

Jock Talk

By Mickey Place

We can recall years ago a newspaper columnist who started off his Jan 2 daily stint with the good advice "never mix gin, beer, wine and whiskey". This he repeated 100 times and that was his column. In our euphoria we are tempted to start with, "we won, we won and fill the whole page."

Our joy is, of course, due to our play-off success over the weekend. For the second straight week in a row we have had a 100 per cent winning record.

Our two soccer wins made us the AUAA champions the first time ever for UPEI.

On Saturday afternoon in chilly and windy weather we won a squeaker from Dalhousie who with the wind at their backs had a definite advantage in field position through the first half. However, UPEI's Scott Neil managed to score after ten minutes of play booting the ball just beyond the sprawling defender.

In the second half, with the wind favouring the Panthers, it seemed like it was all over when after ten minutes of play Neil took a pass from speedy Richard Pierre-Gillies, deked the goaltender out of position like a hockey player and dented the twine from in close to make it 2-0 in favour of UPEI.

Dal refused to concede defeat and fought back gamely. They finally succeeded in beating the seemingly impregnable defense of Jean Francois Painchaud when the Hotbiscuit made a stop but was unable to clear the ball. Dal's goal finished the game 2-1 in favour of the Panthers.

In the earlier semi-final UNB had nosed out St. F.X. 1-0 advancing UNB to meet the Panthers in the final.

Sunday the game was delayed 15 minutes while snow was removed from the playing field. Estimates of attendance — despite the cold — ran from 1200 to 2000. They sounded like 5000.

Once again UPEI started out playing into the wind. UNB looked dangerous as they forced the play in the early going. After a half hour of play Gar Polenz made a high kick from midfield which landed just in front of the UNB goalie. Panther Don Mackenize struggled with the UNB goalie for possession until the ball popped out to Scott Neil who booted in what turned out to be the winning goal.

UNB protested the goal, but it was allowed to stand. At half time the Panther's led 1-0.

About 25 minutes into the second half UPEI was pressing at UNB's goal mouth when one of the UNB's players handled the ball. The Panthers were awarded a penalty kick. Steve Polenz's high angled shot was unstoppable making it 2-0.

The Panthers now move on to Montreal where they will play McGill next Sunday afternoon. The winner of that game will travel on to Victoria for the national title.

In the all-star selections of the AUAA the Panthers dominated. Steve Polenz was chosen for the all-conference team, was outstanding defensive player, nominated for all-Canadian honours and was the league MVP. Jean Francois Painchaud was the top goalie. Also chosen for the all-conference team were Frank Strohmiere, Glen Smiley and Richard Pierre Gillies. The Panthers — unranked only a few weeks ago — are now number three behind number one spot McGill.

Next week the hockey Panthers open their season in Sackville against Mount Allison on Nov. 3. They will play at home in the forum against St. Mary's Saturday and Sunday.

Female athlete of the week was Tracey MacEachern who was also honoured by being chosen as goalie for the all-conference womens' field hockey team. Male athlete of the week was Scott Neil.



Thousands turned out despite the cold to watch the UPEI panthers soccer team win the AUAA championship.

UPEI AUAA Champions

By Phil Stanyer

It's a long way from Montreal's Loyola park to McAdam Field, but Frank Strohmiere is glad he decided to play soccer at age 11.

"I was a hyper kid and baseball was too slow," said Strohmiere after the UPEI Panthers defeated UNB Sunday 2-0.

It's the first AUAA varsity sports championship the Island has ever seen.

"This is the best team I've ever played for; a lot of skill and a lot of guts," said an elated Strohmiere.

And that list included the Canadian olympic team, Strohmiere's last team before he opted for the Maritimes.

Strohmiere was playing for the national squad in 1981 with another present panther Andy Cameron and it was Cameron who convinced Strohmiere to come east, after a serious knee injury dampened his playing spirits.

"When I got hurt out in Vancouver, I didn't know what I was going to do," said Strohmiere.

"And then Andy Cameron and Vince Mulligan (present panthers hockey coach) convinced me to come to UPEI and that playing soccer could be fun again," he added.

All this happened after Strohmiere was ready to study at Concordia in Montreal.

"I changed my mind four days before I was to enter Concordia," said Strohmiere.

And there are certainly no regrets in the Strohmiere camp about his decision.

"I'd like to play at UPEI until I'm forty," said Strohmiere.

And Strohmiere is finishing a career at UPEI with distinction.

He can also add to his conference championship ring an all-conference all-star selection, after three years of hard work; but Strohmiere looks at the honor

modestly.

"It's always nice to get the recognition but it's only an indication of how the team plays and this team is very good," said Strohmiere.

Strohmiere looks back on his career with satisfaction also and looks to the future with optimism.

"This has been the best and most memorable experience for me as a Panther, it's been great," said Strohmiere.

"I don't know where I'll

go from here, I'll probably play for a team in Montreal this summer," said Strohmiere.

Strohmiere is in the third year of a three-year engineering course at UPEI and where he studies next year remains a mystery.

One thing is certain however he will be in Montreal, Sunday along with the rest of the UPEI Panthers playing the McGill Redmen, at Molson Stadium.

And Strohmiere likes the panthers chances. "We might

have trouble on their astro turf but McGill is in a weak league and they haven't played a strong team," said Strohmiere.

Maybe this year will be Frank Strohmiere's last hurrah at UPEI, but this 170 pounder of Austrian lineage can be happy with the fact that he had a part in bringing PEI a university sports championship.

And win or lose, Sunday, he can smile as he walks off the pitch.



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