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It is not often that we, at UPEI, have the opportunity to rejoice in our winning a national intercollegiate championship so we think we should start off on this most pleasant note. Of course, coming from "The Kentucky of Canada" it seems most fitting that our Kevin McCarville should win the Canadian Universities Harness Driving Championship which was held in Halifax on Saturday last. Kevin, a Senior Business student, led from wire to wire in the good time of 2.12-1. He represented this university by virtue of a photo-finish win over UPEI Freshman Bernadette Shea on the previous weekend. This is the second time in three years that this national championship has come here and we look forward to a continuation of our success in this sport.

In football, for the second year in a row our Panthers demolished Mount A. in our home game with them, this time by a 42-3 score...after they had opened with their only score in the early minutes of the first quarter. The Panther substitutions gave the new players lots of opportunity for play and experience for

Why Did the Dog Stop?

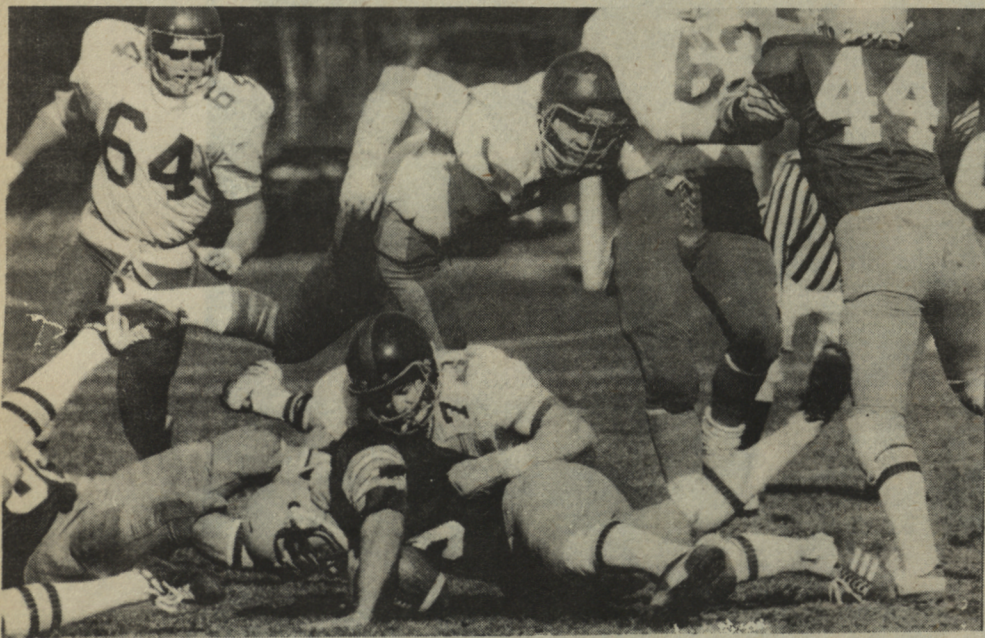
Passing with it must have been agony. Rick has been criticized by a local scribe in a recent column. We do not agree with the comment as we regard Rick as an underrated player with that indefinable something called "Class". UPEI single touchdown scorers were Jim McInnis, Bill Fisher, Socky MacDonald, while Jon Paul McIntyre chipped in with three. Ozzie D'Ippolito's toe accounted for the other six points. Frank Costa led the way on the ground, gaining 95 yards on 12 carries. For the second time in two weeks our Panthers held their opponents to a MINUS total in rushing. Against U.N.B. it was -100, against Mount A., -11. It seems that the football season is over before it really starts. This is being written on the 31st, so it is exactly two

months ago today that the first workout was held. There is an old saying (which we will not quote in full) "IF the dog had not stopped it would have caught the fox"....our season seems to be marked by "IF'S". The two big ones, however, are IF we had not suffered a let-down at the beginning of the SMU game to allow them to jump to an early 17-0 lead and IF we had not suffered a second half inertia that enabled St. F.X. to overcome our 17-0

Conference's nomination for the most outstanding defensive or defensive lineman. It is understood that "Tolkas", drafted by Ottawa last year, will again attend their training camp. Other Panther picks on the all-star team, chosen by the league's coaches, were Frank Costa, Dan DesJardins



and Socky MacDonald. Panther players completing their fourth year were Dave Connaughton, Jon Paul McIntyre, Mike Kennedy, Carl Adams, Frank Costa, Mati Kolga and Marcel Dupuis. Due to the new five year ruling, some may be back. To those who are departing we wish to thank you for years of entertainment and excitement...over the period of play we lost a bit more than we won but these players never stopped giving their best and we can't ask more than that.



next season. Q.B. Rick Kiraly saw but limited action as he played with an injured thumb that was swollen to a size that made it look like an elbow.

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lead, to win 18-17, we would be in the national rankings. These "IFS" kept us from enjoying home playing field advantage in the championship game this Saturday. Add 8 points to our total and take 4 off both X and SMU and we'd be the top team. St. F.X. enjoys a 6th place rating nationally and Acadia tenth. Point finish for the teams: St. F.X. 16; Acadia and S.M.U. 14; UPEI 8 with Mount A. and U.N.B. trailing with four each. Coach Hilton may be facing a big rebuilding job next season as, for at least one of the Panthers, Saturday's had to be the last game. Mike Lyriotokis has completed the five years of play now permitted. Mike, by the way, is the Atlantic

In retrospect - from our view (admittedly inexperienced and inexperienced) it seemed that, over the season, we were hurt most by penalties. Oftentimes it did not seem that they were as flagrant as the officials seemed to deem them. We do wonder, however, about penalties for "Unnecessary roughness".....and, in all innocence we ask, "Is unnecessary roughness necessary?" We have asked this of, what we deem to be, knowledgeable people and we have not received any reply....just a pitying stare and a turnaway. There MUST be an answer.

Also departing is unsung football hero Gerald McKenna who has been team manager for five difficult years...participating in 37 games and performing