

# Soccer team one step closer to Title!



Wayne MacDonald, Commissioner of the AUA, presents the W. J. Clarke Memorial Trophy to Glen Smiley, Captain of the 1984 AUA Soccer Champions — UPEI. (Photo by: Hartinger)

By Ross Hartinger

The University of Prince Edward Island Panthers defeated the University of New Brunswick Red Shirts 5-2 Sunday in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, capturing their second Atlantic University Athletic Association soccer title in their pursuit of a Canadian Intra-University Athletic Union national championship. Playing conditions were not the best Sunday, with the winds blowing throughout the contest. Before the match, rain drenched the field.

As the teams played and more rain threatened, the field became very treacherous due to mud.

Scott Neil's three goals; a

strong game by goalkeeper Jean-Francois Painchaud, great defensive actions by Alan Spinks, Wayne MacLean, Steve Polenz and Mitch Murphy; and the strong vocal support by the almost 300 Island fans aided the Panthers on their way to an AUA title and the number one ranking in the country.

Laurentian was ranked number one by the CIAU, but they lost 3-1 to Western University of London in the Ontario college playoffs Saturday.

Carleton, who will host the CIAU East-finals, defeated Windsor University 3-0 in the other semi-final.

Carleton then edged Western 2-1 for the Ontario

title — held last year by Laurentian, who were the defending national champs.

Doug Blain, who scored a goal Saturday in UPEI's semi-final victory of Saint Mary's University of Halifax, opened the scoring for the Panthers. Blain headed a ball past UNB keeper George Lucas at 16:00 of the first half after a long Panther throw-in.

UNB's Tony Rawlison tied the game at 1-1 when he headed the ball past UPEI keep J.F. Painchaud who played goal in the 2-0 victory over SMU Saturday.

Scott Neil scored his first of the match at 27:00, which was an amazing display of Neil's speed and soccer skill. Neil outran two UNB defenders, and before UNB keeper Lucas could get a handle on the ball Scotty slid in the mud and knocked the

Panther forward Richard Pierre-Gilles apparently pushed a UNB player in UPEI's penalty zone.

Rowse made no mistake on the goal as he beat keeper Painchaud to his left.

Neil scored again in the 80th minute and the fans began cheering a farewell song to the Red Shirts as they sensed a victory for the Panthers, who won UPEI's only AUA conference title in the school's history, last year.

Saturday, UPEI defeated Saint Mary's 2-0 while UNB surprised the AUA East champions St. Francis Xavier 2-1 in the other semi-final.

Doug Blain and Don MacKenzie each scored once for the Panthers who seemed a little sluggish in the scoreless first-half and were definitely off their game somewhat.

Soccer Panthers erupt from the bench as the final whistle sounds Sunday. (Photo by: Hartinger)



ball between the legs of the surprised Lucas.

The half ended with the Panthers up 2-1.

In the second half, Steve Polenz scored at the 56th minute on a penalty kick after Scott Neil was tackled illegally in the UNB penalty zone.

Scott Neil scored his second goal at 60:00 and then UNB's Dave Rowse was awarded a penalty kick after

Mitch Murphy celebrated his birthday as well as the conference title and he says nervousness was a major factor in their performance Saturday.

"It'll be a different story tomorrow though," said Mitch Saturday after the SMU victory.

UPEI Coach Gordie Wilson agreed with Murphy in his analysis of the game. "We didn't play up to par ... and

we were off our game", said Wilson.

UPEI and UNB played twice in the regular season and both games ended in scoreless ties. The game style in both contests was very chippy, resulting in many cards and some minor injuries.

Steve Polenz, Glen Smiley, Richard Pierre-Gilles, Scott Neil and defensive expert Alan Spink were all named to the AUA All-Star team and the AUA, which is allowed five nominations from their conference, named four UPEI players for All-Canadian selection.

Scott Neil, who was a menace to all AUA team's defences, was named for nomination to the national team. Neil scored nineteen goals in the regular season to lead all scorers in the AUA.

Glen Smiley, Alan Spink and Polenz were also added to the national list.

UPEI cornered the market in the AUA individual awards, too, stealing four awards. Steve Polenz was named top defensive player and Neil, who won the AUA scoring race, was named top offensive player.

Alan Spink, who covers more territory defensively and offensively than any other player in the AUA, was named Most Valuable

The Panthers, who finished the regular season with a record 9 wins 0 losses and three ties, have not lost a game in three seasons

Their only losses were last in year in Montreal at the CIAU semi-finals against McGill, who lost to Laurentian in the CIAU Final and to the University of New Brunswick two years ago in the AUA playoffs.

All the players are healthy except for Alan Andrews who is still out with torn ligaments.

The team will be preparing for the CIAU Eastern Final this week, scheduled for Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

The practices this week should be tough physically as well as mentally as a lot of work by Coach Wilson and his soccer panthers is riding on this weekend in Ottawa.

The CIAU final will be played at the campus of the winner of the CIAU East Title and if the Panthers can hang on to their sanity and remember from past experience that there are many factors that make a champion, it will be at McAdam field.

The general consensus on the team is that the national final is going to be played in Charlottetown in two weeks and there is not going to be one thing to stop them.



Hugs and kisses for everyone is in store as the field is stormed by the panthers and later by the almost 300 Island Fans. (Photo by: Hartinger)

## Volleyball:

# Looking good

By Jonathan Orlowski

Despite a rookie roster and little funding, the coaching staff has high expectations for this year's UPEI ladies volleyball team.

"We have an outside chance at a playoff spot this year," said a cautious coach Doña Sears.

"There have been a lot of rumours before the start of the season about teams which are easy to beat. What it comes down to is performance on the court ... and we are ready for them."

The assistant coach is even more optimistic.

"The team is a lot stronger this year, athletic-wise. We have good rookies, which could hurt us at the exhibition games but the kids are keen on learning."

She went on to say, "I look to see our team playing in the finals."

Anita Lagundzipa, a rookie, is amazed by the

teams effort so far. "There's more team spirit on this team than on any other I have been on. We're all pulling together, giving 110%."

Marilyn Balderston, a senior player, also spoke of the finals. "We definitely have the potential to be in the finals, but we have to incorporate a winning team attitude. We're ready to spike the volleyball down their throats."

During warm-ups and drills, the ghetto-busters are always playing. What does the music do for the teams?

"It brings us together," responded Marilyn. "If there isn't any music playing during practice, the team doesn't seem to gel ... Funk and Soul Forever!"

Canadian Intra-University Athletic Union college rankings released Monday, October 29, 1984. Last week ranking — ( )

### Field Hockey

- Victoria (1)
- U.B.C (2)
- York (5)
- Saint Mary's (4)
- Toronto (3)
- U.N.B. (8)
- Waterloo (NR)
- Dalhousie (6)
- Calgary (7)
- Guelph (NR)

### Soccer

#### UPEI (2)

- Carleton (9)
- U.B.C. (3)
- McGill (6)
- Western (5)
- Laurentian (5)
- Victoria (7)
- U.N.B. (NR)
- Windsor (4)
- Concordia (NR)

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