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JOCK TALK

Perhaps the fates might find us hard to please, as we can't be too happy over Panther activities during the last week. Three wins, three losses and a tie sounds not too bad, but, sad to say, the only two games that REALLY counted resulted in losses. In hockey, the Tigers from Dalhousie really clawed our Panthers in winning both Saturday's and Sunday's contests by (un) comfortable margins... ..although both games were closer than the score would indicate. In the Saturday game, we trailed 0-1 after one. Tony MacKenzie evened things up late in the second & we went into the third with high hopes that were soon dashed as the visitors enjoyed a most impressive final period scoring six unanswered goals to win 7-1. They outshot us 48-18.

Sunday's game was quite different as Rob Mazzuca, Albert Roche, & Bob Hicks all scored in short time in the first & our boys went to the dressing room enjoying a 3-1 lead. However, Dal got all three goals scored in the second & they led, 4-3. It was the first time this season that we trailed after two periods. We were again blanked in the final session and we lost 5-3, although, in the unimportant SOG statistic, we were on top 36-24. More bad news reveals that our promising rookie, Ted Kozab, who was hit in devastating fashion when he was crossing the blue line with his head down, suffered a leg injury & will be out for some time.

High-scoring Norman Beck is also on the sidelines as he injured his wrist in practice and is not expected back until play resumes after the Xmas break. Defenceman Kevin O'Brien is also out with an injured leg. On Monday night we entertained the hockey team representing the People's Republic of China in a most interesting exhibition game at the Forum. After impressive opening ceremonies which featured John Neville, now graduated but previously prominent in Panther activities, as host, and face-offs with the Premier, the Mayor, the President & others participating, as well as our national anthem, & a new piece of music to Island fans... ..the national anthem of the P.R. of C., and an exchange of gifts between the players, they finally got down to hockey before a near-sellout crowd. It was pretty much a no-hit-hard affair with the visitors being somewhat chippy and, for once, we were outdone in the in the penalty column which, along with the scoring gave great difficulty to announcer Funnell MacLean. The visitors quickly jumped into a three goal lead & have sympathy with poor Funnell as, for instance) he announced the third score which was scored by Wang Chung Jiang with assists by Zhang Zie Nan & Tao Nai Feng! It was a good fast game & we trailed 3-4 in the final period but Bob Hicks scored the tie maker with but 13 seconds to go & the game ended 4-4. No international incidents, Dei gratia. Our

other goals came from "New Daddy" Crawford & two from Albert Roche. We wonder if such players as Cchez Zi Guang and Yang Yang Ke went to their dressing rooms saying "Ricky Cameron & Brodie Lantz...what the Hell kind of names are they?" Both teams appeared tired; UPEI after the two Dal games over the weekend & the Chinese after their long jet-lagging trip & the several hard contests they have played since their arrival in Canada. The Hockey Panthers will play in the Forum on Thursday against Saint Mary's & will be in Fredericton on Sunday to face U.N.B.. They'll be at home on the 20th & 21st against St. F.X. The 1982-83 Lady Panthers opened their season with two wins over the Capers from the College of Cape Breton. To test out his new players Coach George Morrison used his bench extensively in the the 64-52 and 72-45 triumphs. In the Saturday game Colleen Rosster enjoyed a big 18 point first half and went on to lead the scorers with a game total of 30. Sue Betts & Libby Baldwin each had twelve. On Sunday Libby was high with 18 and Sue was right behind with 17. On Monday night it was a different story as the highly touted Brandon Bob Kittens (What a name!) invaded our gym and walked off with a 81-62 win after enjoying a 9 point lead at the half. We think it was a good game for our Lady Panthers, and even though a loss, as it was very obvious that they need experience playing together

against teams comparable to those they will encounter when league play starts. Many on the team are in their first year & need to acquire the skills that only actual playing the game can give. They are small and fast but will have acquire ball control & must stop turnovers that are liable to come when competing against taller players. They will play in the Mount Allison Tournament this weekend. We might add that we like to watch George during a game as he paces up and down the sidelines agonizing over plays. We would estimate he covers as much ground and expends as much energy as his players!

The volley ball team travels to Fredericton this weekend to open their season in a tournament at UNB.

Ed Hilton unveiled his Panther basketball team as they took on the Alumni in a 120-60 rout on Friday night. Former Panther (even S.D.U.) greats took on our young and fast team in what we at times feared might be a tragic mis-match as, trying to keep pace with their young opponents, we feared that a cardiac specialist might be needed. We were pleased to note that Postie Connolly still has his old skill at sinking shots from outside although we wondered why he played with a tire under his jersey! Both teams lack height but the current Panthers certainly have speed and we think the nicest gift Santa could bring Coach Ed Hilton would be a 6'10" player who might not fit into Ed's stocking but could

be an answer to his prayers. From the player list we are pleased to note that, except for Bill Redmond (What an "Except"! all players are in their first or second year so we should have an outstanding team for quite some time. they will play six exhibition games in Maine before their first A.U.A.A. game here against St. F.X. on 26 November.

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