

Sports

Panthers maul St. Thomas for two

by Ross Hartinger

The University of Prince Edward Island hockey Panthers defeated St. Thomas University Tommies 8-2 Sunday to complete a two-game sweep last weekend of the Tommies, extending their unbeaten streak to nine games in Atlantic Universities Athletic Association hockey action at the Charlottetown Forum.

Greg Gravel and Danny Revell each scored twice for UPEI while Jeff Steffen, Rob Moffat and Gordie Roche each scored once. The Panthers lead 4-0 after the first period and 6-2 after the second frame.

Greg Gravel set up Jeff Steffen, who blasted a quick shot from the slot to beat STU goaltender Derrick Whelan high on the glove side at 5:46 of the first period for UPEI's first goal.

Rob Moffat scored UPEI's second marker at 8:05 on a very innocent shot from the blueline which hit a body in front of goalie Whelan.

Greg Gravel scored the eventual winning goal at 14:57 after he picked up a bouncing pass and outmanouvered the STU goalie to lob the puck over a sprawling Whelan.

Brent Ferris broke UPEI goalie Tony Halliducks' hope for a shutout early in the second. It looked like the sometimes helpless Tommies squad was about to launch a mini comeback.

With Kevin Skilliter in the penalty box and UPEI forechecking strongly on a delayed penalty call against St. Thomas, Danny Revell scored to put UPEI up 4-0.

Greg Gravel got his second of the afternoon at 12:46 of the second period and Gordie Roche blasted a shot from inside the face-off circle to the right of the STU goal for UPEI's sixth goal.

St. Thomas scored their final goal of the contest at 18:15 when Darren Murphy jumped on a loose puck in front of Halliduck.

Danny Revell, who had just come back from an injury, scored his second goal at 4:11 and the rest of the period saw UPEI pelting some more shots at St. Thomas — both at the net and at the players.

UPEI scored again when Ron Carragher won a face-off in the STU zone to get the puck back to Steve Fulton who blasted a shot from the top of the face-off circle and beat Whelan high on the glove side.

Tony Halliduck faced only 17 shots, compared to STU

goalie Derrick Whelan who faced a grand total of 54 from the UPEI squad.

Dave Reid, who played the goaltending position Saturday night in UPEI's 7-2 victory over St. Thomas had the same dull time as Halliduck facing about fifteen shots as UPEI controlled the game over the entire three periods and pelted about fifty shots at the STU goal.

The UPEI Hockey Panthers have a very good team and Vince Mulligan is doing a bang-up job behind the bench as Coach. They are undefeated in regular season play and have outscored their opponents so far this year on a ratio of 4-1.

The hockey Panthers are definitely on the hunt for the AUAA hockey title: and to all the other teams in the loop, UPEI is the team to beat this year.

UPEI is on the road this weekend with two games scheduled in Fredericton, New Brunswick. They play St. Thomas University Friday night at 7:00, and face the University of New Brunswick for the first time this year Saturday afternoon at 2:00.

The next home games will be November 30 against St. Francis Xavier and December 1 vs. St. Mary's University of Halifax.

Jock Talk



by Mickey Place

With all the athletic activity that U.P.E.I. fans enjoyed this past week your overworked reporter and radio commentator Ross Hartinger has asked for a brief comeback to these pages, with comment on the weekend's basketball action.

Both teams having been eminently successful, it is a pleasure.

On Friday night, playing against genial Coach Don Nelson's U.N.B. Red Raiders, the enthusiasm of the Panther fans was somewhat muted during the 39-39 first half, as our boys did not play up to the style which our supporters had anticipated.

However, the intermission conference must have been educational, as they returned to produce the type of performance for which we had hoped and ran roughshod over the hapless mainlanders 47-23 for a game total of 86-62.

Tejan Alleyne was high scorer with 26, while Tyrone Norman and Trevor Willock were close behind with 24 and 18.

Coach George Morrison used his bench extensively. In this branch, we are much stronger than last year, although we would like to see Curtis Brown come storming out like he used to do.

George, by the way, had a most entertaining debate with Referee Fred Ripley. One guess... who won? T'was ever thus.

