

JOCK TALK

by Mickey Place

After talking to some of our Panther football players we feel we may have let the team down in a most peculiar way. It seems that they were so enraged by the lack of faith shown in them by various detractors that they went out on Saturday afternoon at Wolfville to give Acadia Axemen an unpleasant afternoon and made that team (#8 in Canada) really extend itself to nose out the underrated UPEI's by a two touchdown margin. If they were so heated up by adverse

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comments it might be that if this column had "bad mouthed" them they would have risen to even greater heights and pulled off the upset of, at least, the decade. Prophecies were that the Panthers would lose by at least 40 points, to even the margin attained by Acadia's rival St. F.X. but our boys were really determined to put up a good game and missing such stalwarts as Terry Palmer, John Drake and that Thompson fellow as well as the departed Gord Geppert, and with Vernon Pahl, Socky MacDonald and Al Carroll playing both ways they gave it everything possible. The Acadia coach gave them great credit and was quoted as saying "They (UPEI) just wanted it more than us. They played more aggressively all afternoon." Both defenses played so well in the first quarter

that only three first downs were made by both teams and Acadia did not get its first touchdown until the closing minutes of the first half. The second major for Acadia came in the third quarter when Donny Clow received a pass into our end zone and, after this was converted, the scoring was over for both sides, although Ozzie D'Ippolito's try for a field goal missed by inches only. Ozzie, by the way, kicked us out of trouble time after time. Inasmuch as Donnie Clow comes from New Haven, P.E.I. we feel the game was really N.S. 7, P.E.I. 7....Playing with great determination, UPEI had but 8 first downs against 19 for Acadia, Acadia had 264 yards on the ground while the Panthers had but 22...our Rick Kiraly had 9 out of 19 passes complete for 66 yards but

Acadia's two Q.B.'s completed but 2 of 11 for 35 which speaks well for our Pass Defence. Jon Paul McIntyre led our boys on the ground with 35 yards on 9 rushes while Socky MacDonald led the Panthers through the air with 4 receptions for 48 yards. Vernon Pahl was the fellow the Axemen hated to see the most as he was the hardest hitter and sent members of the host team sprawling all over the field. For a team that was expected to roll over and play dead it was a most glorious loss...if there can be such a thing. This Saturday we'll be visited by U.N.B. and, with none of those Nova Scotia teams remaining on our schedule we have high hopes that we are, for this season, through with losing football games and have high hopes of victories in the games remaining, 2 with

