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What was certainly the largest crowd ever to witness a Panther Basketball game was quite disappointed last Saturday afternoon in our gym as the Acadia Axemen demonstrated, quite clearly, why they are considered to be the #1 team in Canada. As the game ended 81-65 with their players jubilantly extending one finger up in the air, to indicate their rating, few spectators would have offered much disagreement. The game was televised so that many students and the general public who were unable to gain access to the jammed and inadequate space, where our team plays, were able to enjoy (?) the excellent performance by both teams. While at least two Panthers (Dennis High and Mark Vickers) were not up to par, physically, the wide Acadia advantage in scoring seems to be too great for us to offer a convincing alibi. Their shooting was fantastic (Their first six field shots swished in) and their rebounding, particularly by that Ed Shannon, really controlled the play except for a few brief intervals. We did not have good shooting and several times the ball seemed to defy gravity and seem to struggle to get out of the hoop. However, there will be another day.. and everybody starts off even in the playoffs in which we have an excellent chance to enter in second place. In this game out high scorers were Mark Vickers with 16, closely followed by Tom Kappos and Ken Rowe with 14 each. The game in our gym this Friday night with St. FX. looms very large in our schedule as they have beaten us once, in league play, by one point and we must win by more than

that to take precedence in the playoffs in case we finish with identical records. Besides this contest we still play Dalhousie here and Saint Mary's and Acadia on the road.

We thought the Pantherettes a very much improved team as they lost to the Axettes by 20 points with Sheri Stearns being high scorer for us. On Sunday they won their second game in league play as they nosed out the U. de Moncton Blue Angels 63-60. Sandra Drysdale led the way with 22 points backed up by Sheri Stearns who had 18 and Sharon MacLure with 13. The Premier and local information media are stressing "Enersave" these days. We wonder if they have given any consideration to bottling the excess energy displayed by Sandra Drysdale who, we think, puts more of herself into a game than any other athlete on campus. It seems to pay off too.

In hockey we did extremely well in Fredericton by garnering four points from the U.N.B. Red Devils with a squad that was hard hit by injuries. In the first game we were additionally handicapped by having to play with Larry Arsenault sidelined by a league executive ruling and having to act as a spectator due to a one game misconduct suspension. Who, Larry??? However we managed to eke out a 5-4 win with Bob Mitchell, Ken Burton, Joe Polyfienny, Wilfred MacDonald and Lennie Kelly counting for our depleted and suffering invalid squad. The second game we won 5-3 with Lennie Kelly, Val and Bob Mitchell getting singles and Ken Burton chipping in with two. It was a great weekend for Mr. & Mrs. Burton who travelled from Chateaugay to Fredericton to see the pride of the Burton household preform and they probably impelled him to come up with his best performances of the season with three goals and several assists in the two games...We wonder if they can be persuaded to come back to the Maritimes for the playoffs.

Our Saturday win may have been very expensive as goalkeeper Sangs McInnis suffered a muscle tear in his left leg

during the second period and will, it is reported, be lost to the team for at least three weeks. Gerald Butler stepped into the breach and preformed brilliantly in both games, maintaining a "Goals against" average that must be just about the best in the league. With Gerald in the nets we have no goaltending worries but Gerald..please stay healthy...be careful crossing streets and watch your diet.

For the benefit of those who wish to prognosticate (Crystal balls are available at the Athletic Department upon 24 hours previous notice) we'll give you the remaining games and present standings of our closet contenders for the playoff spots. Moncton, in third place, have 17 points and have games with U.N.B. (2) UPEI (2) Mount A., Dal. and St. F.X. UPEI are in 4th place with 15 points, we'll take on the Mounties in three, Moncton in two and finish on the road with Acadia and S.M.U. Mount Allison has 10 points and have an almost impossible task, playing UPEI (3) with singles against Moncton, U.N.B. and they also finish on

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the road against S.M.U. and Acadia. Of course all we have to do is win ALL our remaining games and we'll hosting the "B" round of the playoffs... now if our medics can work miracles..go to it Rabbi!!!Pray!!!

With so much importance for Mount A. in the two games here this weekend we can certainly look forward to two hard games at the Forum and we urge you to go out and root for the hometeam who, by the way, have a better record on the road than they have at the almost mournful, quiet and, at times, almost empty Fitzroy Street Ice Palace.

With Friday night starting off with the Pantherettes against the St. F.X. girls, to be followed by the BIG St. F. X. basketball game in the gym and then the two Mount A. hockey games on Saturday and Sunday this might be rated as the biggest sports week of the year. Much as we hate to be a bad influence in trying to detract from your study time we must urge you to get out and root for your teams.. it helps you know.....

What in God's name are you doing?

Some guys can go pelting down the Road of Life like an arrow. They never hesitate, never swerve, never even slow down.

But the rest of us get gnawed by these funny little questions. They come, unasked for, unwelcome and usually about two o'clock in the morning. They can stop you cold in your tracks. Samples: Is this all there is? If everything's working out for me, why am I bugged? What in God's name am I doing anyway?

If they persist, if they make you feel like some dim-wit robot programmed by someone else, maybe you should bless the questions, take advantage of the time-out, and think.

If you're asking yourself what in God's name you're doing, why not think about doing something in God's name? That's right, a priest. A Redemptorist.

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