We, of course, think George was right!

While we admired the play of newcomers to our fold, we were particularly impressed with the adroit ball handling of diminutive Delroy Adams who, to use the term with which Mike Morgan admonished him on a bus trip last year, seems to have earned his way to being a "REAL Panther!"

The second game on Saturday afternoon nearly drove Panther enthusiasts mad as the visitors seemed to take command from the opening whistle and after 10 minutes of play led by 12!

However, after George made a few quiet and unemotional directives from the sideline, we changed our style of play and led at the midway point 36-35.

At the resumption of play our boys took complete com-

mand of the floor and assumed a 27 point lead after ten minutes of action.

George then called off the regulars and reverted to our bench. We coasted to a 77-64 win.

Ty Norman was high with 20 and Trevor Willock had 14. Mike Morgan, recovering from a bout with the flu, saw but limited action in this game and did not play in Friday's game.

We hope and trust that the first half doldrums that the team seemed to experience in both these games does not persist for, while we were able to overcome the resulting deficit against U.N.B., it would be very difficult against, say, Acadia.

Basketball being known as a non-contact sport, we wondered what in the world was causing all those bodies to go flying around the court floor. George's son, the official "Wiper-up" (neatly arrayed in Panther colors) was the busiest person in the gym. How about a number for him, George?

We think the Basketball Teams could borrow a lesson from the soccer team and have the Panthermaniacs go into action. If these enthusiasts are not used they are liable to revert to sanity; that would be a real loss to UPEI.

Think of how, in such a confined space as our gym, they would confuse opponents. This week the team

hosts two exhibition games against A.M.C., an all-star group from Halifax made up of former A.U.A.A. greats.

We will play away against Mount A. on the 28th but will not be at home until 11 January.

Meanwhile, over in Sackville, the Lady Panthers were engaging in a Mount Allison Invitational Tournament. In the first game of knock-out play, they walloped the U. of Maine at Presque Isle (sporting the unusual name of "Owls") 65-42 as Libby Baldwin led the scoring.

In the final game against St. F.X. "Xettes" they took the tournament with a 6-56 win as Sherry-Dawn Jones topped the statistics with 15.

The Ladies play their first league game on the 21st at Mount A. and will be at home against Memorial next Saturday and Sunday.

Three wins would be a nice way to start off the A.U.A.A. season.

That comment brings us to a most startling realization. Our male participants in the A.U.A.A. . . . soccer, hockey and basketball . . . have not lost a league game during this academic year. We hope we are not putting a hex on our athletes when we wonder if any Atlantic University has ever won THREE championships in the same year. We are one nice place to stop?

Added comment which has nothing to do with the above: We wonder how many people are confused at a basketball game by the squeaky sound of sneakers which is so similar to that of the referee's whistle.

Athletes of the Week

by Tony Sauer

U.O.E.I.'s male athlete of the week is **Gordie Roche**. Gordie had three goals and two assists on the weekend in the hockey Panther sweep of St. Thomas University.

Gordie is in his second year with the team and plays center. He's from Carleton Place, P.E.I. and is in Business at U.P.E.I.

U.P.E.I.'s female athlete of the week is **Marilyn Balderston**. Marilyn plays with the volleyball team as an outside hitter.

This is the second year with the team for the Bluefield High graduate and Arts student.

V'ball team loses 2 to Moncton

by Tony Sauer

The U.P.E.I. women's volleyball Panthers lost their first two matches on Saturday and Sunday to the University of Moncton, 3-2 and 3-0 respectively, dropping their record to two wins and two losses for the season.

"Moncton is a strong team and one of the best defensive teams in the league," said Donna Sears, coach of the volleyball team.

"We played well, but we could have played a little bit better. Moncton has a strong

middle attack and we are giving up two or three inches in the middle due to a few shorter players. It means a lot, it meant the difference on Sunday."

Donna thought the loss on the weekend might have been due to a lack of experience, a lack of confidence or even a lack of desire, possibly a combination of all three. "All we can do is work at it."

The team plays in Mt. Allison this Friday and Saturday.

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