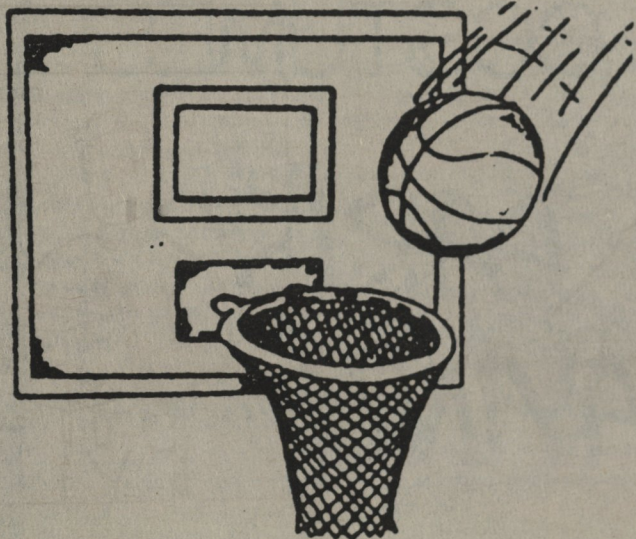


Sports News

UPEI in the hunt again Womens Basketball Preview

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FORGET THE TERMS REBUILDING OR retooling when it comes to this year's version of the women's basketball team, simply try reloading. That's precisely what Tracey MacEachern-Ellsworth did this past summer, bringing in a talented group of rookies to play alongside the up and coming returnees from last season.



Ellsworth is back for her second term as head coach, and she sees some new faces which will make sizable contributions for her. After a one year hiatus from the playoffs, the team hopes to return to the level it was at two years ago: AUAA womens champions. However, one of the most important new faces should be a well known one: former mens' Panther Darrell Glenn, who has taken over the job of assistant coach from Lori Knickle. Glenn was renowned for his floor leadership as a Panther and will be counted on as a valuable role model and to lend control from the bench. One player missing from last year is forward/guard Julie Dickinson who was second on the team in scoring and one of the team's emotional leaders.

Key among the returnees is 5'10 Hillary Watson. Watson was among the league leaders in both scoring and rebounding (14.9 ppg, 10.9 rpg) last year, and was definitely one of the top ten players in the AUAA last year, being named Panther MVP. Watson will play some time at the 3-spot this year, enabling her to take advantage of her quick first step, and strong moves to the basket.

Returning pivots Angela MacIntyre and Kara Saunders combined to average 9.2 ppg and almost 10 rebounds a night last year, and that was just their rookie season. Saunders was impressive this summer in play at the National Junior tournament in Waterloo, Ontario, improving on a fine first year. They've received frontline help with the addition of rookie Charlene "Chuck" Woolaver, who was a dominant player at perennial Maritime powerhouse Fredericton High. Woolaver brings excellent re-

bounding ability and a soft touch around the basket to the P's.

Kathy Quinn and Stephanie Shive make up a solid backcourt capable of hitting shots from all over the court. Quinn, a 5'7 fifth year guard, connected on close to 30 3-pointers last season, averaging 8.7 ppg. With ice in her veins, Shive runs

the show from the point guard slot; she's one of the best passers in the conference, as well as scoring at a 9.4 clip last year. Eireann Rigby returns after missing the second half of last season; she's another Fredericton High grad who shows plenty of potential. Jennifer Sirois, a 5'4 junior, is one of the better backup point guards in the league. She also is a deadeye shooter from the perimeter, as well as leading the AUAA in free-throw percentage last year (91.7%). Another Island product, TOSH grad Carolyn Deighan, is counted on for offensive support.

Senior guard/forward Trish Little is one of the most athletic players on the team, known for her excellent shooting touch. Rookies Jennifer Johnson and Jacqueline Muir both bring impressive credentials to the team. Johnson was one of the best players in the Maritimes for the past few years, being named PEISAA MVP for the past two seasons at both Montague and Colonel Gray. Muir, a first year BSc student from New Brunswick, was one of the key players in NB at James M. Hill High School in Chatham last year. She'll see action in the frontcourt.

