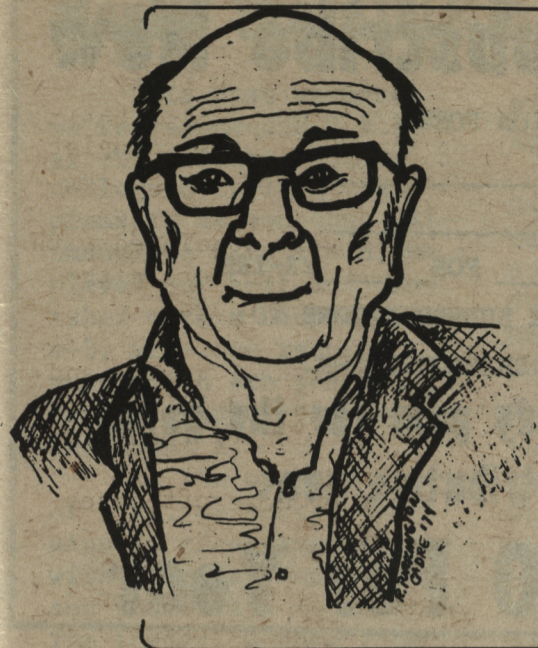


A Review of Sports This Winter



jock talk
Mickey Place

This is being written on Friday as we travel to "foreign parts" tomorrow for the weekend hockey games & will not be back in time to make Rick Willis' deadline of early Sunday. Besides that we suspect that this being the last trip of the year, we may be too "TIRED" to write intelligently... please do not wonder "What's new?"

As a consequence of having no games to refer to, we think it might be a good time to look back at the past hockey season & try to appraise the situation. We admired Jack Kane's refusal, on a recent radio interview, to make any excuses. He said games are won or lost on the ice & that teams make their own luck. We must concede that this may be the proper attitude but, at the same time, we can't help wondering about the games we lost that we could have won if only a few breaks had come our way. We started off the season with Memorial ... we outscored them in two games 14-6 but had to settle for a split. On the scores we should have won both. We then lost games to Dalhousie & Acadia... no excuses about those. We lost to Moncton in a game that we led for 59 minutes & 55 seconds. In retrospect we'd like to claim that one. We lost to SMU in a game in which we led with 19 seconds to go. We'd like that one. We lost to St. F.X. 9-3 ... we'll let that one go. We lost to Dal & St F.X. in overtime in games in which we had the better of the play all through. We'd like those two. We lost to SMU in a game in which they scored THREE SHORTHANDED goals. (Hermie MacNeil says Jack erred in not reverting to football rules and declining the penalties) We'd like that one back. We lost to St.

Thomas in a game in which we outclassed everyone but the goalkeeper. We'd like that one too. Up to the time of writing then we have lost three games that seemed out of reach...

Although the standings don't show how close the Panthers came to being a real contender for top honours Panther fans should realize that we, on our record, have great potential for next year. Certainly we have a better team than the record indicates...even on the fact that it took teams longer to beat us... FOUR overtime losses!!!!!! We think Jack has a real good nucleus of players to build next year's winner ... let's look forward to an argument this time next year about whether the play-offs should be in the UPEI icebox or the Charlottetown Forum.

Our basketball Panthers are off to Newfoundland for what should be good tune-up games before they take on SMU next Friday night in the Halifax Forum in the first contest of the playoffs. We were encouraged by Art Laffin's reaction when we tried to kid him



The Panthers play Memorial in early season action

and asked if the Panthers were making appeals to Saint Jude for favourable intercession (if you don't know who St Jude is...look him up)... Art assured me that the Panthers would win on their merit & had no fear of the team rated #2 nationally ... we, after his assurance, hope to be on hand & to see the Acadia-UPEI final! Art pointed out that the most players any team can put on the basketball court is five and he does not figure UPEI will be a bunch of Patsies for any team. We hope a considerable number of our fans will be there to cheer our boys on.

Congratulations are in order for the UPEI Curling team. Robbie Burnett, Bruce Norton, John Goodwin & Paul O'Rourke. We don't know the

final standing at this time but, at last report, we are still leading & we wish them every success & a championship.

Also congratulations to athletes Art Laffin & Tommy Hayward who achieved instant success in their entry into campus politics...we are sure that both will do a great job.. & hope that their winning in this field can be carried on to the court & rink.

Ed. Note.

The deadline that Mickey makes reference to is only in regards to Jock Talk because it is time oriented. All other articles must be submitted by Friday to be considered for publication.

Inter-Collegiate Basketball Play-Offs

All the details are now finalized regarding the Atlantic Universities

Athletic Association basketball play-offs, in which the UPEI Panthers will be taking part.

All games will take place at the Halifax Forum, Beginning at 7:00 p.m., Friday February 28 when the Panthers tangle with the strong St Mary's Huskies. At 9:00, Acadia and Mt A. meet for the second half of the double

header.

Saturday, March 1, at 1:00 the two losers from Friday's games meet, with the championship game slated for 3:00 p.m.

There will be no advance sale of tickets but there is no scarcity of tickets. All tickets will be sold at the Forum and Panther fans should ask for the Panther section.

Prices are \$4.00 Adults and \$2.00 Students for each double header.

