

# SPORTS



## From the Hart



Lose to Acadia

### Hockey Panthers split games



Action around the Dalhousie Tigers' goal during the first period Saturday night. UPEI coasted to a 7-3 win. (Photo: Yorston)

The University of Prince Edward Island Panthers split two games last weekend, beating Dalhousie Tigers 7-3 Saturday and losing for the second time this year to the Acadia University Axemen, 6-5 Sunday afternoon in Atlantic Universities hockey action at the Forum.

A third period flurry of four goals took the Axemen from a second period 5-2 deficit. The Panthers, who seemed listless and sluggish, watched the Axemen slowly pick away at the Panther lead.

The Panthers controlled the first two periods without any question, outshooting the Nova Scotia school 13-12 in the first period and 12-5 in the second frame.

Greg Gravel scored first for UPEI as he blasted a shot from the top of the face-off circle to the right of Acadia goalie Alan Mitchell hitting his pads and trickling between the skates into the net.

Steve Fulton put UPEI up 2-0 at 1:23, and then at 5:41 Acadia scored a powerplay

goal to move within one marker. Greg Rowe knocked a rebound out of the air to score the 100th goal of his college career.

Gordie Roche blocked an Acadia defencemans' shot and raced the length of the ice, decking out the Acadia goalie and scoring on his back hand.

Craig Kitchener converted a 3 on 2 breakaway at 13:30 beating UPEI goaltender Dave Reid on the glove side.

In the second period, UPEI dominated, outshooting and outplaying Acadia. UPEI had three golden opportunities which could have decided the outcome of the game.

Albert Roche put a puck high into the net at 10:27. Then Don Clow rounded out UPEI's scoring at 14:27 of the second period as he threaded the puck off the post, beating Mitchell low on the glove side.

The fatal third period saw Acadia score four unanswered goals, starting at 4:38 with a Panther defenceman caught behind the play.

Acadia had a 2 on 1 break.

Mark Bensten sneaked one by Reid off the post, and then Todd Annand scored the next two as UPEI mis-cued in their own end.

Annand jumped on a loose puck of an uncleared rebound at 14:58 and picked off a UPEI clearing pass at 17:08 to tie the game.

By this time the Panthers seemed a bit confused, and the hustling Axemen seemed unstoppable. Oh yeas! At about this time the fans woke up also.

Bob Caldwell gave Acadia the winning goal less than a minute later and it seemed that the Panthers had given up to the Axemen.

Vince Mulligan called a timeout and pulled goalie Dave Reid so he would have an extra attacker on the ice in an attempt to tie the game.

The line of Albert and Gordie Roche centered by Ron Carragher were given the assignment and had a couple of good scoring chances, but time simply ran out on the Panthers.

The loss coupled with the win

the previous day didn't affect their national ranking, as they are still the number three team in the country. Where it really counts is the AUA standings and the Panthers are in second place behind the Moncton Blue Eagles. They now have to win every game in order to finish in top spot.

Acadia has a firm hold on third position and moves to the number nine spot in the national poll.

Saturday night, Albert Roche scored three goals to pace the Panthers to a 7-3 victory as the Panthers rolled over the Dalhousie Tigers.

Gordie Roche scored two goals while Bob MacDonald and Danny Revell each scored once for UPEI.

Kevin Quartermain scored three goals for the Tigers, which were outshot by UPEI 32-21 and were never into the game until the start of the third period.

In fact, some of the players left late in the third period to undress so the team could catch the ten-thirty ferry crossing at Borden.

The Panthers play the University of New Brunswick Red Devils twice this weekend at home.

If there are any people interested in going to the Moncton-UPEI game, Feb. 15th in Moncton, please get in contact with the Student Union so they can get a figure on the amount of people that will be going.

Why? They are planning to send a FAN BUS, of course.

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The Soccer team did it back in October; the hockey team achieved the same thing in January; and now after they annihilated the second-ranked Acadia University Axemen last weekend in two exciting games, the UPEI basketball Panthers are ranked number one by the Canadian Inter-University Athletic Union — an historical first.

I cornered Rookie Panther forward Mark McKellar at the library late Monday night after the CIAU released the national rankings.

"It hasn't hit me yet ... and I'm kinda numb",

Before he came to UPEI, McKellar knew they had a good basketball team, but he never thought they would do so well in the AUA, which is the toughest basketball conference in CANADA.

"Its' not everyday that you play on the number one basketball team in the country," said McKellar with a feeling of pride.

According to Mark, the Panthers are playing at their prime at the moment and are really together as a unit and beating Acadia without the service of Star Panther forward Mike Morgan really gave the whole team a boost.

The 'togetherness' started after the Panthers defeated basketball power Victoria Vikings in a tournament in Toronto over the Christmas holidays and lost the previous number ranked Waterloo Warriors in the final game.

UPEI are on the road this weekend with two games against the Dalhousie Tigers in Halifax, Nova Scotia and the following week the b'ball P's are in Wolfville to face the Acadia Axemen twice also.

The final home game will be played Tuesday, February 19 against the Mount Allison Mounties.

Their final regular season games will be played in St. F.X. that weekend and McKellar says their goal is to clinch a playoff spot, win the AUA conference title, the Eastern Regional and then make it the final-four at the CIAU Finals slated for Halifax March 8, 9.

A lot of work! and he says they will have to get up for every game and retain their number ranking for the next seven weeks.

A lot of credit must go to the fans who packed the Alumni Gymnasium on the weekend who really added to the emotion of the victories ...

The Hockey Panthers were stunned by the Acadia Axemen Sunday at the Forum as they stormed back from a 5-2 slum to beat the Panthers 6-5.

It was the second time the Axemen upset the Panthers and the cause was the same on both occasions. The P's lost their composure late in the game and got down after the Axemen got three quick goals.

I'll have to say though the P's are still number three and are still suffering from lack of respect from the fans. No wonder they couldn't mount a comeback. Without any moral support the P's are destined to suffer the third period doldrums everytime they play at the Foru. I'm tired of saying but after last weekend my theory is correct. Charlottetown fans stink.

If it wasn't for the students who attend the games the whole place would sound like a tomb. Come on boosters BOOST!

Enough said, The Lady Panthers hoop squad split two games on the road last weekend as they toppled the Acadia Axettes and lost in double overtime to Dalhousie Tigers.

Paula Edwards scored 32 points in the losing cause for the Lady P's while Morell native Peggy McLean netted 26 points for the winners.

The Womens' team have two games left in the regular season and both will be played at home, including the game last night against the Mount Allison Mounties.

Their final game will be against the University of New Brunswick Red Bloomers Friday, February 15, and that game should be the best Womens' contest this year in the AUA ... Come out and support them to help them upset the UNB squad because it'll give them a great lift going into the playoffs

According to the Charles Kaiser, a member of the UPEI Fencing Club, the team did very well at the 11th Annual Lieutenant Governor's Challenge held in Halifax.

It's nice to see the clock fixed at Alumni Gymnasium and its terrific to see it rapped around back to "0" as the UPEI basketball team did against the Acadia Axemen. Mark Roberts who paced the Panthers to the impressive win is the winner of this weeks' "Play as though you are possessed award"

See you next week ... Support Panther Sports.