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SPORTS

Sports briefs

*Men's soccer come back with split;
women's field hockey lose in finals*

To start off this edition of Sports Briefs, we'll talk about the men's soccer team. Last weekend the Panthers came back from their two away games with one win and one loss. The boys managed to overcome a strong Dalhousie team and win 2-1. The soccer Panthers also played Acadia that weekend and lost 2-0. I'm told that one of the reasons for this loss is that as many as five starters sat out that game. Glenn Miller still holds a fourth place rank in the AUAA scoring race, with five goals.

The field hockey Panthers lost in the AUAA final this weekend to the host UNB side. UPEI beat SMU 3-2 in the semi-finals, but they came up three goals short against UNB in a 5-2 loss. On a brighter note Holly Boswall, Anne Mayme, Cheryl McQuillan, and Tracy McGee were voted AUAA all-stars. Anne Mayme received second team All Canadian status. Tracy McGee gained first team All Canadian status and was nominated for the Gail Wilson award, which is given to players who have both outstanding athletic and academic achievements.

The hockey Panthers lost on the road last week to UdeM with a score of 6-2. The boys managed to pull out a 7-2 home win last Wednesday against MTA. The boys are on the road this weekend at STU.

The UPEI men's rugby team played in the NB/PEI university playoffs last weekend in MTA. The B-side played STU in their first game and lost a close one, 10-8. Scoring for the Panthers were Beezer MacDonald with one try and Darcy Campbell with a penalty conversion. The A-side beat UNB in their first game 33-17. Scoring for the Panthers were Billy McQueen (2 tries), Caleb Hurry (1 try), John DeMonton (1 try), Dayre MacNally (1 try), Mark Gaudet with a drop goal; and Mike Gallant with one penalty kick and a conversion. UNB was previously undefeated in the NB/PEI division so this win for the Panthers was huge. In the final against STU the Panthers could not hold on to the lead at the end of the game. The Panthers led for the first half and up until a penalty call was made and UPEI had to play short handed. STU took advantage of this situation and scored a try and converted it in the dying minutes of the game. STU won 29-27, scoring for the panthers were: Billy McQueen (1 try), Dayre (2 tries), Dave Smith (1 try), and Mike Gallant completed one penalty kick and two conversions.

Sports Centre Notice

UPEI Fitness Classes: Low impact and Step Aerobics

Mon- Fri 12:05-12:35 p.m.
Mon- Thu 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Beginner Raquetball Instruction with Katherine Hills

Wednesdays 7:00 8:00 p.m.

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament...Coming soon!

If you have any queries of the above Sports Centre activities contact the front desk or call Ron Annear at : 566-0715

Life & times of Tracy McGee Team leader, athlete & academic

By Billy McQueen

Twenty-two year old, Tracy Dawn McGee, wears jersey number eight at the position of halfback for the UPEI field hockey team. The Charlottetown native is currently studying education after completing her science degree last year. McGee was UPEI's female athlete of the year for 1995-96 and 1996-97. Besides being on the UPEI Dean's List from 1995-97 she made the CIAU All Canadian first team field hockey team for the 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 seasons. The combination of outstanding results in athletics and academics led to McGee receiving the J.T. Mickey Place award at UPEI.

If those stats and awards don't impress you I'm not sure what would. Tracy has just finished her final year of eligibility for UPEI field hockey and I know that her presence on and off the field will be sorely missed. The Panthers came very close to a AUAA field hockey title this year and Tracy had some comments that the season "was one filled with positives and negative. We had a very strong team, probably the strongest team on paper, but we just struggled putting certain things together."

I interviewed Tracy while she was working at the fieldhouse and I was pondering how does she do it? Tracey maintains deans list honours, plays field hockey at the All Canadian level, holds down a job at the Sports Centre, and has the respect and admiration of her fellow students. I wish Tracy all the best in her studies to be come a teacher. There was one question that I forgot to ask her...do you go through a lot of "Pledge" keeping all that hardware shiny?

Upcoming Varsity Action:

Wed. Nov 5th - Volleyball @ MT.A

Fri. Nov 7th - Men's soccer CIAU finals @ Dal
Fri. Nov 7th - Women's soccer CIAU finals @ Laval

Sat. Nov 8th - Volleyball vs. Memorial @ 7:00PM
Sat. Nov 8th - Hockey @ UdM

Sun. Nov 9th - Volleyball vs. Memorial @ 1:00PM