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the soccer team. The team is still in a rebuilding phase after being the league powerhouse in the mid '80's. The team got good performances from both rookies and veterans alike and they were competitive all season. The team played tough every game and were in play off contention right up until the last game of the season.

After the soccer season ends, training camps begin shortly afterwards for the basketball and hockey teams. Both basketball teams were defending champions as they headed into the new season. After a seemingly endless exhibition schedule, the regular season got underway. Neither team got off to exceptional starts, the women were 5-2, and the

men were 6-33 after the first few weeks, but both rebounded and played exciting basketball.

The highlight of the basketball season came in mid-February as both teams gave their final farewell to old Alumni Gym and moved into the spacious new Sports Centre. The move finally allowed fans to come out and give the basketball team the support

they deserved. Crowds of over 1500 came out for each game, proving that there is a large number of people ready to support basketball on PEI, but were never able to in Alumni Gym.

Hopes were high that, for the fifth straight year, the women's playoffs would be hosted by the Lady Panthers, this time in the new gym. Unfortunately, this

year UNB won 1st place and earned the right to host the championship. It was in UNB where the Lady Panthers were denied their fourth straight title. Their season came to an end when they lost to the Dalhousie Tigers.

The men's teams were also denied the chance to repeat as league champions. Most people didn't expect them to repeat anyway as St. FX was considered a powerhouse. However, the Panthers finished the regular season with a long winning stretch, including a pounding of the 1st place X-men. With this victory, the Panthers proved that again, they were serious contenders for another title. But an upset loss to Acadia ended these hopes and the UPEI Panthers, like the Lady Panthers will have to wait until next year.

The hockey team will also have to wait until next year. They lost in two straight games to the defending champion Moncton Blue Eagles in the Hockey Final.

When the hockey season started in October, the Panthers were not counted on to be a serious threat for the league title. They were predicted (I've often wondered by who) to finish 4th or worse in their division. The Panthers were quick to prove everyone wrong as they won their first four games, including a big overtime win in Moncton. Unfortunately, this would be the last time they would beat Moncton this year, but the team played exciting hockey all season long, winning close, tough games. The team finished with a 13-8 record, but saved their best hockey for the playoffs. After losing their first game they stormed past UNB and Acadia only to be stopped by a strong Moncton team. Their season came to an end last Saturday night.

Not to be forgotten are the ever improving volleyball and field hockey teams. After years of futility, both are showing signs of joining the basketball, hockey and soccer teams in challenging for their respective league titles. The volleyball team had a tough season, but finished the year with two big wins. The field hockey team after going many years without winning very any games is a force to be reckoned with in their league as well. Hopefully both these teams will continue to improve each year.

So looking back at this year, all of our teams performed fairly well. With a new gym and a new rink to play out of, hopefully next year will be even better.

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