

By Mickey Place

Once again our assignment is to give you the basketball news and it is with great pleasure and glee that we can report that both the Panthers and Pantherettes faced great tests of competence over the weekend and come through with great success.

The high flying Pantherettes, en route to compiling their best record ever, clinched second place in their league with wins over Dalhousie (who had to win to earn the runner-up spot) and Acadia.

The Lady P's had never beaten Dalhousie before turning this trick in an earlier contest in Halifax.

The Haligonian media referred to this game as an "Upset." We have noted that any time a U.P.E.I. team defeats a team from that fair city it is always referred to as an "Upset."

On Friday night, however, the Pantherettes demonstrated that their former victory was no fluke! They led 34-33 at the half after trailing 21-28 midway in the period and won 65-58.

Diminutive Libby Baldwin was the big gun for our team as she led our scorers with 22, and got into foul trouble and had to exit with about five minutes to go, but not until after she had scored a very creditable 15.

Peggy MacLean, Dalhousie freshman star, who hails from nearby Morell, had many hometown supporters in the packed gym. She was closely guarded but still managed to garner 19 points.

We have barely recovered from the four year of regretting that Dal star Anna Pendergast (from Kensington P.E.I.) hadn't gone to U.P.E.I. when along comes this Peggy Mac who'll probably be bothering us for another four!

The final score was 65-58.

We were assured of a second place finish on Saturday night when we topped Acadia 88-66 with

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Basketball Panthers jumping

Cathy Chandler being our high with 19. Sherrydawn Jones had 14 and Libby Baldwin 13.

Coach Hermie MacNeil used this game as an opportunity to use his bench players extensively and they were most impressive.

The Lady Panthers close out their home season this Saturday against league-leading and undefeated U.N.B.

In the only meeting this season between the two teams, U.N.B. gave us a real trimming. We have been

assured by Pantherette team members, with set jaws, that this game will not be another runaway!

The team travels to Fredericton on 24 and 25 February, for the A.U.A.A. playoffs and will play the third place finishers (probably Dalhousie) in the opening round. Good luck Pantherettes!

In Panther Basketball, the story is just as happy!

We went into this weekend facing two four-point games against Nova Scotia teams who were leading us in the

standings, (please refer to comments above on U.P.E.I.-N.S. games!) needing to win both for an opportunity to make it into the playoffs.

The boys came through in a most satisfactory and exciting way!

Against league-leading Dalhousie on Friday night we led 44-34 at the half, but we appeared to wilt in the early stages of the second as the taller Dal team changed tactics and crept to within 4.

They seemed to have assumed the momentum until Mike Morgan reversed the tide as he got two quick baskets and Tejan Alleyne and Ty Norman followed with brilliant scores.

We concentrated from that point on in slowing down the play and won 86-76

Mike Morgan was high with 25 while Trevor Willock had 19.

On Saturday night, former Panther coach Dave Nutbrown invaded the campus with his onrushing Acadia team which includes our former players Chris Summer and Skeeter Mower (All REALLY nice guys and how we hate/love to beat them!)

We doubt that a more interesting game has been played in our gym for years. We can't recall one with a more unusual ending!

The expatriates played brilliantly as Chris had 22 points and probably would have doubled that had it not been for outstanding coverage by Trevor Willock who was continually batting away Chris' shots.

We led 41-37 at the half and by a small margin throughout the final stanza.

With about 30 seconds to go Mike Moran made two foul shots (Dei gratia for the second one) on a one and one play to make it 83-78 for us.

When Acadia carried the ball to us their Peter Morris bounced a long one off the hoop (One of the few he missed all night as he led the scoring with 32). When Mike



Three of our best await the rebound in "the most interesting game that has been played in our gym for years."

Morgan snared the rebound and passed forward to Tyrone Norman it seemed, to the U.P.E.I. bench at least, that the game was over. Not so!!!!

There were two seconds on the clock, as Referee Fred Ripley had blown his whistle as soon as a sixth Panther stepped on the floor.

He then awarded a "Delay of Game" penalty which gave Acadia two foul shots (which they made) and sideline possession!

Great care was taken by the Panthers to allow Chris Summer to lunge for the basket and score two points un fouled. What a disaster a foul would have been!

That made it 83-82 for our heroes, as the buzzer sounded before the ball hit the floor. did you ever hear of four points in two seconds before?

