



JOCK TALK

by Mickey Place

We'd like to start off the year with a "Welcome Back" to those who are returning to Campus and a hearty greeting to newcomers who, we hope and trust, will now become Panther Rooters for life. We must, in all honesty, warn them that there are bound to be many unhappy & frustrated times ahead, but at the same time, assure them that such discouragements tend to make the times of victory more gratifying.

It seems funny that it is Fall and, as we sit here pecking away at this machine (we feel ourself accomplished as we use four fingers) that we can't hear the old familiar sound of booted toe against inflated leather and the cries of the foot-

ball players as they warm up. While we recognize the need of the change we'll certainly miss the games and the spirit. In a nostalgic mood we may say that two events stand out in our memory (which is now getting pretty long) (1) in old S.D.U. days (Fr.) John Cash's last-play-of-the-game dash from behind his own goal across the Mount A. line for a touch-down and one-point victory, and the magnificent play of Ed. Hilton's GOOD team as they beat heavily favoured Acadia in rain and wind a few years ago and thus earned national ranking. However, let us look ahead, not back. Soccer we are told is the most popular game in the world, next to the boy/girl matchups, but it has never attained the status it deserves at UPEI. However, with the void left by the departure of the football interests, we hope it will catch on. Back from last year are Tommy Hogan, Larry McAdam, Kevin Burdett, Richard Lloyd, Alan Caneron,

Gordie White, Hugh Johnstone and Ron Taylor. While Andy Cameron, who is trying out for the National Team and Dave Ewart, who graduated, will be missed, the veterans should make a good UPEI team. With the addition of such players as P. MacDonald, Alan Stewart, John MacRae, Gordie White and Chris Quinn, Coach Mulligan has high hopes of a successful season. With the calibre of play vastly improved with the high school and junior programs throughout the Maritimes we are assured of a most entertaining season. There'll be two games here this weekend: S. on Saturday and Acadia on Sunday ...both games at noon. Field Hockey: Last year's team took a great deal of good natured ribbing as they went not only winless, but also scoreless. In their defence we might point out that the girls must have had a very high morale as the same 17 members who started out the season ended it! Not a dropout! Already this year they have played three games, after only two practises and, while they lost all three 3-1 to the N.B. Senior Team, to Mt. A. 1-0 and to the U. de Moncton 3-1. In an endurance contest all three were played on the same day! For the record, the girl who broke the long lasting goose egg was Kim Dawson, a Freshman from Bloomfield High. This weekend will see the team playing host(ess) to Mount A. and Saint Mary's. Looking ahead to Basketball (Men's) we learn that about 20 candidates are on hand to try out for the squad and Coach Nutbrown will have a hard job making cuts. Only two players are back from last year's entertaining team.. Bruce Campbell and Billy Redmond. This is the first year in several when the Basketball coach was on campus much ahead of the players and we know that Dave Nutbrown has been busy trying to round out a strong quintet. A visit to the gym to watch a practise will confirm the rumours that we'll have a GOOD team. Hopefully some exhibition games will be scheduled here early in the season to give the boys a chance to get accustomed to competition. They travel to Trois Rivieres on 31 Oct. for three games and then go to Acadia for the usual

Tip-Off Tournament on 7 Nov. First game here will be with Acadia on 19 Nov. Won't our sardine-can gym be crammed for that one?

We were able to make brief contact with Jack Hynes (we caught him in the pay-off line at a triacta window) and, as usual, his comments were guarded, but optimistic as he looked ahead to the coming season. Goal position is quite unsettled as Dave Jennings, scheduled for this spot, was disqualified as he had played one game for Hershey last season. Neil MacKenzie, last year's back-up, is back and there are a couple of local possibilities on campus who are really good. On Defence we are really LOADED with Brian O'Stroski, Mike Ready and Terry McKenna back from last year. Terry Palmer who played excellent football in previous years will be there as will Sanders McIsaac and Wade Mahar who played well for local junior teams last year. Another good prospect is Duane Sprague a 6'4" former major league junior player from Ontario. We are also glad to hear that Gerry McCarron will be back after a couple of years out of school.. few forwards come over the blue line with their heads down a second time after Gerry makes a play on them! Forward returnees are Gary Trainor, Steve Drummond and Trevor Crawford. Norman Beck, who played in the Quebec Major Junior league last year is with us and Callie MacPhail, who we considered one of the cream of last year's junior crop, will also be in our uniform. There are several others who played for the strong P.E.I. Junior League last year who are still undecided about which uniform to don. It used to be that the honour of "Do or die for old Alma Mater" was a strong consideration, but we hear that times have changed. The league season opens at Dal on 9 Nov. and here with X on 15 Nov. Hopefully some local exhibition games are cooking. We hear that Ladies' Basketball hopes are high. We were visited by two beautiful and enthused damsels the other day who were brimming over with high hopes. They promised they'd be back this morning to tell us the whole story, with names. It is noon. It is an hour past the deadline and no sign of the girls. That is the story of our life.

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