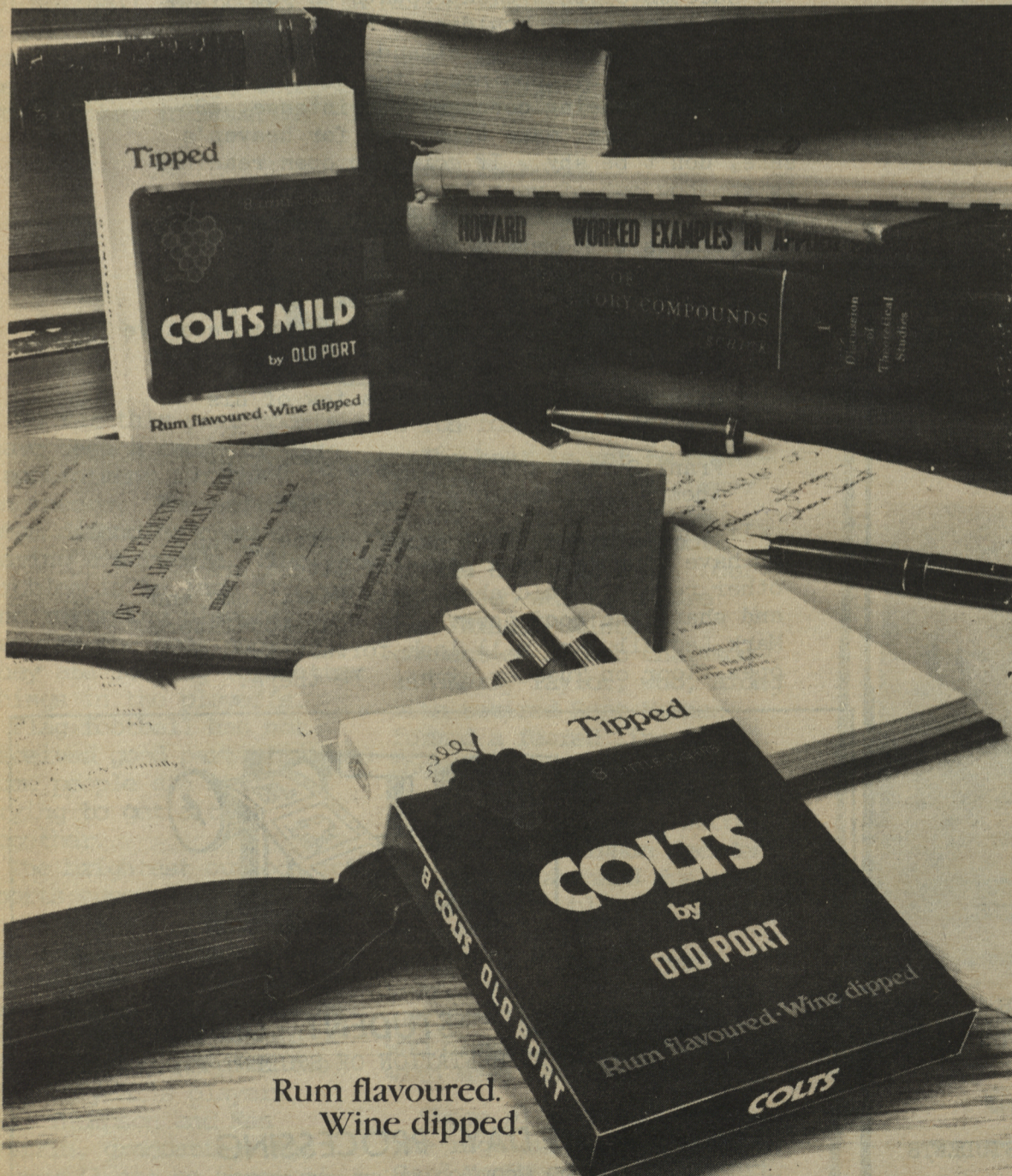
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U.N.B. and one at Mount A. which will give us a 4-3 record for the season. Let us get a positive attitude. U.N.B. will be at MacAdam Field Saturday at 1:30.

Our girls visited Halifax and Acadia and came off with identical 2-0 losses in both games although we are told that, had fate been kinder, we might have won either. Marie Bradley played well in our goal in both games but, it seems that what we need is a girl who can put the ball into the net. We are informed that, had Shelly Pepler been a little luckier, she could have been the one to break the goose eggs that haunt our team but instead of denting the net, managed twice to hit HERSELF on the HEAD with the ball which, we think, is quite a trick. This week we play two away again - Mount A. and U.N.B.

In Soccer, our team played well but still managed to drop two. At Saint Mary's we lost 3-1 with Andy Cameron getting our only marker against the team rated #3 in Canada. It was 1-1 until late in the game when we suffered a mental error that was followed by a slack goal and in Acadia we lost 4-2; Ron Taylor (you'll remember him from the bar at the Pigs) got both. In this game we lost the services of Vaughan Smith and Tom Hogan. In the weekend games the play of Tom Hogan and Team Captain Dave Ewart was outstanding along with the aforesaid Ron Taylor. This week we play U.N.B. on Friday at 4:00, Moncton on Sunday at 1:00 - both games here.

This week, and if this paper is on the stands on time, it will be "Tonight" at the C.D.P. the annual University driving race is on. The draw for positions was conducted by P.E.I.'s favourite driver Joe O'Brien and the positions will have Steve MacDonald on the rail and outwards, Scott Campbell, Gordon MacPhee, John Doyle, Johnny Cheverie and on the outside the only lady entrant Bernadette Shea. Good luck to all of you; we have no envy.



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Wine dipped.

Crack a pack of Colts along with the books.