

SPORTS:**ATHLETE'S FEET**

By Dave Mitchell

After recording the first two scheduled games as wins, the varsity hockey team has shown signs of both potency and weakness. Fresh from 6-2 and 6-4 victories over Memorial University, the Panthers faced rejuvenated squads at Acadia and Dal, dropping both contests, 4-3 and 3-2 respectively. Even though the team's first home appearance registered a 9-3 win over hopeless Mt. A., rumors began circulating the intercollegiate scene that UPEI was not a top contender. Many campus news media predicted the Panthers would not only finish out of the playoffs but would end up close to the league cellar. Then on the weekend of Jan. 10 Panther critics were proved to be, at least, temporarily wrong when the underdog Islanders gave the highly

rated St. Mary's club their 'stiffest test' of the season before losing 6-3; and the next night the Panthers spoiled the Xmen's predicted "easy weekend" by giving the host club their second loss of the schedule in a 4-3 UPEI victory.

Following those tough weekend encounters, the Panthers boasted a 4-3 won-lost record on the season. Hockey followers, players, and fans alike, foresaw a better schedule starting in Fredericton the next weekend against UNB and St. Thomas, two teams Panthers would have to defeat to keep playoff hopes alive. The outcome is now history, the unpredictable "cats" dropped to UNB by a score of 2-1 and continued their lifeless inconsistency the next day in a 6-4 loss to the Tommies.

Thus The Hunter Became The Hunted

Prior to last weekends' games the Panthers had sunk to seventh place, five points out of fourth position and a possible playoff spot. At this stage the team was developing all the earmarks of becoming a league patsy, a team which merely bolstered their opponents "points in standing".

Acadia and Dal held this attitude when they entered into the Panthers' den last weekend only to come out badly mangled. Yes, once again our varsity squad demonstrated its season long characteristic inconsistency. From suspected close games the Panthers ran wild, humiliating Acadia 12-2 and hammering the Paper Tigers 5-1 when the M.I.H.A. weekend games had concluded, the Panthers had gained four points into fifth place only one point out of fourth behind U.N.B.

Pulverizing Panthers pound opponents

By Doug Stevenson

The U.P.E.I. Hockey Panthers came into their own this past weekend when they came up with two strong victories over the Acadia Axemen and the Dalhousie Tigers by scores of 12-2 and 5-1 respectively.

The game against the Axemen was a pushover as U.P.E.I. was by far the superior team. Leading the locals to victory were Bill Adams and Cecil MacDonald who each potted a hat trick with Bob Doherty getting a brace. Adding insult to the injury were Ken Ballam, Barry Turner, Bill LeClair and team captain Bill Carson who fired singles.

The Panthers knew this was a must game as they continually maneuvered their way into the

Acadia end zone past the lack-lustre Axemen.

The UPEI power play was working like "best of machines" and the Panthers also scored four of their twelve goals while being shorthanded. All in all, the team played as a unit with lots of muscle who were not to be put down by opposition.

Saturday night, the Panthers met up with much stronger opposition as they faced the Dalhousie Tigers at the rink on the Malpeque campus.

The Dal Tigers knew the Panthers had "mauled" the Axemen real badly the night before and they were not going to let the same thing happen to them. But, as it happened the Tigers went home "scratched" to the tune of 5-1.

It was a fast rugged game with both teams

showing lots of spirit and hustle. After 20 minutes of play there was still no score and the many partisan UPEI fans were becoming quite anxious.

Their anxiety was relieved quite quickly in the early minutes of the second period when the Panthers jumped into a 2-0 lead and never looked back. The victory was a team effort against a team which had plenty of fire and desire of its own.

Scoring for the locals were Cecil MacDonald, John McCarron, Bill Adams, Bill Carson and Barry Turner.

Games against St. FX and St. Mary's will be played on Saturday and Sunday afternoons respectively so be sure to be there for the most crucial games of the season.

- SPOTLIGHT -

'Spotlight' intends to present various points of view concerning university sports.

Spotlight focusses on various individuals presenting their points of view concerning matters relevant to university sport.

The following question was posed: Does sport play an integral part in the university life?

Ivanhoe Chevannes, senior arts — "No, if the continuation of varsity sports will necessitate a raise in tuition, then these sports should be stopped."

J. A. (Sandy) Clark, senior arts — "Yes, with certain qualifications. For certain individuals who have grown up in a society which places a great emphasis on competition of one form or another sport is very important. When however, "sport" becomes a term that refers to "professional" athletics, and when a university become concerned to the extent that it overemphasizes athletics to the detriment of other activities, then sport can be a problem. The game must remain a game; when sport becomes too important (for public relations reasons or other) the university community suffers, for sport is only one aspect, less important than some others, of university life."

Fred Coady, senior science — "Just what good is a healthy mind when the body that possesses it is a mess?"

How can we become strong if we haven't had the proper physical build-up before hand?"

Bill Rooney, junior business — "Yes, I feel sport is very important for two reasons. First is public relations for the university; secondly as a means of kindling school spirit."

M. G. Decarie, arts teacher — "Sport is least useful to the university in the form of a varsity team. Such teams are merely expensive exercises for the few at the expense of all. Admittedly, they provide entertainment for many students but no university should provide entertainment at the expense of their basic goals.

The suggestion that varsity teams attract students to a university and therefore, perform a

useful function is ludicrous. First, there is no evidence that varsity teams attract students more effectively than a sound academic reputation. Secondly, varsity sports are so expensive that it is unlikely they could attract enough students to offset their cost.

Sport does not play an integral part in the life of this university because there is an expensive and unjustifiable emphasis on varsity sports. Let those who want such sports pay for themselves or let them save the difference in their fees and buy their own colour television sets."

Robert Shaw, junior arts — "Yes...because one must be alert both mentally and physically to function properly."

Everyone in academic life readily recognizes the name Notre Dame. Not only is it academically recognized but also in sports which is so much a part of our lives.

If we intend to remain a recognized university we must maintain and further our efforts in varsity sports, no matter what the cost, spectator or participant, or else be looked upon as an academic community of "pink Panthers".

Mary Jean Ross, sophomore arts — "Sports can play an important role in the life of the university. It depends on the type of sport."

Only when it compliments and does not detract from the academic quality of the university."

Jack Kane, Varsity Coach — "What you are asking is does Varsity Athletics have a place or should it have a place in the University of Prince Edward Island. There are any number of very evident reasons for having Varsity Athletics on our Campus. I should like to put forward this idea or reason."

Our university is new but it is also very old. There will be, for a while, the Left, Right and Middle. It will be the Middle that will pull the Left and Right together as one contributing unit to the overall development of this province in particular and mankind in general. Athletics lay in this Middle and both former institutions always had great pride in themselves and in their Athletic team. From this common ground it is not too difficult to envision athletics as a motivating force in our development on a great university. Let us use the Athletic Fields on common ground, for Administration, Faculty and Students to come together and develop pride in ourselves and our school."

HOME STAND

With the hockey team now in the midst of 'a home stand' (in which every game is practically a "must win" contest if UPEI is to make the playoffs), the immediate question arises — can the team continue its high calibre of play as was exhibited against the two leading clubs SMU and St. FX, and also in last weekends games OR will the team revert to its up and down performances as were evidenced prior to last weekend.

The answer can not be printed at this time for I believe it is pending on the outcome of this weekends games against the leagues top duo — SMU and St. FX.

Let's hope the social committee hears of this social event and contributes publicity which will compensate for last week's ignorance.

Hence the success of student notices should respond in a full rink in which you the read may determine just how inconsistent the ice-Panthers really are.

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