

In Quest of National Ranking

JOCK TALK

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We'll start off by mixing business with sports and inform those who received pay from the Student Union in 1981 that the T4's are now ready and we'll ask that they be picked up sooner than convenient. Those who may wish to question the accuracy of the figures may do so at the S.U. office. They will be treated with courtesy and consideration up to 25 February when the forms go to the income tax office. Thereafter treatment will be rude, abrupt and vituperative! Now to sports and our news is mostly good. We'll start off with basketball (Men's) wherein we won a couple! Our boys romped to an 88-57 win over Mount A in Sackville with all our players scoring. Chris Sumner led with 21. That is not news! On Saturday afternoon the Panthers were really impressive as they walloped winless but highly rated Acadia 98-82 with Shris Sumner again spearheading our attack with 35. We were up at the half 50-35 and seemed content to maintain the margin as Coach Nurbrown used his strong bench during the final period. Sumner, already sporting a black eye suffered an additional noggin knock in a collision with team mate Billy Redmond, but, seemingly no great damage was done. This team looks better every outing and would appear to be in great shape as they head for Halifax for a game against undefeated Saint Mary's on Friday night. A win would give us a national ranking. They also play Acadia on Saturday. Their league record is now 5-4.. (not so long ago it was 0-3). They are tied with UNB but should give their standing a boost as they have three games left with Mount A (2 here) and two with UNB away. Those two last may well decide their playoff chances.

We have never had any coaching ambitions or pretensions but we wonder if we mightn't be missing a calling. In conversation with Vinnie DePinto before the game we remarked that we had found recent games too EXCITING and asked that the Panthers go out and take a 12 point lead in

the first half and then maintain it. It (like the I.B.M.T.V. ad) seemed like a MIRACLE as the Panthers did just as I requested. Coach Nutbrown don't feel I'm trying to horn in on your job.. but if you want any pointers...

The Lady Panthers also won a pair. It was 84-65 in Mount A last week and then Acadia on Saturday. We thought the Acadia game was the best we have seen them play this year as they maintained a high standard throughout and did not suffer the letdown that has frequently plagued them this season. They led 43-41 at the half, fought off an Acadia rally that reduced their lead to 6 and then surged to recover their 12 point margin. Coach Morrison uses his bench extensively and the experience is showing in many of the players. Cathy Chandler was high with 26 while Sue Betts was close behind with 22. They are now 4-6 in league play and travel to SMU and Acadia this weekend. They'll be at home against Mt. A. next Saturday night (13th).

Our volleyball team seem to have lost their chance for a playoff spot as they split a pair of games with Mount A. On Saturday night they outclassed the Mounties, winning in straight games 15-8, 15-6 and 15-11. On Sunday they appeared to be headed for similar success as they won the first two 15-10 and 15-10 but suffered a reversal of form and dropped the next three by close margins, 11-15, 14-16, and 14-16. This leaves them in third position with six points. They play the visiting undefeated Acadia team in our gym on Friday at 7.00 and on Saturday at 10.00

In hockey we lost a heartbreaker to the National Champion u. de Moncton Blue Eagles 4-3 with our goals coming from Bob Hicks, Norman Beck, and Terry McKenna. However we did very well in two games played at the Forum. Against Dalhousie (on a 6 game winning streak) we thought we should have won but had to settle for an overtime 5-5 tie. We believe there should have been a whistle prior to

the Dal goal that put the game into overtime as the puck got caught in the netting but play continued and Dal batted it in for us. Trevor Crawford scored twice, Terry McKenna and Mike Ready had singles in regulation time and Brian O'Stroski was the hero as he tied the match up with but 16 seconds to go. Coach Hynes looked like a chess player as he moved his players about for the faceoff that set the stage for the O'Stroski coup. On Sunday, in what is referred to as a "Four pointer" we won a well played game from Mt. A. 5-2. We thought Avalino Gomez was brilliant in this game, particularly in a portion of the second period when the Panthers, seeming to be tiring from their second hard game in 19 hours, suffered a noticeable let down. Our goals came from Garth Arsenault, Trevor Arsenault, and Callie MacPhail while Norman Beck, who has recently recovered his scoring touch, netted two. This win puts us in second

place with tail-end Memorial coming for two games this weekend. After that there will only be one game (with Acadia) here and three away with Mount A., St. Thomas, and UNB... that last game could be for the sectional lead.

WOMENS Basketball Standings

	GP	W	L	PTS
DAL	10	10	0	20
UNB	9	7	2	14
SMU	10	6	4	12
SFX	8	5	3	10
UPEI	10	4	6	8
ACAD	7	2	5	4
MTA	10	2	8	4
MUN	10	1	9	2

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McAdam Div. GP W L T PTS

UNB	21	13	7	1	27
UPEI	19	12	6	1	25
MTA	21	13	8	0	26
MUN	19	4	15	0	8
STU	19	0	18	1	1

Way to go Girls!

The UPEI Women's hockey team went undefeated in the UNB Invitational Tourney this weekend in Fredricton. The Lady Panthers dropped Dal 3-1 and came from behind to UNB 2-2 in round robin play. They advanced to the semi-final rounds against the St. John Golden Eagles. Shelly Pepler led the UPEI squad with a four goal effort, while linemates Phyllis Weeks and Anne Campbell each picked up four assists on route to a 5-1 victory over the St. John team.

The championship game saw the Lady Panthers face-off against the host UNB Red Blazers for the second time in the tournament. A pickup from Summerside when Patti Bradley could not make the trip, Theresa Gallant played outstanding nets for the Panthers. She was chosen All-star goalie, with a goal against average of 1.00 and the tourney's sole shut out to her credit.

The Lady Panther's strong defensive play was led by Janice Morrison, Andree Campbell, Cathy Hendricken, and Mary

Morrison. Their aggressive play throughout Sunday's championship game enabled the UPEI squad to keep UNB off the scoreboard. Much of UPEI's scoring punch came from the line of Shelly Pepler, Anne Campbell, and Phyllis Weeks, who combined for nine of the total eleven goals scored by the Panthers in the tournament. Rose Whalen provided the final two goals. Rose and her linemates Peggy MacAdam and Kim Rennie, did an excellent job of fore-checking.

Anne Campbell scored the winning goal of the tournament's final game at 11:51 of the third period. This goal set up by Cathy Hendricken, was a low shot from the slot and gave the Lady Panthers the 1-0 win.

UPEI dominated the All-star team placing three players. Theresa Gallant was chosen top goalie while Cathy Hendricken and Shelly Pepler made it on defense and forward respectively. The championship trophy was accepted by co-captains Andree Campbell and Mary Morrison.