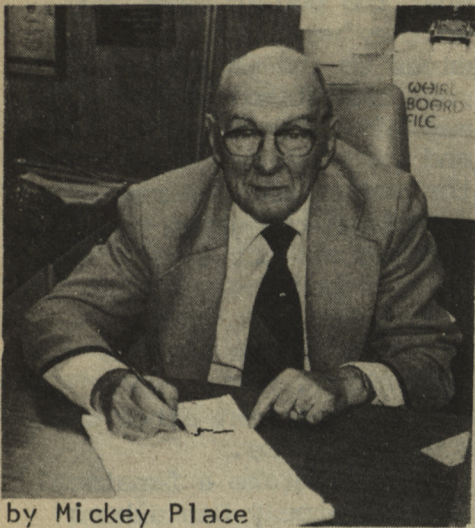


# Lady Panthers Devastating



by Mickey Place

Not too bad a week for Panther athletics as, by our count, our teams won three contests and lost two. Some may wonder where we get the third win, which does not count in any league statistics.

Our Lady Panthers were devastating as they blew out Les Dames from the U. de Moncton 92-43 - at one stage, scoring 16 successive points without a reply from

the opposition! To illustrate the quality of play, we might note that the girls netted 80% of their shots from the foul line - slightly better than their confreres did in the Panther game which followed. High score for us was the welcome and recently returned Sharon Douglas with 20 while Velvet Charters was close behind with 16. As the struggle to retain their sectional championship, the team plays several games on "foreign" courts before an important match here with arch rival Mount A. on February 4th. We'd like to comment that the double header was much enjoyed by the spectators and hope those drawing up next year's schedule, will keep that in mind.

In Men's Basketball we were pleasantly surprised with a split with UNB. In the first game, after

ten minutes of play, we had built up a ten point lead only to see it melt away to a 2 point deficit at the break and with but 5 minutes to play in the game, we trailed 71-67, but from that point on it was the Red Raiders all the way and they won 95-75. Mike McLaughlin led our scorers with 23. Spectacled Mike is now shooting with much greater accuracy since he can SEE the basket!! A big difference between the teams was in foul shooting wherein UNB garnered 27 points against our 8. Next afternoon we are told (having to take our better half to the airport) the game was a complete turnaround featuring outstanding play by heretofore unsung but hard working players Courtney Betty, Steve Wilson, Tim McGorrige and the McIsaac brothers who, combined with an outstanding

performance by Billy Redmond (34 points) gave us an 86-78 win.

