

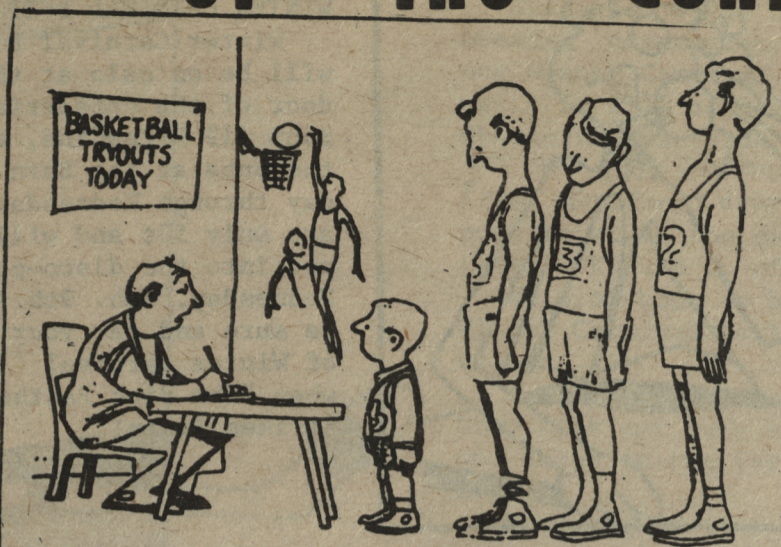
# The Game of the Century

The University of Prince Edward Island basketball Panthers will face a very formidable opponent next Tuesday night at 8 PM at Alumni Gymnasium when they meet the highly touted New York Midgets. The Midgets, who will enter the game with a lifetime record that includes no losses or ties, will be led by powerful centre Peter "Rabbi" Henderson, the most dominating person ever to play the sport of basketball. Henderson is renowned for his shot blocking ability and is feared by any player who has hair on his legs.

The Panthers will be putting their number seven national ranking on the line in this classic match up as the Midgets will be their stiffest opponents since the Panthers met the Yomuri Giants of the Japanese Pro League seventeen years ago, when Ed Hilton scored a record 83 points to lead St. Dunstan's to a 82-81 win.

Although Henderson leads the Midgets attack, he is surrounded by only talented players. Supporting pivot-man Henderson along the forward line are 5'6" power forward Paul Currie, a native of Pictou, Nova Scotia. While the match-up between Henderson and Panther centre Dennis High is expected to be no contest, the confrontation between Currie and UPEI's Tom Kappos could be a classic. Currie is known for his physical play and all Panther followers know that Kappos is one player who shies away from the rough stuff.

Rounding out the Midgets roster is playmaker Jim



"You better be good."

"Dr. J." Picone. The Doctor, who specializes in short passes, will match up against the Panthers Kevin Feighery in a battle of New York natives. Remaining starters in the "Mids" lineup are flaming forward John Lane and slick outside shooter Norm "Mad Bomber" Bishara. Lane, however, is listed as a doubtful starter as he presently committed so speaking engagements at a midget convention in Pointe au Pic, Quebec, but is trying to relieve himself of these commitments in order to play in the BIG game. Should Lane not be available for starting duty, his place will be taken by supersub Bobby Bishara. While Bishara gives away a little bit in Height to his opponents, he makes up for it with his great leaping ability that has thrilled fans from all corners of the world. The Midgets two secret weapons, 5' 1/2 " Debbie "EL DUNKO" MacMurdo and 5'2" Heather "Miss Defence" Stephenson. Both of these players are expected to play key roles

in the Midgets victory. Panther coach Gary Heald was cautiously optimistic about his teams chances.

"We realize we're going to have to play way above our heads if we think we're going to win. Many of the Panther players echoed the same sentiments although Dennis High was rumoured to be looking to transfer schools rather than face a player of Henderson's calibre.

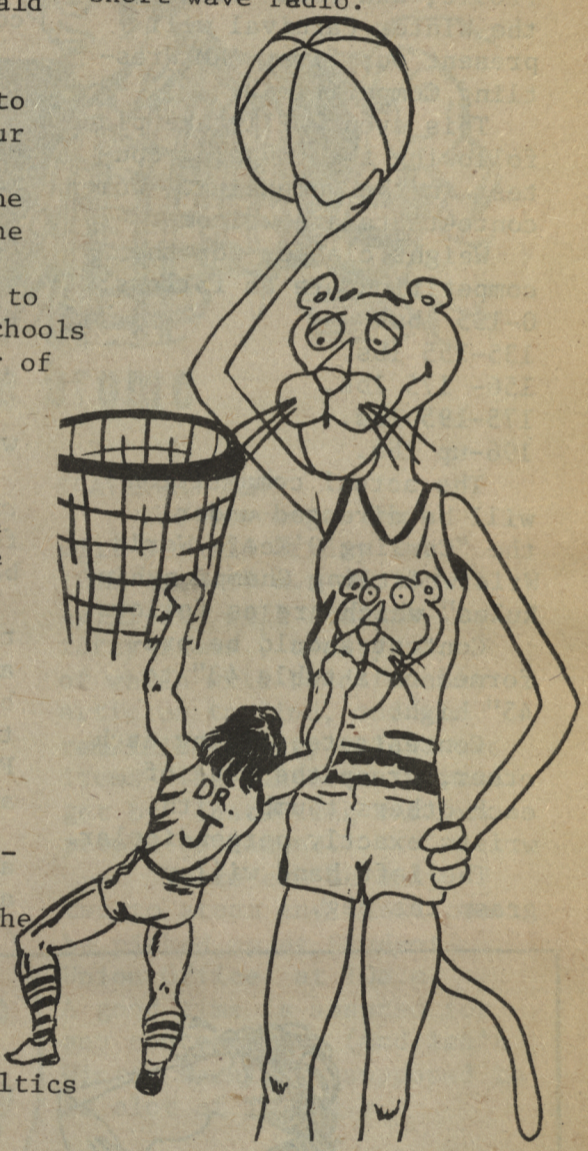
Heald continued as he echoed fears about the referees abilities to control the game. "We've been short-shafted by the officials in every game we've played this year."

Heald's worries were without any foundation as our roving reporter discovered that the Homer brothers, John and Gord, were doing the game. These are the same two officials that did the game when the Panthers upset the Boston Celtics for the World Championship last year. The Midgets, who play only an exhibition schedule, defeated the Celtics 211-210 last year as

Henderson dunked the ball over Dave Cowens at the buzzer to win it.

Midgets Coach Mike Roche was confident of victory in a pre-game interview. "We're going out to take away their inside game and once we do that, the issue will be settled in a short time."

A large crowd is expected for this BIG game Tuesday, before the inter-residence party, at 8 PM. For those who cannot get into spacious Alumni Gymnasium, the game will be carried over the Midgets SBS (Short Broadcasting System) network and over any short wave radio.



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