

Basketball Tourney Rife With Action

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mistakes and held the lead to a spectacular finish, 82-76.

On the women end of things, the Panthers heroically battled back from an early first half deficit to snag a six point lead with two minutes to go in the first. Lindsay Coade led the Panthers with a fantastic 14 points in the first half.

The momentum, however, was short-lived, and Acadia responded by sinking seven more points before the half was over, to gain the lead at the midway point.

It was 26-25 at the half. Obviously, this one was going to be close.

Having covered basketball in high school, this reporter knows a good game when he sees one. Having covered basketball in high school, this reporter also should have known its wild unpredictability.

Having covered basketball in high school, this reporter perhaps should have quit while he was ahead.

UPEI gained a large lead early on and Acadia never got within 8 points for the rest of the game, as the women cruised to a 57-47 win, never looking back at the hapless Acadia squad. Coade finished with an astounding 23 points, 10 rebounds, while her accomplice and fellow win Tower Katherine

Walters added 11 points and 7 boards.

The excellent basketball tournament continues on Sunday, with action beginning at 10am, giving the author yet another excuse to miss church

Is Ben Roethlisberger the Real Deal?

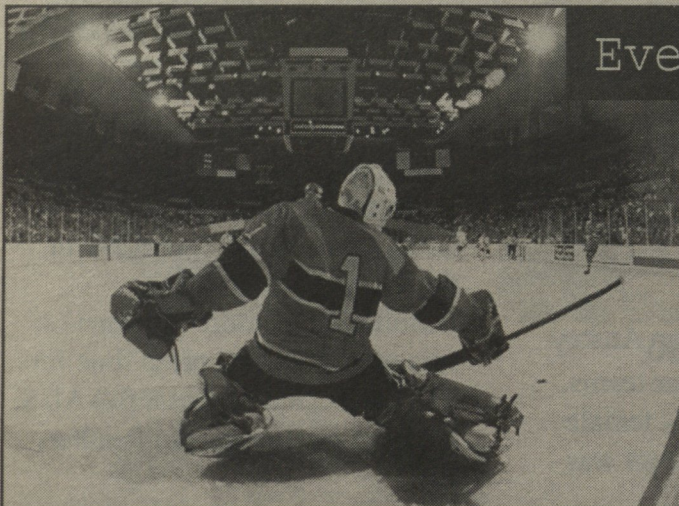
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Over the past couple of weeks Ben Roethlisberger has become more of a who's who in the National Football League than the "who's that" he started out as. He is the 22-year-old rookie phenom, undefeated in five, who is the starting quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Just last week he led the Steelers to a victory that handed the New England Patriots their first loss in 399 days and ended their historic 21-game win streak. So, the question remains: is he the real deal or will he quickly fade away like so many others (read: Drew Bledsoe)? He could answer that question this Sunday, November 7 when the Steelers are at home against T.O.'s mouth and the undefeated Philadelphia Eagles. If he could pull off two wins against two undefeated teams in a row, the black and yellow just may have something in who the media have dubbed "Big Ben."

He is currently the fifth ranked quarterback in the NFL, actually ranked ahead of the likes of Donovan McNabb, Tom Brady and Chad Pennington. Some would say he started his career a lot like Tom Brady: he is the successor to the great Cordell Stewart like Brady was to Drew Bledsoe; they

both survived harsh criticisms at the start of their career for being too young and inexperienced; and both came out impressing everyone but themselves.

The only thing I can think of that works against him is his last name. It is a problem for everyone in the media. Likely, how he got his nickname "Big Ben" was probably not so much attributable to his spectacular play, but because it is easier to refer to him as Big Ben than Roethlisberger. It literally takes me about 30 seconds to type and double check it. But it is a fun name to play with. You never know, he could sign an endorsement deal with McDonald's and you might find yourself ordering Combo #7, a Roethlis Burger with fries and a Coke. When you consider the way this guy's been playing, it doesn't seem too far off.

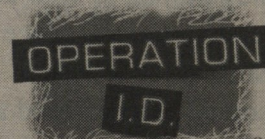


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