The Pantherettes played their first game of the season this past weekend, an exhibition matchup against St. Thomas in Fredericton. They then hook up with the UCCB Capers for a pair of games in Cape Breton on November 5th and 6th. Their first home action comes Saturday November 19th when they play the Lady Xavierans of St. FX at the Fieldhouse.



***The eligibility of hockey rookie Dave Lemay should be decided any day now. Lemay, a talented 6'2, 200 lb defenceman from Welland, Ontario, dressed for the Adirondack Red Wings in last year's AHL playoffs but only played a few shifts. This has led questions about his eligibility, thus putting Lemay on hold. Lemay should be ready to play for this week's game against Moncton provided he is allowed to.

***2nd year basketball guard, jumping jack Kevin Mitchell, has been bothered at this past week's practices by a sore Achille's tendon. His status going into this past weekend's tournament at UNB was questionable depending on his recovery rate. A torn Achille's tendon was the same injury which sidelined Dominique Wilkins for the season two years ago, and his brother Gerald Wilkins last week.

***The Lady soccer Panthers are currently in third place in the AUAA with several games remaining in the regular season. Their 4-2-1 record is good for 13 points, just two behind Dal and Acadia in the race for number one. In fact their four win record is the best in the league, but they are tied for fourth in goals with 13.

***Their male counterparts got out of the gate early but fizzled fast, falling out of the playoff hunt. With two games left (at the time of this writing) the Panthers are in the role of spoiler, with games against UNB and the Moncton Blue Eagles who are in second place in the AUAA. Good luck to graduating senior Jason MacDonald, who is concluding five years wearing the green and white.

***The field hockey coaches knew it would be tough to fill the shoes of graduates Kathy McNally and Krista Munro, but they never thought it would be this bad. The primary reason for the field hockey's 0-6 record would be their inability to score goals. In fact, they have yet to knock in a goal this season. However, the team has played with a lot of ferocity and have seen plenty of bad breaks on the season. This is one of the youngest teams they've had in several years. They are losing graduating seniors Alana Gillian, Angela Cormier, and Lisa Atkinson, who came back this year to play her fifth year of eligibility.

***Dal Tigers hockey coach was on Sportsline Thursday night and commented on the 10-2 win by Dal over UPEI by saying that, "they were one of the most undisciplined teams I've ever seen. Billy McMillian must be embarrassed". I think that the hockey Panthers may just be penciling in the return matchup with Dal on their calendars.

Upcoming Games

***The women's volleyball team heads to UNB for a pre-season tournament the weekend of October 28th-30th

***Field hockey AUAA's are being held at SMU in Halifax on the 29th and 30th.

***Mens B'ball plays in Ontario at the Queen's tournament on the 29th and 30th.

***A pair of home games for the hockey Panthers, versus UCCB at 7:30 on the 29th, and then on Sunday the 30th vs. St. FX at 2:30.

***The men's soccer team finishes off their season at home against UDM on Sunday the 30th at 2:00 p.m..

***The women's soccer team is off to the Rock for a pair of games against Memorial to finish off their regular season on the 29th and 30th.

SPORTS STATS

Women's Soccer

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Dalhousie	3	0	4	21	4	15
Acadia	3	1	3	24	3	15
UPEI	4	2	1	13	11	13
St. FX	3	1	2	6	5	12

Men's Soccer

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
St. Mary's	7	1	1	19	11	20
St. FX	5	2	1	16	7	19
Moncton	4	2	2	14	10	15
Dalhousie	4	1	2	14	8	14
UPEI	2	6	1	11	21	10
Mt. Allison	3	3	1	8	8	9

Field Hockey

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
UNB	4	0	2	9	0	10
St. Mary's	4	2	2	4	3	10
UPEI	0	6	0	0	10	0

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