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Basketball Panthers lose twice in a row

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Gary Heald, new Panther Coach, unveiled his 1974 basketball team on Friday night against the much taller X-men and, for the first ten minutes it looked like the greatest upset since David outmanoeuvred Goliath. Sparked by diminutive Mike Connolly's ball carrying and Jay Mingrove's outside shooting, the Panthers led 12 - 2 after 5 minutes. X coach Packy MacFarlane hastily called a time-out to talk things over with his apparently bewildered charges but it seemed to be of no avail as we were still ahead 26-12 after ten. Another time out and crafty Packy must have arrived at the solution as our bubble seemed to burst and a few minutes

later we trailed 29-30. The half ended 45-44 for the "Bad Guys" and although we never stopped trying the second half was a different story and we went down to a respectable defeat 86-78. Our shooting from the floor was good throughout the game and nothing short of phenomenal during the first half. Saturday's game was a different story as we were never in contention and did not get a basket from the floor until the 11 minute mark to make it 24-10 for them. The Panthers had a lot of shots but while Dame Fortune smiled on Friday she certainly frowned on our efforts on Saturday. We heard Brian Heeny class X on a par with S.M.U. and Acadia for this season as he said, in a

radio interview, that they had done a lot of recruiting. From this we believe that our team looked good and showed class even in defeat and, we think, will give lots of chance for cheers throughout the season.

We'd like to comment that Mike Connolly (5'8" with elevated soles and heels) must be the best player in the league...inch for inch...although outdone in height by players who often have a 12 or 14 inch advantage over him he is always an eye-catching performer. We were watching him yesterday and the thought came to us...just imagine what he'd be like in a league where HE had a similar advantage of the opposition...such a league might be hard to find but it is an interesting speculation.



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Ronnie McInnis gets credit for the first U.P.E.I. shut-out in a long time and we hear U.P.E.I. showed great improvement over the previous week. We didn't see either game but we are told that in Friday's game goals were scored by Ray Dunn, Phil Clayburn and the winner by Lorne Carmichael. On Saturday it was Dave Murnaghan potting two with singles going to Len Kelly and Phil Clayburn. We were not able to reach Jack Kane for comment but we were told by a spectator that Wayne Bernard was the outstanding player on the ice. We trust there will be a large crowd on hand this weekend when



the Hockey Panthers make their local debut against Memorial in two games. The Newfies always have a big rugged team and we should get a good line on how our boys will show up in league play this season...Go Panthers...Go!

Have you heard about the man who had a cross dog so he fed him garlic to make his bark worse than his bite????