

SPORTS

Hockey Panthers wind up season

Team looks forward to improving their record next year

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THE 1993-94 UPEI HOCKEY SEASON IS over. The final game was played on Saturday, February 19, when the UPEI Panthers fell 6-0 to the UNB Varsity Reds. UNB took the series two games to none.

The best of three MacAdam Division semi-final began the previous Wednesday in Charlottetown at the Civic Centre as the division-leading Reds took on the fourth-place Panthers. The UPEI team battled UNB long and hard but were smothered by the UNB defence which allowed only 21 Panther shots. Meanwhile, the Reds took advantage of most

of their opportunities and took a 3-0 lead late in the third period. The Panthers struck with one goal in the late stages of the game, but UNB held on for the win.

Saturday at Fredericton's Aitken Centre, the Panthers were faced with incredible odds. They needed to break UNB's stingy defence and win two straight games in the tough UNB rink. Unfortunately, the overmatched Panthers trailed early in the game and could not regroup as the Reds coasted to the win.

With the season over, UPEI's coaches, as well as some players, have already begun to look towards next season in hopes of improving

on this year's record of 5-17-4, which was easily the worst record for a Panther hockey team in years. One aspect of the team to be concentrated on will be defence, as this year's squad averaged close to seven goal against per game.

In other playoff action in the MacAdam Division, the Moncton Blue Eagles surprised the second-place St. Thomas Tommies two games to one with all three games going into overtime. In the Kelley Division, there were no surprises as both defending champion Acadia Axemen and this year's division leader, the Dalhousie Tigers, swept their respective series

over St. Mary's and St.FX.

In the second round, UNB took on Moncton and lost the first game 5-4 at the J. Louis Levesque Arena on the UDM campus. The next weekend in Fredericton, though, the Reds advanced to the league finals by winning 4-3 in OT and 8-4 in the deciding game. Meanwhile, Acadia shocked the Tigers 12-2 in Wolfville, N.S. and then 9-3 in the Dal rink to take that series 2-0. UNB and Acadia meet in the league final-- a rematch from last year's final--with the winner representing the AUAA at the CIAU's at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto.

The First Annual SCOTTIES:

UPEI Basketball Panther Awards

BY SCOTT MACDONALD

AT THIS WRITING, THE WOMEN Panthers' season is over, while the men have two games remaining against UNB, and several more in the AUAA tournament. The 1993-1994 UPEI basketball Panthers have given many entertaining games to their fans, and the fans certainly thank them for that. I would like to thank two men who are finishing off their careers in the green-and-white: Darrell Glenn and Raham Dixon. Dixon and Glenn are not just great players, but good people, guys who gave their best showing for the university every night. So with the close of the season, that means that it's the time of year to start handing out awards and honours for this year's shining stars of the two squads.

THE DENNIS RODMAN ROLE-PLAYER AWARD

This award is for a player who plays the game in a blue-collar style, doing all the things necessary needed to win basketball games; defense, rebounding, desire, and a little scoring. These are players who fill the role either starting or off the bench, constantly giving 110% for the team.

Jason Kielly: (4.7 ppg, 2 rpg) Nicknamed "Crazy", Kielly will do anything necessary to help the men's Panthers win games, doing the dirty work while some of his other teammates grab the headlines. Kielly is a physical rebounder and defender who isn't afraid to get his uniform dirty.

Angela MacIntrye: (3.4 ppg, 5.4 rpg) Called

up from last year's Junior Varsity squad, MacIntrye has been a valuable frontline player, being one of the team's top rebounders and a Panther to watch in the next few years.

VERNON MAXWELL MAD BOMBER AWARD

Obviously this goes to the Panthers who make their living far away from the hoop, making shots from long distances. Their names are usually followed by "...for THREEEEEE!!!"

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whenever they make a basket.

Raham Dixon: (19.7 ppg, 33 threes) The one man I would bet my life-savings on to make one shot. No three is too long, and no shot too difficult for this dead-eye marksman. One of the league's top scorers, many coming from downtown.

Kathy Quinn: (8.7 ppg, 28 threes) Quinn's shooting has been one of the main reasons that the Lady Panthers have been competitive in this rebuilding year. The former UPEI/UNB

standout returned this year to play at UPEI once again, and has made opposing defences pay.

DETLEF SCHREMPF 6TH MAN AWARD

Oops, I guess to be politically correct I should have written 6th person. This award obviously is for the player who comes off the bench, with both guns blazing, either scoring points or playing tough defence while filling in at a variety

of positions.

Craig Walker: (7.0 ppg) "Sky"'s entry into the game is usually followed by a three, as Walker can come off the bench and score points in bunches. While his dunking skill may overshadow the rest of his game, he has a sweet outside shot (21 threes) and plays rugged defence.

Jennifer Sirois: (3.0 ppg) This Rural graduate takes over the offensive control of the Panthers when she comes off the bench, as she fills in at the backup point and shooting guard spots. A

deadly free throw shooter (91.7%), she can also shoot the long jumper.

PERVIS ELLISON MOST IMPROVED PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Given to the player who has made the biggest strides in his/her game throughout the year. Increased minutes only come about with increased play and these two Panthers have definitely put some hard work into their performances.

Greg Lucas: (1.3 ppg, 1.6 rpg) The tallest member of the team has made progress in his rookie year. Lucas has played some valuable minutes in place of Curtis Robinson, impressing with his defence and rebounding abilities.

Kara Saunders: (4.8 ppg, 4.3 rpg) Another first year flash, who has shown increased skills with elevated minutes in the latter part of the season. Tough around the boards, Saunders gives the Lady Panthers another tall post player who is a force inside.

HAKEEM OLAJUWON MVP AWARD

Hillary Watson: (14.1 ppg, 10.9 rpg) The leading scorer and rebounder on the team is an obvious MVP choice. Her offensive numbers rank among the league's best, along with her board scores. Watson is a difficult player to guard down low, with strong moves to the basket and good jumping ability. Watson was one of the few bright lights for the transitional stage that this year's squad has gone through. Watson has already been named a second-

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