

# Panthers survive late game collapse, begin season 2-0

by Adam Jacobs

The UPEI Panthers have begun their season 2-0 after taking both games from visiting UNB over the weekend.

The first 65 minutes belonged to the Panthers who scored just 8:24 into the game on Martha McCardle's first of the season.

It was only in the final 10 minutes that the Reds were able to amount any kind of an attack, a 10-minute stretch which caused concern for the Panther's coaches.

"Offense was there a little bit, we popped one in to contain the win, but we just basically went back into defense mode and had too many breakdowns all along on the field and it just wasn't the team that we have today," said AUS coach of the year, Jana Parker.

Two of UPEI's starters, Kateri Francis and co-captain Leslie MacNeill, did not play due to injuries, which forced the

Panthers to start two rookies.

"We're happy that our rookies were able to go in and play at the required level that we needed them to," said UPEI co-coach Tracy McGee.

The Panthers now have almost two weeks off, time they can use to mend their injuries.

"We need to take care of some lingering issues, injuries, and work on some conditioning. The skills are there we just have to refine them," said Parker.

The Reds now find themselves 0-2 to start the season, but UNB coach Sherry Doiron remains confident in her team's philosophy.

"Once you set a game plan, if you set the right game plan then you need to follow it because it is the right thing to do. You need to try to be consistent."

And Doiron is not ready to write-off the season after just two games.

"I don't think anything is too big, not in this league. That's what happened (losing two games to start the season) and we have to build on it from that," she said.

The game's first half was dominated by UPEI, with the Reds only able to attack in spurts.

McCardle's goal was set up by Susan Brown, who centred a pass from the deep right side in a goalmouth scramble. McCardle never hesitated, one-timing it past goalkeeper Kate Betts-Wilmott. Following the goal, UNB was unable to mount much more than a small charge before the Panthers

regained control.

The second half unfolded much the same way, with the Panthers leading the charge for the most part. Until the last 10 minutes.

Panther goaltender Ambyr Gallant was virtually untested until that time. UNB came close to tying the game by keeping constant pressure on a fatigued UPEI team.

Gallant made several key saves in the dying minutes, preserving the win.

Katie Lee was voted player of the game for the Panthers and Sonya Cameron was player of the game for UNB.

The next game for both teams is October third at UNB where the Reds will try to improve to 1-2 and the panthers will try to begin 3-0.

## Men's Soccer

Team	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	PTS
<i>East</i>							
Dalhousie	5	3	0	2	12	5	11
Saint Mary's	5	2	1	2	8	5	8
StFX	4	1	2	1	2	4	4
Memorial	4	0	3	1	3	6	1
<i>West</i>							
UNB	6	5	1	0	12	7	15
UPEI	6	4	0	2	10	4	14
Moncton	5	2	3	0	5	11	6
Mount Allison	6	1	3	2	6	6	5
UCCB	5	0	5	0	4	14	0

## Women's Soccer

Team	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	PTS
<i>East</i>							
Dalhousie	6	5	0	1	22	3	16
Acadia	6	2	2	2	8	10	8
Saint Mary's	7	1	2	4	7	7	7
StFX	6	1	2	3	4	14	6
Memorial	7	0	4	3	7	19	3
<i>West</i>							
UCCB	8	7	0	1	26	2	22
UPEI	7	2	3	2	8	10	8
UNB	6	2	3	1	5	11	7
Moncton	6	1	1	4	6	10	7
Mount Allison	7	0	4	3	5	12	3

## Women's Field Hockey

Team	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	PTS
UPEI	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Saint Mary's	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
UNB	4	0	4	0	1	9	0



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