

# UPEI PANTHERS CLOSE OFF SEASON WITH VICTORY OVER MONCTON

Foward Richard Pierre-Giles scored two goals and captain Mike Blanchard notched another before the first half was over as the UPEI Soccer Panthers defeated the Universite de Moncton Blue Eagles 3-0 in the final game for both teams in the AUSA Soccer

## Hockey Panthers Sweep Weekend Games

By Darrell Cole, Sports Editor

It was quite a weekend for the UPEI Hockey Panthers as they moved into the third week of AUSA Hockey play. On Friday evening the Panthers exploded with six second period goals to overcome a 2-1 deficit and trounce UNB 8-2.

Saturday's game looked as though it was going to be a laugher for the Panthers as they jumped up 3-0 after one period against St.Thomas. However the Thommies who always play well against the Panthers, fought back to trail by only one goal (5-4) after two periods. The two teams traded third period goals as UPEI held on for a 6-5 victory and a sweep of their weekend games in New Brunswick.

### Coach

Vince Mulligan was pleased to come home this weekend with four points considering the trouble that St.Thomas has given them the past couple of years. The Panthers arrived home in first place in the AUSA MacAdam Division just two points ahead on the Universite de Moncton Blue Eagles, who won both of their weekend games to turn their record from 1-2 to a more respectable 3-2 record. This weekend the Panthers are in Nova Scotia to play Kelly Division powerhouse Dalhousie Tigers on Saturday and an improved Acadia Axemen club on Sunday. Next weekend the Panthers return home to the Charlottetown Forum to play the University of Cape Breton Capers.

cer League. Goaltender Phil Muise played a strong game for the Panthers recording the shutout. Pierre-Giles goals were his ninth and tenth goals of the year.

This year was definitely a rebuilding year for the Panthers as there were alot of new faces on the team. These new faces are still learning to play together. You just can't put eleven guys out on the field who have never played together and expect to win, I don't care how good they are. Next year those freshman players will have one year under their belt and that's

a good nucleus to build upon. All through the year the Panthers improved, even though all around them the community was criticizing them as losers. I believe it has something to do with the fact that the UPEI Soccer Panthers for the past number of years have been

winner and we the fans have become very spoiled. Coach Andy Cameron cannot be blamed for the collapse of the Panther dynasty this year, as it was going to happen sometime. Coach Cameron has done a splendid job with the Soccer Panthers just as Simone MacKenzie has done



with the Lady's Field Hockey team. Sure there will be no AUSA Soccer Championship trophy at the gym but in coming years the dynasty

will surely return to UPEI. I would like to congratulate the Men's Soccer Team for an entertaining year.

# SPORTS

## Gem Sports Department Getting Bigger

By Darrell Cole, Sports Editor

As Sports Editor of the Gem I would like to take this opportunity to welcome a couple new faces to the Gem sports page. Beginning with the next issues of the Gem there will be a couple of new names on the sport's page. Joining the sports team are Craig Fitzgerald, who will cover Men's Basketball, and Dolly Bhatia, who will cover Women's Basketball.

Welcome to the team and Good Luck. If there is anyone else out there who would like to join the Gem Sports team then come to a regular Gem meeting on Mondays at 8:00pm in the basement of the Utility Building. Also if anyone has comments, either good or bad about the sports page then please feel free to write a little letter to me c/o The Gem or send through VaxMail.

## STUDENTS !!

The moose is Loose every Saturday at the Panther Lounge. This event is for you to be able to see Spot Run for Cheap Cheap Cheap! Anyone who participates in supporting the Lounge and Spot, has the chance to win a Shirt, receive great giveaways and be a part of another great Panther Lounge Student Saver Special. So why not Check us out! Or ask Gordie Cox What's Happening?

The Lounge opens at 1:00 pm every Saturday and that's when the Moose is Loose! and Spot starts to run and he keeps runing 'til 1:00 am. For further information come to the Panther Lounge we'll gladly tell you all we know — Don't Delay !!

THE PANTHER LOUNGE

## Basketball Panther Teams Have Strong Weekend

By Craig Fitzgerald

The men's and women's basketball teams have both gotten off to a great start this year. Both teams have been in action over the past two weekends with tremendous outcomes.

The Lady Panthers started their season off with two victories over the University of Cape Breton Capers and then travelled to Laval, Quebec for a tournament last weekend. Although they lost the championship game by three points the weekend was very successful for the Panther ladies.

Led by tournament all-stars Stephanie Smith and Tracey MacEachern, the Lady Panthers made it to the final game defeating Brock University 73-57. Stephanie Smith scored 17 points and Tracey MacEachern scored 18 in the victory. In the Championship Game Smith and MacEachern were again the big guns scoring 19 and 12 points respectively. Other Panther scorers were Ria Bahadursingh 8, Janet Nichols and Stephanie Knickle both had 4, Susan Knickle and Tracey Bowie had two point performances.

The men's team is also off to a great start. After two victories in Quebec two weeks ago they travelled to

Wolfville, Nova Scotia for the annual Acadia tip-off tournament. The Panthers defeated St.Mary's 79-76 on Saturday to advance to the final game and a showdown with arch-rival Acadia. After jumping to a quick 16-9 lead early in the first half the Panthers, in serious foul trouble, saw Acadia rally back to take a 55-44 lead to the dressing room. In the second half the Panthers used their strong, stubborn defense to shutdown Acadia while their offense nipped away at Acadia's lead finally tying the score with a little under four minutes to play. Two foul shots by Delroy Adams and a layup by Brett Wood gave the Panthers the lead which they never relinquished winning the game 96-89 and the tournament. Panther scorers included Peter Gordon 32, Steve Ruiz 25, Delroy Adams 14, Mark Roberts 13, Brett Wood 6, and Tom MacSwiggan with 2.

Both Basketball teams are in action this weekend as the Lady Panthers travel to Fredericton to play in the UNB Tournament while the Men's team is at home for a pair of games against Husson College from Maine. The games on Friday and Saturday night are both 7:00pm starts at the Alumni Gym. So let's go out and cheer our team on this weekend for two more victories.