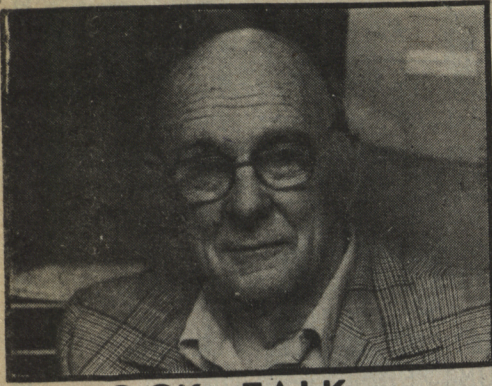


# 3 WON, 2 LOST - NOT BAD



## JOCK TALK

By Mickey Place

Since our last perusal of their activities, Panther teams have won three times and lost twice, which 60% average is much better than our usual record. The Basketball Lady Panthers took a pair, the Panther Basketball team split two and the Hockey Panthers lost the only game they played. It has been said (ad Nauseum) that when the going gets tough the tough get going and the Lady Panthers certainly went all out and rose to great heights as they took on the then league leading Mount Allison girls in the match that was to decide the section winners. They came on the floor exhibiting the same spirit that must have marked the entrance of the lions into the Roman Coliseum as they awaited the arrival of the Christians for play. This was THE BIG GAME and both teams played with this realization. Action, particularly in the first ten minutes, was on a plane

seldom attained in this level of play as both teams exhibited adroitness and skill that kept the on-lookers in an uproar. At the half we led 34-22, due mainly to an unanswered ten point outburst in a couple of minutes midway during the half. Our side again dominated play in the second stanza and capped it off with an additional eight points in the final two minutes to achieve a convincing 68-44 score. All the girls played well, Dawn MacLeod led our scorers with 14 while Sue Betts garnered in 18 rebounds. The previous night the team had annihilated a hapless U. de Moncton squad by an 82-37 score with Dawn MacLeod leading the way with 18. This weekend the girls travel to Nova Scotia, where, as section winners, they'll take on the top team of the #1 section, Dalhousie. If our girls can maintain the same play that they showed against Mount Allison, they could upset the highly rated Halifax team. The Mount A. game was the last home contest on the schedule. We can look for great things from this team next year as only one player graduates. The word "Only" is a poor one inasmuch as that player is

Sandra Drysdale, for four years one of our favourite UPEI athletes. Sandra has been outstanding in both basketball and field hockey and has given a 100% effort in every game she has played. Good luck to you Sandra. We hate to see you go!!

In Panther Basketball a Saint F.X. team that appeared to be "On" seemed to catch our boys on a night when they were "Off" or perhaps it was another example of a good "Big" team being superior to a good "Short" team for they seemed to blow us off the court as they coasted to an 89-57 win. Their leading scorer for this game, Gil Green, must have kangaroo blood in him as he continually made leaps high on the air to block or check Panther passes so that we yielded no less than 20 turnovers.

Rick Millard was our high scorer with 23. For their final home game of the season, the Panthers out-classed what seemed to be a rather confused Mount A. team by a 91-65 score after leading at the half 43-29. Our high scorer was, again, Rick Millard with 27, While Bill Fanning had 21. This was the final home appearance of the team for this season and also the last ever for Bill Fanning, Colin MacAdam, Rick Millard, and the limping Ron Stuewe, all of whom leave via the graduation route. To say we'll miss them is certainly the understatement of the year. The boys still have a mathematical chance of a play-off spot, but they must win all three remaining games on the road.. two with UNB and the other against Mount A. With the players he'll be missing next season, Dave Nutbrown certainly

faces a major and unenviable rebuilding job.

The Hockey Panthers travelled to the luxurious but inhospitable Louis Levesque Arena in Moncton on Sunday and nationally rated #2, Les Aigles Bleu skated away with a 7-3 victory for their 13th successive win on home ice. It was a far different game from the recent one here in which we walloped them 7-2. Mike Devine scored one for us while Trevor Crawford netted two. This loss pretty much ends our play-off chances, although we understand that only four of the six competing teams make the playoffs on points while two are "Wild Card" choices. Perhaps, if we win both games Big against this week's visitors Dalhousie and Saint F.X. we might yet get a Bid. Even if the invitation might not be forthcoming, it would still be fun to knock off those two and so end the season with a 13-14 record.

As this will be the final home appearance of any Panther Athletic Team for the season let's cram the forum and cheer them on for two victories! We'd love to end off our stories of UPEI sports with a happy description of a pair of wins!!

It always surprises us when we find that some people do read this column. Some even take us seriously! The surest way to find this out is to make a mistake. It has been brought to our attention that, during his illustrious goalkeeping career as a Panther, Ron "Snags" McInnis was credited with at least three assists. This information, by the way, did not come from Snags, who would be much too modest to correct us.



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