

CHESTER'S CORNER

University sports by Alex Field

UPEI Panther Wins Award

On Thursday, February 13 the AUS announced the major award winners for this year's women's volleyball season. Among the winners announced was Jackie Ellsworth, who was named the 2002-03 Rookie of the Year. This is the first time that this kind of award has been given to a player from UPEI, and the fact that Jackie was able to earn this award during a season that saw the volleyball Panthers struggle for victories, makes her achievement all the more outstanding.

The determining factor that mostly likely resulted in Jackie winning this award was her ability to play the libero position, with extreme consistency. This was Jackie's first year playing the libero position, and her natural ability was obvious as she led the AUS and CIS in digs, collecting a total 321 digs during the season, which gave her an average of 5.53 digs per game, which was nearly a full dig more than any other player in all of Canada. Jackie is a graduate from Westisle High School, and is currently in her second year of the Science program.



Players of the Week



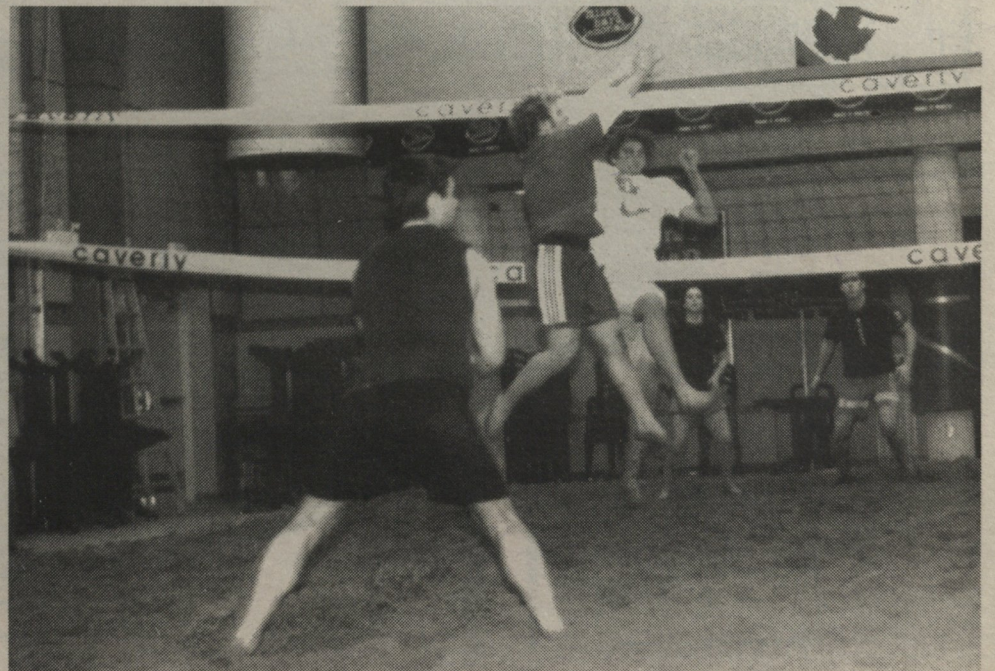
Jeff Walker: Male

The male player of week twenty of the sports season is Jeff Walker. Jeff had a career game this past Friday as he lead the men's basketball team to a huge victory over the CIS 6th-ranked St. FX X-Men. After a pre-game ceremony that saw Jeff honour as the only graduating member of the men's basketball team, Walker shot out the lights, as he hit his first ten shots of the game, and finished with a game-high 29 points. Jeff is a graduate from St. Stephen High School, and is currently in his fourth year in the Arts program, where he majors in Sociology.



Penny Lee Walsh: Female

The female player of week twenty of the sports season is Penny Lee Walsh. Penny played a strong game against the Dalhousie Tigers in the hockey quarterfinal this past Friday. Penny set up the only goal for the Panthers, whose season came to an end as they lost the game 4-1. Penny is a graduate from Morell Regional High School, and is currently in her third year of the Business program, with a major in Tourism & Hospitality.



Upcoming Games...

Women's Basketball

Fri-Sun Feb28-Mar2

AUS Finals@Memorial

Men's Basketball

Fri-Sun Feb28- Mar2

AUS Finals@ Halifax