

SPORTS

No Place In Sports For Hazing

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Young athletes made headlines across the nation last week and for all the wrong reasons. The practice of hazing in sports has once again made its appearance in the public eye after incidents in Windsor, Ontario and Montreal made themselves public.

In Windsor, the Ontario Hockey League's Spitfires find themselves in hot water after highly-touted rookie Akim Aliu and Flyers prospect Steve Downie scrapped in practice. The fight is believed to have stemmed from a hazing ritual in which five Windsor players were ordered to strip off their clothes and cram into the bathroom, or "hot box", at the back of the team bus. As a result, coach-general manager Moe Mantha was suspended for 40 games as a coach and a year as a GM. Meanwhile, McGill University has cancelled the rest of its football season after investigating a complaint from an 18-year-old rookie alleging that he was anally prodded with a broomstick. The hazing victim, who was not identified, has since left the school and McGill will take disciplinary action against several players.

These incidents have once more blown up the media powder keg known as hazing. Now, I could be a real brainiac by providing the Webster's definition of hazing, but I'm going to go on the assumption that you understand the term. If not, look it up in the damn dictionary yourself. The fact is that hazing is more rampant than many realize. Some form of hazing is happening somewhere at this very moment. The McGill incident is a rare occasion in which the victim got up the courage to make his ordeal public. The incidents we hear about are just the tip of the iceberg.

That said, there is a fine line between hazing and initiation. Initiation could take the form of a rookie dinner, a shaved head, or wearing a dress on a team flight. Its purpose is to encourage team bonding and to make the rookie feel comfortable with his teammates. Initiation is a time-honoured tradition in sports and can be very effective in bringing a team together.

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Men's, Women's Panthers Destroy Blue Eagles

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Both the men's and women's Panthers enjoyed laughs against Moncton on the 19th of October.

The men defeated the hapless Blue Eagles for the second time this season, with the score of the games combined equaling 12-1 in the men's favor. Veteran Ryan Anstey scored a hat-trick for the men in the victory, giving him the AUS scoring lead with 15 goals. The men see action again at Mt. Allison on the 30th of October.

The women saw rookie striker Tessa Roche absolutely annihilate the Blue Eagle defense, launching five goals into the opposing net for a record-setting performance. The ladies Panthers won 5-0, with goalies Leslie Bradshaw and Marianne Annema splitting the shutout in goal. The ladies played Acadia in their second last regular season game on Saturday and beat them 2-0 goal scorers were not available at press time.

Men's Hockey Panthers Split Weekend; Women Suffer Defeat

The men's hockey Panthers, contrary to the soccer Panthers, were on the receiving end of a laughter on the night of the 21st of October. UPEI was owned by a St. FX team that blitzed a total of eleven goals past both of UPEI's goaltenders. The men made up for it with a win on Saturday however, defeating Dalhousie 3-1.

The women's hockey Panthers also experienced results different from their footballing counterparts, suffering a large defeat to Dalhousie on Saturday by a score of 10-0.

The men play again next weekend, facing St. FX and Dal. again on the 29th and 30th respectively.

The ladies hockey Panthers will look to redeem themselves and obtain their first win of the season on the 29th against SMU.

UPEI Rugby Men vs St. Thomas University B Team