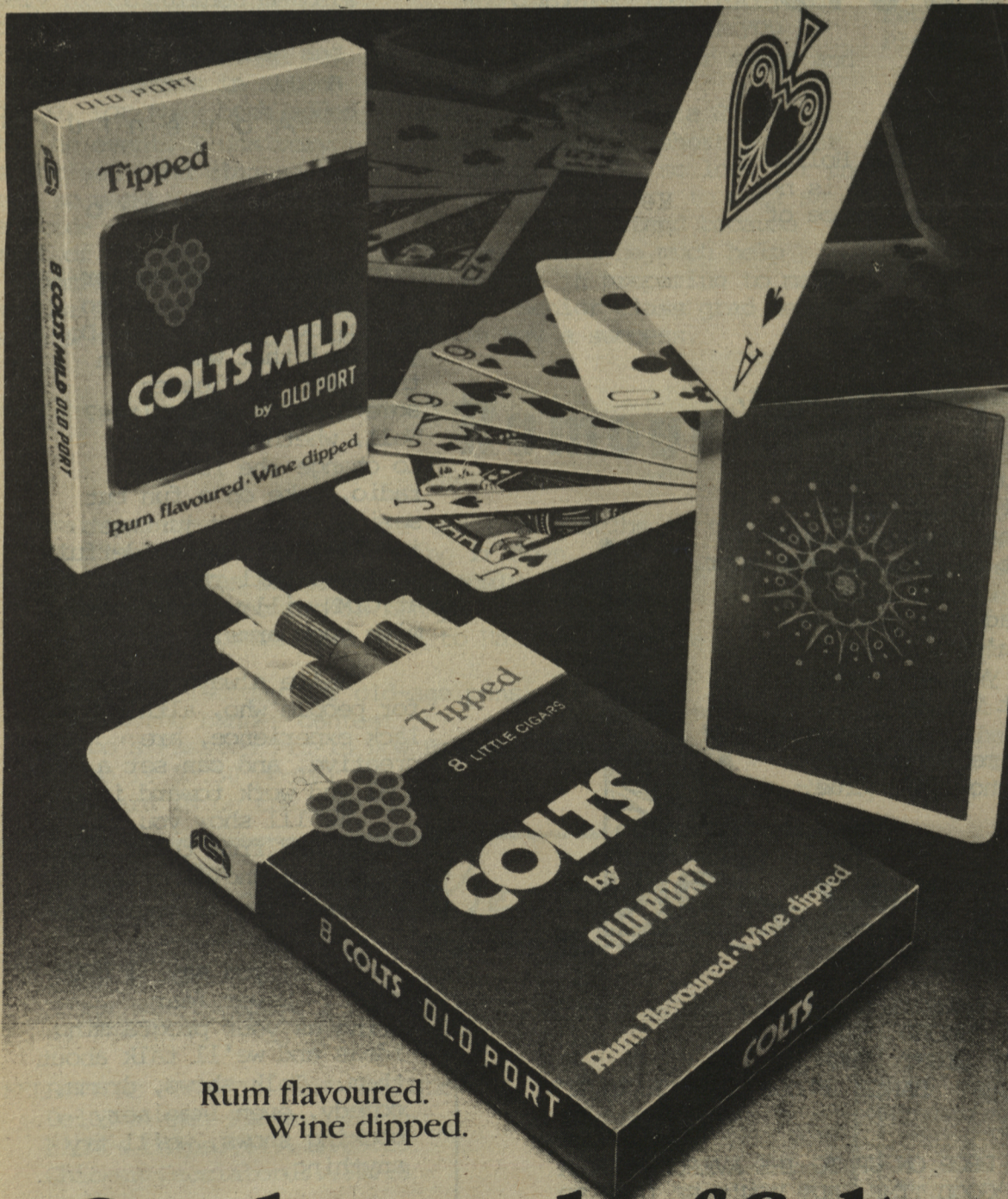
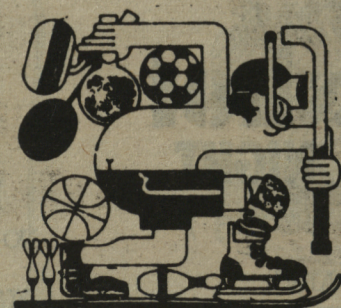
This leaves the Panthers (4-2) in a point score tie with UNB (4-4) and stresses the importance of two games in Fredericton on 6 & 7th February which should decide which team makes the final playoff spot.

No matter how this team finishes this year, we must commend Dave Nutbrown for starting to build a UPEI team that should be a real contender in a year or two. Too often intercollegiate success has been built on recruiting, not coaching ability. Dave has one player with a third year eligibility, two with two years and seven who are playing their first year of college basketball. Just wait, Dave may eventually have that WINNER that we have long felt that UPEI NEEDS!!

In hockey, we felt that the game at the Forum was a good example of the reason that soccer and basketball are gaining in popularity as spectator and participatory sports. There were few times in this brawl-filled contest when both teams had a full compliment of players on the ice and much of the time it was 4 against 4. The Panthers exhibited little of the skill and finesse that had marked their play against St. F.X. and S.M.U. and we wondered how Les Aigles Blue were rated 6th in Canada. We took an early 2-0 lead on scores by Brian O'Stroski and Mike Ready.

In the ensuing play we won the war, but lost the game 7-2. Only the game counts for points in the league statistics. Next home game will be on Feb. 1st with UNB the visitors.

After the dressing down our beautiful editor handed out last issue we are writing this on Monday night and will slide it under The Sun door. The female is the most deadly of the species, but we'll hasten to add, she has our sympathy - and admiration.



Rum flavoured.  
Wine dipped.

## Crack a pack of Colts along with the cards.