

# Teams split weekend games

The Hockey and Basketball Panthers fared out not too badly last weekend as each team split two games. The Lady Panthers however were not quite as fortunate as they dropped their two home games.

At U.N.B. the hockey Panthers pulled quite an upset on the hometown Devils on Friday night. When you base this on the way the Red Devils played here against the Panthers one would feel certain that the Panthers' chances of winning were quite slim. So on Friday night the Panthers had something to prove and disprove at the same time. They had to prove that they could win and they had to disprove what I had said about them in the last edition of the Cadre. On Friday night they did just that as they downed the Red Devils 8-5. According to one observer, "in the third period of that game the Panthers displayed their best hockey of the year". So take it from there.

On Saturday, the Panthers were not quite so fortunate as they dropped a five-three decision against the Devils. It would have been beautiful to come home with two big wins but being able to win one is good enough as it will give the Panthers incentive for their eight game stand at home. Hopefully in these games the Panthers can garner enough points to make the top four teams and the playoffs. Mulligan has made one change in the lineup. Glen Claybourne has taken over for Guy Desaulnier who decided to call it quits for the season. Once again, Billy Suggestt had bad luck in



Fredericton, as he suffered a concussion. Last year in Fredericton, Suggestt lost his front teeth when he was crosschecked, after the whistle, in a game against St. Thomas. The Panthers have two games this weekend: Friday at 7pm against Mt. A. and Sunday at 2pm against Moncton.

The Basketball Panthers played much better basketball this weekend as they downed St. F.X. on Friday night and then on Saturday night they lost to Dal by only three points. In their

bid to make the playoffs this year, the Panthers have to win most of their remaining games. Their present record shows them with two wins and six losses. They have eight games remaining, three against Mt. Allison, two against Acadia, two against U.N.B. and one against St Mary's. Of these, the Panthers stand a good chance of winning five. The two against Acadia and St. Mary's on the other hand are going to be hard to win. If they can win those five games they should make the playoffs.

The first big step in that direction comes up this weekend as they visit Mt. A. on Friday and on Saturday the Hawks repay the visit.

The Lady Panthers aren't having much success of late in the Varsity League. Last weekend they lost two games to St.F.X. and Dal. In those games the Lady Panthers couldn't get untracked in the first half, however, in the second half they held their own. Perhaps they suffer from jitters in the first half before they get calmed down. If they don't get calmed down before the game starts they may be finding themselves in the loss column more than the win column. It's quite a change for Bart Mulally who last season had an almost perfect season in the Junior Varsity League. So this year it has to be expected that a rookie team in the Varsity will have a rough time. Give them a couple of years and they will be up there with the leaders. However, they will never get to the TOP as is the case in all sports at U.P.E.I. if we don't get a NEW ATHLETIC COMPLEX and perhaps even a Bachelors Program in Physical Education.

REMEMBER THOSE TWO HOME HOCKEY GAMES THIS WEEKEND, FRIDAY AT SEVEN O'CLOCK AND SUNDAY AT TWO O'CLOCK. ALSO HOME BASKETBALL ON SATURDAY EVENING AT EIGHT O'CLOCK. SO WHY NOT STAY IN THIS WEEKEND, THE PANTHERS NEED US, AND THAT MEANS YOU!!!



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