

# Sports Notes by Steve McManus

## Men's Puck Panthers On A Roll

The UPEI Panthers men's hockey team began 2004 with an impressive 8-1 thrashing of the Dalhousie Tigers this past weekend. John Kozoriz recorded his first hat-trick of the season, while Joel Ward notched his ninth of the champagne and also chipped in with three helpers. Also scoring for the panthers was Adam Rivet (2), Darcy Harris, and Thomas Eason. The panthers are unbeaten in their last four games but will be put to the test in the next four days as they have two huge home and home series' with StFX and SMU. With the recent success the guys are producing and a new rink to be open soon, look for these boys to

turn it up for the playoffs.

### Upcoming Games:

Opponent	Date	Time
at SFX	Fri, Jan 9th	7:30
at SMU	Sat, Jan 10th	7:00
vs SMU	Sat, Jan 17th	7:00
vs SFX	Sun, Jan 18th	7:00
at DAL	Fri, Jan 23rd	7:00

## Men's Basketball Panthers Are Sitting Pretty

Currently sitting with a 3-2 record, the men's basketball panthers will be looking to grab a few big home wins against SMU this weekend, and also next weekend as they travel to Cape Breton to take on the Capers of UCCB

for two games. With 15 games remaining on the regular season schedule, the boys have plenty of time to capture the Atlantic Division crown, and will be relying on Doug McKinney, Sherone Edwards, and Mike Kierstead to patrol the paint who combine for an average of 20.2 RPG.

### Upcoming Games:

Opponent	Date	Time
vs SMU	Sat, Jan 10th	8:00
vs SMU	Sun, Jan 11th	4:00
at UCCB	Sat, Jan 17th	8:00
at UCCB	Sun, Jan 18th	3:00
at ACA	Sat, Jan 24th	4:00

## Big Test Upcoming For Women's BBall Panthers

The lady panthers basketball team sit only four points out of fourth place in the conference, and third in their division. Their current record of 1-4 does not give the girls justice for the effort they have given so far this season. The girls have played well defensively but have fell short in the high scoring games. By dropping two games to both division rivals, UCCB and UNB, the Panthers have dug themselves a hole for the new year. With three of their next five games upcoming against SMU, these girls will set their standards high and look to inch their way up the division standings.

### Upcoming Games:

Opponent	Date	Time
vs SMU	Sat, Jan 10th	6:00
vs SMU	Sun, Jan 11th	2:00
at UCCB	Sat, Jan 17th	6:00
at ACA	Sat, Jan 24th	2:00
at SMU	Sun, Jan 25th	1:00

## UPEI VolleyBall, A Threat To Anyone

At 2-5, the women's volleyball team isn't looking too bad.

With their earlier win against Dalhousie, the girls have proven they can beat anyone on any given day. The ladies will be especially looking for revenge on UNB for their 3 set to 2 loss in their last game before the xmas break. Halfway through the season with only nine games remaining in the schedule, the ladies will be focused on every free ball they receive, making sure they do not let any sets slip away.

### Upcoming games:

Opponent	Date	Time
at UNB	Sun, Jan 11th	2:00
vs SMU	Sat, Jan 17th	3:00
at SFX	Sat, Jan 24th	4:00
at UCCB	Sun, Jan 25th	1:00
vs UDM	Sun, Feb 1st	6:00

## Women's Hockey Looking Better Each Game

Despite their lack of production in the win column, the women's hockey team seem to be putting the pieces together for a high scoring 2004. The girls have notched 9 goals all season but recorded 5 of those goals in their last two games. They have 6 games remaining and still can sneak their way into the playoffs if they can continue to put the puck in the net and cut down on unnecessary penalties.

### Upcoming Games:

Opponent	Date	Time
at UNB	Sun, Jan 11th	2:00
vs SMU	Sat, Jan 17th	3:00
at SFX	Sat, Jan 24th	7:00
vs UDM	Sun, Feb 1st	6:00
vs STU	Sat, Feb 7th	3:00

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