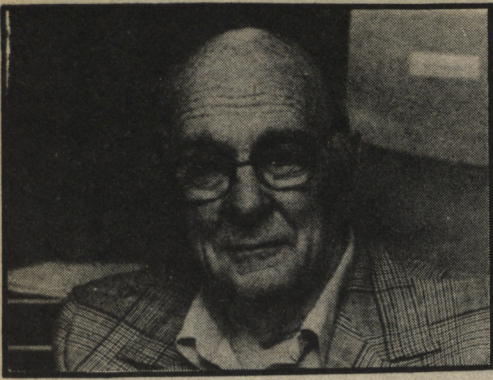


HORSES and PANTHERS



JOCK TALK

by Mickey Place

Possibly for the same reason that white horses do not eat as much as black horses, Panther teams over the last week-end had a much better record than has been the case in recent weeks, winning one and losing only two.

In Football, our heroes, decimated by defections and injuries, played well against the Red Bombers of U.N.B. but were worn out by the final quarter and succumbed 56-26. Trailing 21-2 after the first stanza, the boys rallied to make it close when Jim Revell, taking a tum at Quarterback, withstood a strong pass rush and stayed in the pocket to pass a long ball to Socky MacDonald who gathered in a one-handed catch and went over the goal line unimpeded. In the same session Peter Nobles gathered in a T.D. pass from Revell, and, aided by a sensational block by George McGuigan, added a major, so the team went to the locker room with only a five point deficit. (24-19). However, grit and determination were overcome by stronger manpower in the final session and U.N.B. went on to their win although Socky closed out his outstanding inter-collegiate career with a sensational 85 yard punt return for our final score. This was the final game for graduating Ozzie D'Ippolito, Rick Kiraly, Jon Paul McIntyre, Socky MacDonald, Dave Bryand, Vernon Pahl Carl Adams, Al Carroll, Mark Ledwell and George McGuigan. We think the coaching staff had better take a good look at the High School Potato Bowl game here at MacAdam Field this weekend as they face a mighty tough job in rebuilding as these stalwarts move on. Our greatest pains are caused by seeing Island boys star for mainland teams. We learn that, weakened as the team was, it could have been worse as Neil Connaughton and

Phil Yack decided to make a visit to the library just prior to departure time and the bus left without them. Fortunately they were missed in time for a return pickup. Socky MacDonald and Vernon Pahl were chosen as members of the all conference team.

In Ladies' Basketball, our girls started off the season in proper fashion as they outscored and outplayed the St. F.X. squad 60-39, pulling away after leading at the half by a 27-25 score. Cathy Chandler was high scorer with 21 points. We noted that the girls used but eight players which number is barely sufficient to allow for injuries or illnesses. After a season like last year wherein we were undefeated in league play but were unable to cope when we finally met stiff opposition, we think the exhibition games being scheduled prior to league play will give the girls experience and poise when tested. They visit the Xettes in Antigonish this weekend and will be in Wolfville on the 9th and 10th for the Acadia Tip-Off tournament.

The Panther Basketball team opens its season by a trip to Maine where they will play three games and this should be a good indication of what sort of a season we may expect from Dave Nutbrown's charges. In addition to their regular duties it is expected that "The Rabbi", Peter Henderson and Bill Redmond will be used as interpreters for the team which might otherwise encounter language difficulties. Both come from what they describe as the "Puutland" area. The natives are said to be friendly. The team also goes to the Acadia Tip-Off tournament on the 9th and 10th and will make their first appearance here on the 18th against Saint Mary's.

In Soccer, our team arrived too late and had to leave too soon as they visited faroff St. John's and their scheduled game series had to be reduced to one... which we dropped by a 4-0 score. We might add that, in St. John's, Soccer is THE sport. We are told that this, in spite of what the score might indicate, was the best game the team has played this year as

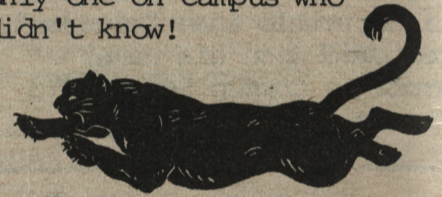
the half ended 1-0 and it was 2-0 until late in the game. The team, which is trying to arrange a tournament here this week with a local senior group and two high schools, has high hopes for greater success next year as they are composed mainly of Freshmen and Sophomores. They lose, by graduation, Vaughan Smith, Captain Dave Ewart, John Gallinger and Ron Taylor.

Jack Hynes takes the Hockey Panthers to St. John's where they engage the usually unpredictable Beothuks on Saturday and Sunday. With a 1-1 record against good opposition in exhibition games we are hopeful of a brace of wins but we must caution the team to be careful. We think it was the last time the Newfies played here that we walloped them 10-0 on Saturday night and faced an altogether different group, albeit with the same names, uniforms and faces, on Sunday afternoon when they trimmed us 6-4! A new season starts for Panther teams. Let's hope it will be a winning one.

For us the pro hockey season starts when the Panther

season ends but for those who might be interested we might say that we have received a booklet with schedules and statistical tables and a nouseum from the office of the N.H.L. Others may be obtained by sending a post-card to the N.H.L., 960 Sun Life Building, Montreal, P.Q. H3B 2W2. We sometimes wonder how interest is maintained in the playing of 840 games so that 6 (or is it 8?) teams out of 21 may be eliminated from championship play. Hockey MUST be a good game.

A note from Pat Ingraham who typed this...I didn't understand what Mickey meant in his opening paragraph and when I asked why white horses ate less than black ones, I felt foolish when he explained it is because there aren't as many white horses. Then he went to class and discovered I wasn't the only one on campus who didn't know!



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