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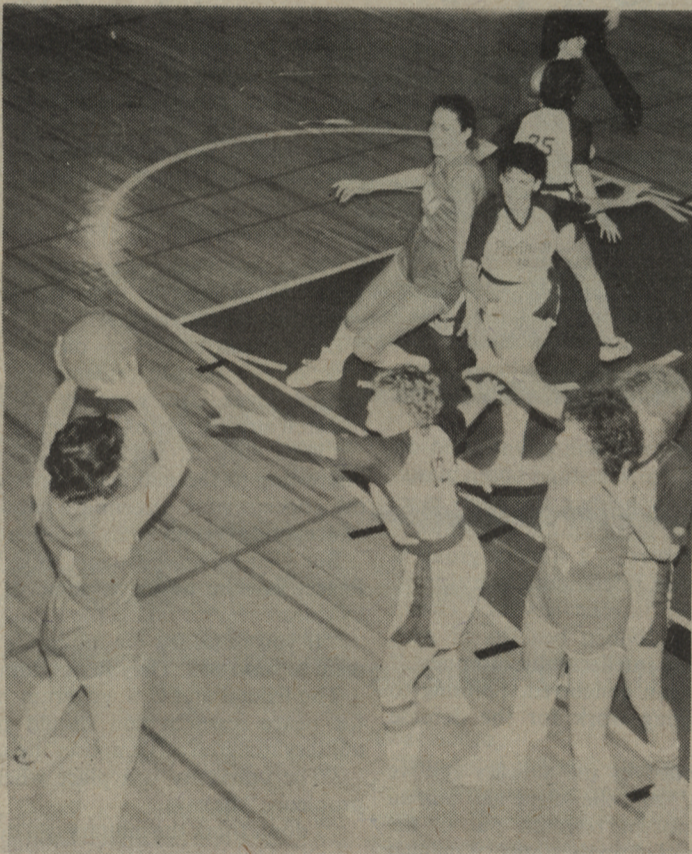
These wins give us great hopes for second place, although in a four team

knockout tournament placing is not important. With four league games remaining on our schedule and no four pointers to be played by any teams, we can't see that we can miss. The N.S. teams play each other and we have four remaining, two here against U.N.B. and home and away with Mount Allison (both are 1-11).

However, please don't be overconfident, boys ...

We have made our arrangements to go to Halifax for the A.U.A.A. playoffs on the 24th and 25th of February. We hope and expect that a large number of Panther supporters will make the trip, too. WE NEED NOISE!! We'd also like to see headlines saying "P.E.I. Panthers Score Upset!"

STANDINGS	W	L	Pts.
Saint Mary's	11	3	32
St. F.X.	9	4	28
Dalhousie	8	5	26
U.P.E.I.	8	4	24
Acadia	7	7	24
U.N.B.	1	11	2
Mt. Allison	1	11	2



The Lady Panthers display one of their strongest points, defense, as they floor Acadia 88-66 on Saturday night. (Photo: Grimmer)

UPEI over Dal, but U de M over UPEI

By M. U. Nchie

The UPEI Panthers defeated the Dalhousie Tigers in AUAA action at the Forum Sunday afternoon.

The Panthers played one period of hockey to take the win, as they scored 3 times in the opening frame and then added a goal a period to Dal's 3.

Dave Reid, playing in his last regular season home game as a Panther recorded the win in a game that saw him play a solid game. He wasn't sharp, though, obviously a result of his status as backup.

Also graduating from the Panthers this year are

Norman Beck, who picked up an assist, and Jeff Lantz. Both players are home-grown products and will be missed from next year's team.

The Panthers now go on to play U de M on Wednesday, a rematch of last Wednesday's game.

In that game, the Panthers once again played one period Unfortunately, it was the third and they lost 3-2.

That game was a very sloppy, choppy game for the Panthers, as they drew numerous penalties and made numerous mistakes.

Avelino Gomez played an excellent game for UPEI, but was unable to stem the tide,

as time after time the defense was overwhelmed by the U de M attack.

The sellout crowd at the Forum, the largest this season, enjoyed the rough play and seemed to revel in the thought of a major brawl.

One incident that brought the crowd to its feet had a Moncton player being held on the boards by someone behind the Panther bench, then being crosschecked from behind by John Butler as he left the ice.

The Panthers are an extremely talented hockey team and can easily win, but they must ignore the temptation to play this kind of game and just play hockey.



He shoots, he scores!!! (Well, it's the best we can think of at this ungodly hour.) as Hockey Panthers beat Dal 5-3 on Sunday. (Photo: Grimmer)