

Panthers start on winning note; Drop Axemen 29-20

by Paul Durant

The 1970 edition of the UPEI Panthers football squad was unveiled at MacAdam Field on Saturday Sept. 19th, and they didn't let the home team fans down as they defeated the Acadia Axemen 29-20.

It was a good display on both defence and offence but according to Coach Palov a lot more work is needed to polish up the plays. UPEI's touchdowns were evenly split, two passing and two running.

This game could give a good indication of the season to come as last weekend the Axemen dropped a close game to St. Mary's Huskies.

In Saturday's game, there were no major scores in the first quarter but Panthers took a 1-0 lead on a single off Gary Mancuso's missed field goal from the thirty.

In the second quarter, the Panthers offence began to roll. Their first major score came on an 18 yard pass from quarterback John Dionisi to Jerry Campbell who was loose in the end zone. Mancuso kicked the convert to make the score 8-0.

The Panther's second touchdown came following Jim Paolini's interception of an errant Acadia pass. Paolini returned the ball to the Acadia 20 where Bill Oeheke scored on a 16 yard run. Manco again converted to make score 15-0 in favour of the Panthers.

Then the Axemen began to move as they scored their first touchdown on a 35 yard pass to the flanker, Hills. The convert was good and UPEI led at that time 15-7.

However, the Panthers came back

on a beautiful 80 yard pass and run play from Dionisi to big tight end number 76-Fox. Mancuso again converted the touchdown.

Before the Half was over, Acadia scored but the convert was blocked.

In the second half the teams traded touchdowns. Panthers final touchdown was scored on an 8 yard run by Dick Yost in the 3rd quarter.

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In the fourth quarter Acadia scored on a 50 yard pass to his halfback, Rinsone. The touchdown was converted.

The final score of the game was Panthers 29, Acadia Axemen 20.



NUMBER 76, DAVE FOX, LEADS THE FIELD AS HE HEADS FOR THE GOAL LINE AND A T.D

COACHES COMMENT

Following the game, we talked with Coach Palov and Coach MacLean.

Question: What did you think about your teams performance today?

Palov: We felt we were good enough to win, I know we made some mistakes, but we made the fewer and therefore we got the win. We have a lot of work to do, to polish up our plays.

One big thing is the team played as a unit. The defence played great ball as did the offence. Overall I am very happy with the performance of the team,

Question: How do you think the team will do this year?

Palov: Providing no injuries and no players going both ways we will surprise a lot of teams.

Question: What did you feel hurt your team most today?

Palov: The inexperience of our rookies and mental lapses at crucial times were the two factors that hurt us most. However, we are in a building year when most players are freshmen and sophomore, there being only four seniors on the team.

MacLean (Offensive Line Coach)

Question: How did you feel your offensive line played today?

MacLean: I thought offensive line played well, we had good pass protection. We can sharpen up in-

side running and blocking. Although we played well, there is lots of room for improvement.

Question: What do you think of prospects for the coming year?

MacLean: We have a good team but in this league you never know. We will play the games one at a time so we have six big games left.

That's how the first game of the season went. We thank coach Palov

and his Panthers the best of luck in the coming season and let's hope we have a winner.

The next game for the Panthers is against the Axemen in Acadia on October 3rd. Everybody who can make it, should.

Tennis...

The AIAA tennis tournament is scheduled for Dalhousie this year on October 10. As the time for team selection draws near, the hopefuls are participating in keen competition in a ladder tournament. In this type of tournament the players on the lower rungs are given the opportunity of challenging those above them with the winner keeping or capturing the higher rung.

The ladder tournament will be completed on September 27th and the top six players will be placed in a double elimination tournament. The top three players from this draw will make up the U.P.E.I. tennis team for the intercollegiate competition. At press time the players were ranked

1. Brian Horsman
2. David Harling
3. Philip Connolly
4. Jake McQuaid
5. Joe Drane
6. Jack Beaton
7. Barry MacKinnon
8. Peter MacKinnon
9. Milfred Quinn
10. Boomer MacPherson
11. Don Fisher
12. Jean LeGendre