some other minor sports. Each student can participate in one sport only so we believe they made a very creditable showing and hope they return.

With the "second chance" S.M.U. game just ahead at the time of writing, it is probably a good time to state we were quite disappointed in our boys last week. After all their winning games they paid a short visit to their fans in the Panther Lounge...and received a warm welcome... last Saturday, after their first loss they failed to appear. While we appreciate the fact that they may have felt a bit low we know their followers would have liked to show we still think they are the greatest and have no reason to walk in any other way than with their heads held high.... they have given us the best football we have ever seen at U.P.E.I. and we want them to know that, in our opinion, they haven't been beaten yet.....their opponents just happened to score more points!!!!!!!

U.P.E.I. 13-11...C.M.R. 2- (Hockey)

Our Panther hockey team looks better every start and we are anxious to see them in the action that REALLY counts...the M.I.H.L. The C.M.R. boys skated well and had excellent goal-keeping but just did not have the experience to stay in contention with the Panthers. The two games were a good workout for our boys and we feel we will be improving with every outing and look for an interesting season with our young team putting on a big rally after Xmas break. Saturday night's game with Mt. A. will be the first we have missed in many years and we hope the game is delayed so that we can get in for the third period....how about a power failure???

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