

## Speaking on Sports

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### Does she or doesn't she — not too many do

I wonder if she does it?

I don't know, not too many do these days.

I wonder why, there are enough of them around with the proper equipment. There's another over there. I know she did in high school. In fact a lot of them did in high school, but for some unexplainable reason they don't when they hit university.

You know that's been a major trend for the last dozen years or more. Even if they're out working, a lot of them turn their backs on what they considered good, clean fun. It's slowly dying out in Edmonton.

Pity, isn't it. I wonder if it will ever come back. Maybe too much success spoiled it.

Nah, they just are not interested any more. After all, it can do things to one's image if the word gets around. At least that's what they think.

Well it might change some guy's thinking about them, those guys . . . they just don't really count anyhow. If a girl wants to, why not let her, it's her night life that's involved, not anyone else's.

But there is that hard core that just keeps on sticking to it, no matter what happens. And more often than not they are lacking in that one very essential quality, but they sure make up for it in aggressiveness and drive.

I guess you're right there. Just look at the girls on campus that do it and those that don't. Those that don't look as if they could do it without too much trouble. They might have to work at it a bit before becoming proficient, but then nothing comes easy these days.

### It takes a lot of time but it has its rewards

It didn't come easy for those in Edmonton and on campus that are doing it. You've just got to give up a lot of your spare evenings and some weekends too. But it does have its rewards.

Sure, you get to travel a bit and get some action in different Canadian centres. But the competition is fierce, despite the lack in numbers.

Come to think of it, it's been slowly dying all across Canada, although there are a few hot spots in the nation. Could be that they just don't get the necessary encouragement.

That's been the major problem that has faced Canadian girls for the last thirty years. Other countries seem to give them some sort of recognition in international competitions. Our girls just have to do the trick on their own.

It could make some sort of a come back on its own merits though. It's only half-heartedly alive and kicking in Edmonton today. If the girls knew they would be getting some sort of recognition, it would help.

Yea, but you still have to overcome . . . (sigh) Oh, jez wasn't that beautiful. Christ, she could really do it if she only wanted to . . . pity. Oh yea, I was saying that you still have to overcome that mental block that most girls have.

It's a bit ridiculous isn't it? You can still hope though.

I'd rather dream about it than hope. Or better still I'd like to see them do it. But what can I do?

### Why isn't it as popular as it used to be?

Let's face it. Women's basketball is just not the most attractive sport to women on campus or working girls. Just think of all those beautiful, tall, lithe creatures you know who played basketball in high school and then have dropped it. Why? Maybe you can come up with a few good reasons.

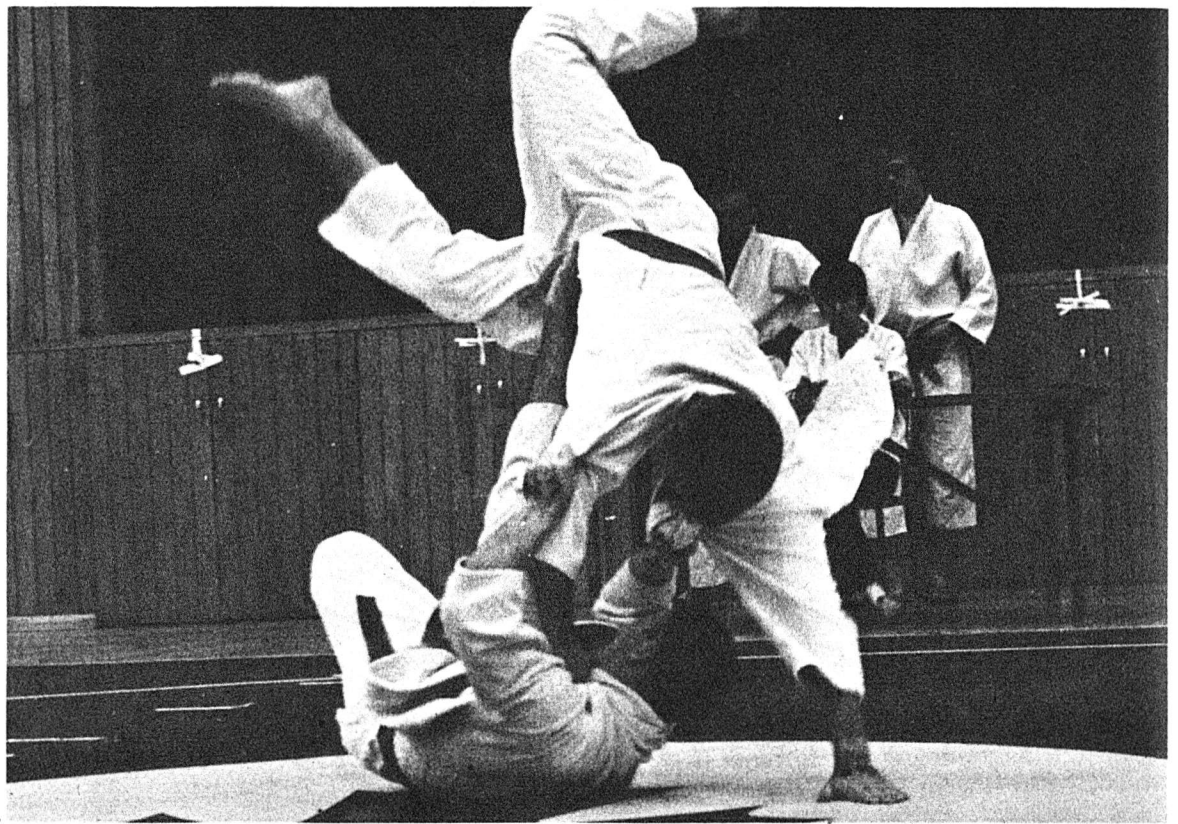
You can test any theories about the value that fan support will give a women's basketball team by dropping over to the main gym this weekend. The Pandas tangle with the U of C squad (Dinosauettes???) in the WCIAA league opener. The league consist of five teams; the U of S, U of M and UBC join the Pandas and the Calgary girls to form the loop.

