

Sports

Our boys beat top-dog Vikings in Ryerson play

By Nancy Ross

While most students were relaxing during Christmas holidays the mens basketball team journeyed to Toronto where they participated in the annual Ryerson Tournament.

The highly competitive tournament was held December 28, 29 and 30.

The Panthers would have the opportunity to play some of the top ranked teams in the country. The Victoria Vikings were on a 64 game winning streak and they were expected to win the tournament.

The U.P.E.I. Panthers remained poised and were not intimidated by the previous records held by the participating teams.

As the tournament progressed U.P.E.I. proved to be a surprise to many of the spectators.

The Panthers played Ryerson in the opening game. Mike Morgan lead the Panthers with 26 points. The outstanding playing ability of Tryone Norman and Tejan Alleyne boosted the Panthers towards an easy victory. The final score was U.P.E.I. 76, Ryerson 53.

U.P.E.I.'s second game

proved to be the upset of the tournament. The Panthers faced the relentless Victoria Vikings. At the end of the first half U.P.E.I. lead the Vikings by 13 points.

The Panthers displayed their talents in a total team effort lead by Delroy Adams.

In the second half Victoria came on strong but U.P.E.I. maintained its composure for the rest of the game. U.P.E.I. edged Victoria 69 to 65.

The Panthers captured the attention of the tournament officials. U.P.E.I. proved to be the unexpected team to

watch. The Panthers earned the right to participate in championship game against their regional rivals, the Waterloo Warriors. U.P.E.I. broke out in the first half with speedy aggressive play, only to be matched by the

equal strength of Waterloo. At the end of the first half U.P.E.I. lead by 3 points.

In the second half the pace remained relatively the same but the Waterloo Warriors were boosted by the emotional support of their fans. The game remained close but the

last 5 minutes determined the winner.

At this, Waterloo edged U.P.E.I. to a 71-70 victory.

Due to fine coaching of George Morrison and the hard work of the team, the Panthers have gained national recognition.

Panthers best in weekend tourney — S'side

By Jill Warburton

The hockey Panthers resumed their winning ways over the weekend with a pair of victories to capture the Spoke'N Trac Tournament trophy.

U.P.E.I. hosted the two-day tournament at Cahill Stadium in Summerside. Four teams — Dalhousie, St. Francis Xavier, Mt. Allison and U.P.E.I. — took part.

The championship game between the Panthers and Mt. Allison Mounties was the emotional climax to a successful first-time venture, as Ron Carragher, assisted by Steve Fulton, broke a 4-all tie at 19:53 of the third period.

At the first intermission, Mt. A. had led 2-0, but the Panthers showed some force as they scored four times in

the second period.

Steve Fulton opened scoring for UPEI and was closely followed by Greg Gravel and Norman Beck. Gravel scored his second of the game as the period expired.

In the third, Mt. A. scored twice as the Panthers took a lot of penalties. With twelve minutes gone in the frame the Mounties scored their second powerplay goal and tied the game at 4. The final score was 5-4.

In other action Sunday, Dal. won the consolation match with a 7-6 win over St. F.X.

Games Saturday saw U.P.E.I. down St. F.X. 7-4 as the Panthers played without the Roche brothers, who were snowed in.

Reid was in goal for both games.

Also on Saturday, Mt. A. beat Dal 4-3.

U.P.E.I. captured the majority of the tournament honours as Greg Gravel was awarded the MVP award and named all-star centre.

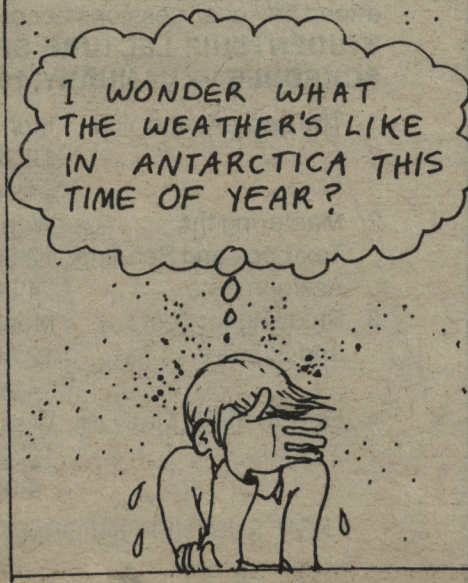
Other Panthers on the all-

star team were goaltender Dave Reid and defenseman Steve Fulton. Wingers John Bekkers (St. F.X.) and Dean Sypher (Mt. A.) and defenceman Lance Hayward from Mt. A. rounded out the selections.

Panthers captain Doug Currie accepted the Spoke'N Trac trophy for the winners.

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