

## Jock Talk

We thought we went to a basketball game, during the weekend, in which the Panthers whopped Saint Mary's and to two hockey games in which they had outclassed old rivals St. FX and Moncton; it seemed too good to be true!

To convince ourselves that we are awake and enjoying fact and not fiction, we have been pinching our glutimus maximus ever since; and, as a consequence, have a black and blue buttocks!

Fresh from a thrilling victory over Mount Allison Friday night, St. FX came to our Forum, Saturday afternoon, with the exception of continuing their winning ways.

We thought both teams played well in the scoreless opening period and were a trifle apprehensive when St. FX opened the scoring early in the second period.

However, our boys rallied for two later in the period and it seemed either team could win as we went into the final session.

However, if there were a goaltender's union, the game should have been stopped in the third period as the Panthers beleaguered St. FX.

The goaltender had to face no less than 29 shots; five of those dented his twines.

Dave Reid, in our goal, must have felt deserted as only 3 came his way and he had no trouble with them.

Final score was 7-1 as we outshot the opposition 53-17!

Ronnie Carragher got two goals while singles came from Albert Roche, John Panasuk, Gordie Roche, Greg Gravel and Darwin McCutcheon.

We thought this would be a good warm-up for the Sunday

game against the fast, furious and undefeated Blue Eagles from the University de Moncton; last year's champs, and recent national title holders.

The Blue Eagles have been piling up big scores over other mainland rivals lately. (We were lucky to get a seat in the press box. It sure takes a big crew to broadcast a Moncton game.)

Both teams started fast, and, for the first time, it appeared that Moncton had the better team as they peppered Avalino Gomez from every angle and we thought he performed valiantly to keep us in the game.

However, they did not score and our occasional forays into Moncton territory proved fruitful.

Although outshot 14-8, we led 3-0 at the end of the first stanza.

We made it 4-0 early in the second period but the persistent Aigles refused to concede defeat and, when they scored a pair in the closing minute of the period; we became worried.

However, the third period was different as we swarmed all over the visitors and, indeed, made the Blue Eagles look like Blue Pigeons!

We can't recall any period, at any time, when a Panther team dominated a GOOD team in such fashion as we scored six unanswered goals!

The opposition seemed to be frustrated by the excellent play of the Panthers and play became quite rough; even to the extent that mild-mannered Darwin McCutcheon got a fighting penalty! (We think him an outstanding defenceman but advise him to stick to hockey. He seems to have a powder-puff punch).

Final score was 10-2, and the result must have been embarrassing to the proud Moncton team, which, to our recollection, had never suffered such an indignity.

For us Greg Gravel had three, Albert Roche and Norman Beck two each, while singles came from Ron Carragher, John Butler and John Pocock.

The Panthers travel abroad this weekend for games against St. Mary's and St. FX.

Mount A., the only team to beat them this season, will be here on the 29th.

These wins give us a 5-1-0 record and a tie with Moncton for second.

UMN, at 6-2-0, have the league, but we and Moncton have two games in hand.

In basketball, the upset was just as sweet, as rookie coach George Morrison's charges administered a stunning and overwhelming setback to the St. Mary's Huskies (designated as the eventual league winner by expert columnists) by an unbelievable 79-61 margin.

In this, their first league game and their home opener, the Panthers took an early lead and dominated play throughout.

Newcomer, Trevor Willock, was high with 19 points (10 rebounds) and was closely followed by Curtis Brown (18) and Mike Morgan (16).

The packed gymnasium rocked as the spectators roared the encouragement.

From a histrionic adjudicator's viewpoint, we thought coach Morrison clearly outpointed a surprisingly subdued Gary Heald.

We do believe that a team physician should be on hand all the games to administer treatment to George when he suffers an inevitable heart attack.

When he acts that way when we win by 18, what will he do in the one pointers?

With the intricate system of points earned in this league, the game and all those against Nova Scotia teams is worth four points.

The Panthers now travel to St. FX and Acadia.

Next home game is on the 30th against Mount A.

We wonder if our big win over SMU will earn us a book at the big Halifax Civic Centre when Nova Scotia teams play our teams instead of in the university gymnasium where we had to play in previous years.

We feel that Panther teams have been handicapped in playoff games when they have played for the first time in the big arena.

**WE ARE GOING TO BE THERE!**

To round off the week in fashion, the lady Panthers chalked up an easy win over King's College, of Halifax, as Deb McAloney led the way with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Coach Dave "Hermie" McNeil used all his bench in preparation for the first league game which was played on Tuesday night.

They then play at St. FX and Acadia and will not be at the unitl early January.

With the strong returnees and very promising recruits in the lineup, Hermie is confident that he has the strongest Panther team that has ever graced the university.

In closing we'd like to comment on the return of the Panther.

We'd like to encourage him(or her?) to be even more prominent and work at getting Panther fans to make NO. It sure helps and we all feel winning is more fun than los



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