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Acadia came out in the second half and made some adjustments and began to cut the Panthers lead. They went inside where their height advantage was the greatest. Ted Byrne did most of the damage as he was repeatedly allowed to get position inside where he tossed in soft one handers over the shorter UPEI post players.

Acadia took the lead for the first time when at the five minute mark the Panthers were caught looking at Acadia guard Danny Steele who got the rebound of his own missed free throw and ran in to put it back up and in.

From then on in the teams took turns taking the lead as one would gain the lead only to watch the other come right back and regain it. This pattern repeated itself for four minutes until Peter Gordon came in from the top of the key, rose above the rest of the players and dropped in a 15 footer to give the Panthers the lead.

While Gordon was hitting the jumper Acadia fouled Mark Roberts underneath and he went to the line and calmly hit both ends of the one and one to push the Panthers up by three.

Peter Gordon again made a huge play when on the Axemen's

next possession he stole a pass and was fouled racing upcourt. Gordon again made both free throws and it was from that point on that Acadia was forced to foul to try and catch up.

UPEI led by six with just seconds remaining when Wayne Taylor of Acadia hit a jumper to bring the Axemen back to four. The only hope for Acadia was to hit a three pointer and get fouled in the process.

UPEI had the ball on the sidelines and fired it deep into Acadia territory where Charles Ikejiani raced upcourt with just three seconds remaining. Ikejiani ran straight at the Panthers hoping to get the foul as he launched the shot, only as he ran at the players they all hit the floor simultaneously avoiding any hope that Acadia had of getting a four point play.

The 71-67 victory gives the Panthers an 11 and 1 record good for 34 points and undisputed possession of first place in the AUAA. The Panthers next see action this Saturday when they host the Saint Mary's Huskies at 8 o'clock in the second game of a double-header between the two schools.

The Lady Panthers were not as hospitable to their opponents as the men were.

Despite a depleted lineup due to injuries the Lady Panthers had little trouble with the Acadia Axettes.

Dressing only seven players including only one point guard, Tobey Jones, the Lady Panthers still managed to run the Axettes off the floor.

The Axettes stayed close for a few minutes, but the break neck speed of the Lady Panthers proved to be too much. They went on a frantic run and opened up the game from there and went to the locker room at half with a 38-21 lead.

Tobey Jones deserves a huge amount of the credit for the win as she did a marvelous job of running the Panther offense and made her biggest contribution on defense where she had 8 steals and played havoc with the Axette guards all day.

With Susan Knickle and Kathy Quinn on the bench Jones was forced to play just about the entire game. Towards the end of the first half the Lady Panthers began to get into foul trouble and forced them to alter their substitutions. As a result Jones played the entire game except for a two minute span in the first half.

Acadia appears to be really suffering from the loss of Shelly Bolivar who graduated last year. Without her the Axettes have no resemblance of an outside game and no one to take control of the attack.

The Lady Panthers concentrated on shutting down their inside game and when they accomplished that they were able to take control. Janet Nichols ran wild inside and scored a game high 21 points. Lori Knickle and Stephanie Smith each chipped in with 12 points each.



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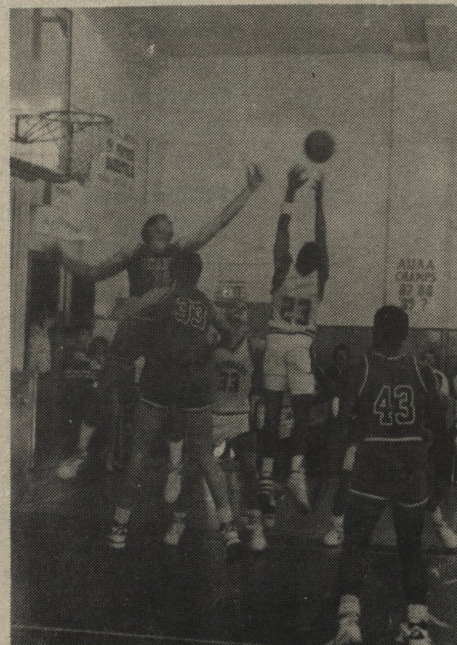
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UPEI Panther Mark Roberts (23) gets stuffed by Ted Byrne (32) of the Acadia Axemen



Mark Roberts (23) goes up for rebound against the Axemen's Ted Byrne. Looking on is Dave Dunn (33)

Athletes



Janet Nichols
21 Points

Nichols scored 21 points against the Ax-

ettes and also hauled down 11 rebounds. Nichols also is ranked second in the league in rebounding behind teammate Paula Edwards. Nichols is averaging 9.8 boards per game while Edwards is hauling down 10.1 rebounds a game.