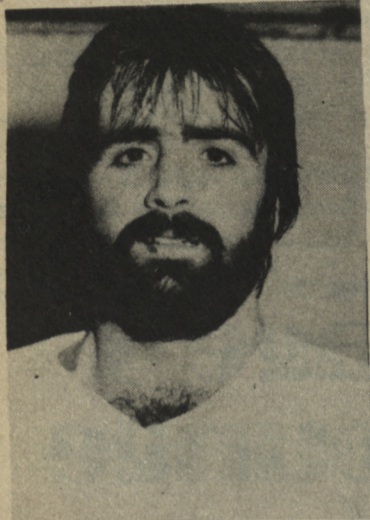


UPEI STUDENT PANTHERS GAIN

A week ago last Sunday the hockey Panthers bid farewell to six graduating players. For many involved in the ceremonies it was a sad moment as UPEI sent off



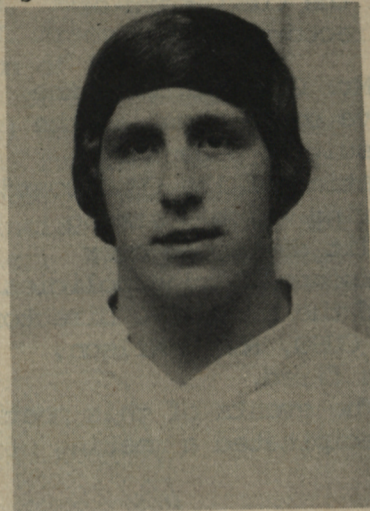
Wilfred MacDonald

young men who have made a large contribution to hockey, athletics and UPEI in general.

As has been the custom with the hockey Panthers there was a lengthy ceremony preceding their final home game. The parents of the graduating players were presented with flowers by the team and were introduced to the 1000 people strong crowd.

Those being honored received a number of gifts. The UPEI Student Union, represented by Vice-President Dave Connaughton, gave the graduating players certificates commemorating their contribution to school life. The Panther Booster Club, represented by

president Paul Connolly, gave the players certificates of recognition of their time and effort in their years as a varsity athlete. Vince Mulligan, representing the management of the team



Ken Burton

presented the players with engraved pucks, color action photos of their career as well as souvenir programs autographed by all their teammates.

Those graduating were Larry Mayhew of Kensington, P.E.I.; Dave Pineau of Rustic, P.E.I.; Brian Cameron of Kinkora, P.E.I.; Mike Selleck of Prescott, Ont.; Ken Burton of Chateauguay, Que., and Wilfred MacDonald of Southport, P.E.I.

Larry Mayhew was with the club for only one year but played an important role in the Panther success. Although he saw limited ice time he was always ready to step in. He did just that as he was pressed into

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM? PANTHERS NAMED TO DREAM TEAM

BY John Neville

The Atlantic Hockey Conference announced its all-star teams and as expected two of our Panthers were chosen. What was not expected was that only two were selected and more unexpectedly were those who were chosen. As was the case in basketball, politics played a major role and

the end result was two all-star teams that are almost embarrassing.

The Panthers placed defencemen Wilfred MacDonald and Brian Ostroski on the first team but that is where the end came. Goal-tender Mark Locken of St. Mary's, defenceman Louie Lavoie of Dalhousie, center Tony Cuomo and left winger Greg Keating of St. F.X. and

right winger Ross Yates of Mount Allison rounded out the first team.

The second team was an even bigger joke. George Barrett of St. F.X. was in the nets with Michel Bechard of Moncton and Don Maciver of SMU on defense. Up front Doug Chase of SMU, Grant Thompson of SMU and Paul MacLean of Dalhousie rounded off the second team.

For Wilfred MacDonald it marks the third straight year he has made all-conference. He was the only unanimous selection and was also selected as the league's nominee for the top player in Canada. This was really not a surprise as most of the coaches around the league have conceded that #18 is the league's best defenceman.

Brian Ostroski, in only his first year with the Panthers, also was named to the first team, sharing the other defence spot with Louie Lavoie of Dalhousie. Brian led the conference (tied with MacDonald) in points for a defenceman and enjoyed a fine year. To make an all-conference as a rookie is not an easy feat and one which even Wilf MacDonald did not accomplish.

The choice of Cuomo at center and Yates on right wing were solid choices as they finished one-two in the league scoring. However the choice of Greg Keating as all-star left winger is an insult to the rest of the players in the league. Certainly Keating is a fine

hockey player but he scored just four goals all year and in the games against UPEI was not even a factor. In discussions around the league the same was true. He did not have a good year. Still the reputation carried him through and he stole the award from someone who truly deserved it.

The second team saw a goalie who had the fifth best goals against average in the conference get selected. Add to that a center who scored less points in a full season than the Panthers David Cameron did in 13 games. Even more blatantly where was Francois Bessette, the league's third leading scorer despite only playing 12 games. Read on - things get worse. Although the defence on the second team are both top players who enjoyed fine seasons, where is Allie MacDonald, Dalhousie's leader and top player? The Tigers are ranked 7th in Canada and most of their success can be attributed to the fine play of MacDonald.

Well, the Tigers were not left out. They had their right winger Paul MacLean selected. Yes that is the same Paul MacLean who carried his stick at light level and who I would regard as the dirtiest player I have seen in the league in four years. He couldn't put the puck in the ocean if he was on the wharf and I won't even try to evaluate his hockey sense because it is no higher than his scoring statistics.



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