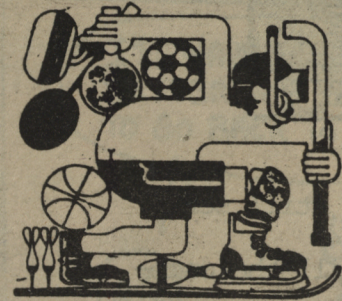


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By MICKEY PLACE

We believe the biggest Panther news of the past week is that we won TWO hockey games in most unusual places...the third period, and on paper! The first came in Fredericton on Sunday afternoon when, trailing 4-3 midway in the final period a goal by Trevor Crawford & a brilliant combination play ending with Doug Currie flipping the puck over the Red Raider defender, with but nine seconds remaining, gave us a very welcome 5-4 win. Other scores came from John Butler, Bob Mac Donald & Tony MacKenzie. It was a very good win, in a close game, for our boys with Avalino Gomez turning in a spectacular performance in goal as we were out-shot 37-26. Our second win came from the desk of the league executive as a 31 Oct. 5-4 Saint Thomas win was reversed & awarded to us as they had unknowingly used as ineligible player. We think this was a most agreeable occurrence as the STU team, winless for well over a season, had the joy of winning a game on ice while we garner the victor's two points. We would also like to comment on the sportmanlike action of S.T.U. as, we understand, it was they who notified the league headquarters of their oversight. Sad to relate, all news cannot be good and we must report that we dropped a close one to Saint Mary's during the week. Due to a previous engagement, we had to leave the Forum early in the third

period but did so quite confident of a win as we appeared to be the better team and led 3-1. We were later horrified to learn that those pesky SMU lads scored three late in the game to win out 4-3. Our scores came from Norman Beck, Trevor Crawford, and Albert Roche. At this point we thought UPEI should make some sort of motion limiting games to 40 minutes as, if this were the case we would have lost but one game this season and that by only one goal. With the weekend results we now have a 3-3 record and will have St.F.X. with us for two games this weekend. A pair of wins would be most welcome as we note that the mainland teams are playing very close scoring matches and making coveted play-off spot is not assured for any team in the league with the possible exception of Moncton.

In basketball, our team travelled to Maine on Thursday and on Thursday and Friday nights topped the Mariners at Castine 114-86 and 109-88. Curtis Brown was high scorer in both games with 34 & 28 points. On Saturday night & Sunday afternoon we dropped two to the University of Maine at Machais 80-71 and 79-72, as Billy Redmond led the way for us with 26 & 22 points respectively. The team again travels to Maine next weekend for games against the U. of Maine at Presque Isle. We hope the team appreciates the value of Billy Redmond & Ed Hilton, who hail from "The Pine Tree State", who must be very useful in translating the Maine patois into P.E.I. english & also ensuring that the natives are friendly. Next home appearance will be on the

26th when our A.U.A.A. play starts against St. F.X. The Basketball Lady Panthers split a pair of games in the Mount Allison Invitational Tournament on the weekend. We dropped the first 55-33 to the Canadian Senior Women's championship team from Halifax Red Fox, (How does a N.S. team get an Island name like that?) Colleen Rossiter & Sue Betts led our scorers with 16 & 13. In the consolation round the Lady Panthers had no difficulty in disposing of old rival Mount Allison as, substituting freely they won 66-44 as all members participated in the scoring & Colleen & Sue again leading the way with 18 & 12. With so many of our team being either freshmen or sophomores these games should have given valuable experience & confidence. We hope Coach George Morrison can arrange other games before the team opens the league season with away games against strong Saint Mary's & St. F.X. on the 27th and 28th. Our fifth ranked soccer team was further honoured this week when it was announced that forward Scott Niel and goaltenders Jean Francois Painchaud were selected for the All-star C.I.A.U. Soccer team. This is certainly a well deserved honour for the players, Coach Mulligan & UPEI. We might add that we were never a real soccer fan..we went to games when there was nothing else to do UNTIL that game at Saint Mary's & the thrill & action, culminating in that shoot-out victory. really converted us...

we can hardly wait until next year when, we expect, we'll be even better! Do not forget the two St. F.X. hockey games at the Forum on Saturday & Sunday...be there & SHOUT.. your encouragement will help to win these two most important games!

Congratulations should be extended to Jean Francois Painchaud and Scott Niel who were selected to the All Canadian Soccer Team this week.

Both showed expertise in their particular area on the soccer team, each leading the conference at that position. Belated congratulations also go out to Vince Mulligan who was named Coach of the Year in AUFA, while guiding the soccer Panthers to a national 5th ranking. Painchaud, a 22 year old Business Student from Montreal, dominated the conference as a goaltender the entire season. Scott Niel, a recruit from Scotland, was tied with the most goals for the season in this conference.

If exhibition games are any indication of the upcoming season, then one might expect a positive year from both basketball teams. The men split games in Maine losing by a small margin to the U. of Maine. This goes to prove that we don't need high priced players to win games. (It's a pity that the same is not true for the Hockey team.) Perhaps we will see a couple of wins from this team on the weekend.

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