

# SPORTS

## Lady Panthers return with 4th place finish but a lot more

by Matthew Beardsley

The UPEI Lady Panthers fell just short of winning a bronze medal in the CIAU Womens championships. They lost to the Victoria Vikettes 60-55 in their final game.

Ria Bahadursingh led the Panthers in their final game with 14 points. Also scoring for the Lady Panthers were Tracey Bowie 10; Stephanie Smith 10; Susan Knickle 8; Tracy MacEachern 7; Nadine Enman 4; Janet Nichols 2.

The game ends a most successful season for UPEI as they won their second AUAA title in a row and finished 4th. Assistant coach Karen Rowell said that the team is "quite satisfied" with their overall performance.

"We are finishing with a 25-5 record and a fourth place ranking in the country. The tournament caps off a great year for our graduating players."

Ria Bahadursingh and Tracy MacEachern will not be back with the Lady Panthers next year and will be missed. Both Janet Nichols and Tracey Bowie have one year of eligibility remaining.

The Panthers defeated the University of Toronto 66-59 in their first game and then lost in the semi-final 73-60. The Lady Panthers were unable to stay with Calgary's bigger players as Tracy MacEachern was forced to sit out the game with a foot injury.

They then were able to stay with Victoria for most of the game but ran into foul trouble in the second half and were unable to catch up.



All in all this has been the most successful season for a UPEI Basketball team ever and I think the Lady Panthers should be congratulated on a great season.

On a sadder note, Saturday's game marked the final time Tracy MacEachern and Ria Bahadursingh will put on a Lady Panther uniform. These two players have

given us many thrills over the past five years and I think I speak for everyone when I say that the University will miss having these two fine individuals around.

## UPEI eliminates Acadia

by Darrell Cole, Sports Editor

The upset-minded Acadia Axemen came to town on the weekend with aspirations of taking their semi-final series from number one ranked UPEI. However, they left without the series as UPEI rallied for two victories on the weekend to take their AUAA semi-final series 2 games to 1.

On Saturday the Axemen played the Panthers tough for two periods but ran out of gas in the third period as UPEI scored three unanswered third period en route to a 6-3 win. In the first period Kevin Stower opened the scoring for Acadia on the powerplay as UPEI's Wayne MacPhee was in the box for Holding. Kevin Skilliter tied the score with four minutes remaining on a hard shot from the point. UPEI outshot Acadia 17-7. Todd Steffen beat Axemen goalie James Dubberly over his shoulder only 0:40 into the period but Dwight Lucas tied the score at 5:48 of the period. Dave Shellington and Ross Kenny traded late third period goals. UPEI outshot Acadia 19-10 in the period.



In the third period UPEI exploded, breaking a 3-3 tie and shelling Acadia goalie Dubberly with 20 shots and scoring three times. All this scoring was much to the delight of the full house at the Forum. Randy Muttart, Jerry Flemming, and Dave Shellington all scored in the third period. For Shellington it was his second goal in the game. When Flemming scored the Forum exploded as he slipped a puck past Dubberly on a breakaway. Saturday's game

was Flemming's first game back since cracking his ribs against Mount Allison last Saturday. UPEI outshot Acadia 36-22 in the game. Jerry Flemming was named player of the game for UPEI.

As in Saturday's game the chippiness continued as referee Bob LeBlanc called a lot of penalties early in the game. The Panthers came out flying on Sunday taking a 3-1 lead after the first period. Randy Muttart knocked in a Dave Shellington rebound and Brent Thompson blasted

a shot past Dubberly for an early 2-0 Panther lead. A powerplay goal by Steve Hedington pulled the Axemen within one before the end of the period. UPEI outshot Acadia 10-4.

In the second period Jeff Steffen and Steve Fulton scored within three minutes of the start of the period to give UPEI a 4-1 lead. Rob MacInnis scored for Acadia with four minutes left to pull Acadia within two goals. Shots on goal in the period were 7-7. Randy Muttart closed out the scoring for the game at 14:09. UPEI won the game 5-2 and eliminated Acadia from further advancing in playoff action. UPEI outshot 29-16 in the game.

With the victory UPEI moves on to play the University of Moncton Blue Eagles in the AUAA Final Playoff series. Moncton advanced with a 4-3 overtime victory over StFX on Sunday. The series began last night in Moncton and returns to the Charlottetown Forum for a game Saturday and Sunday if necessary.



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Friday, March 11.  
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9:00 pm Game

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