Each team plays eight games on a doubleheader weekend basis. On Feb. 9 and 10 the Pandas tangle with the U of M girls and then they hit the road for two weekends playing the Huskiettes and the Thunderettes.

Coach Jean Harvie has managed to scrape together enough girls to form two five-women varsity squads and a junior team. Normally the girls compete in a city league with two other teams.

Women's basketball seems to be dying a slow death in Edmonton. This year the well-known Jasperettes folded and the city scene has been dominated by the Pandas and the junior Cubs.

Gene are the days of the world famous Edmonton Grads and their coach Percy Page. I wonder if they will ever return?



—Glen Cheriton photo

**ALLEY OOP**—The judo season finally got underway last weekend for WCIAA universities. Coach Ray Kelly took nine "green" boys to Winnipeg to get some competition experience. He wasn't disappointed as his boys took two division titles out of four they entered. The honors for the meet were evenly split between the U of A, U of M and the U of W.

## Basketball Bears in Alberta Senior League doubleheader this weekend

This weekend, the Golden Bears basketball team returns to the Alberta Senior League wars.

Tonight, they meet the PWA Chieftains and tomorrow play host to Mount Royal College of Calgary.

Last weekend, while twice defeating the U of C Dinosaurs, the Bears began to show their potential. They expect to win both games.

The Chieftains are a talented crew but have an unimpressive record. Last time the teams met, the Bears won a narrow 68-64 decision. Two ex-Bears, Maury Van Vliet and John Hennessy, are the Chieftains' offensive leaders.

The Mount Royal Cougars have yet to win an Alberta Senior League game. They are led by Bill

Magaroski, Tony Sutcliffe and Dennis Simpson.

Next WCIAA action for the Golden Bears is Feb. 9 and 10 of Saskatchewan Huskies for a when they visit the University of Saskatchewan Huskies for a pair of games.

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Last weekend, the UBC Thunderbirds defeated the University of Saskatchewan Huskies twice, 84-40 and 74-59, and moved into a first-place tie with the idle Manitoba Bisons. The Golden Bears jumped over the Calgary Dinosaurs into third place. The Huskies remain in the cellar.

#### WCIAA STATISTICS

Team	GP	W	L	Pts.
Manitoba	10	9	1	18
UBC	8	7	1	18*
Alberta	8	3	5	6
Calgary	8	2	6	4
Saskatchewan	8	1	7	2

\*2 UBC wins over Calgary were 4 point games.

## Nuggets shut out Bears 4-0 in city championship game

Experience, or the lack of it, was the major factor in deciding Tuesday's hockey contest between the Golden Bears and Nuggets.

Nugget forwards showed their moxie as they capitalized on what few scoring chances they had to defeat Clare Drake's Bears 4-0. The U of A crew outshot the Nuggets 25-19 but simply lacked the finishing power around the net.

Brian Bennett, Billy Winter, Bill Martin and Jack Braun scored for the winners who led by period scores of 1-0 and 3-0.

It was a hard hitting affair witnessed by a good weekday crowd of some 1,500 partisan Bear supporters.

Bear defenceman Jim Seutter played an outstanding game as he

repeatedly rocked the Nugget forwards with solid checks.

Short-handed through injuries, Drake brought up Junior Bearcats Jim Wilson, Bill Suter, Barry Robinson and Don Falkenburg for the contest.

### Pandas open WCIAA basketball season

The women's intervarsity basketball season gets under way this weekend with the U of C team visiting the U of A Pandas.

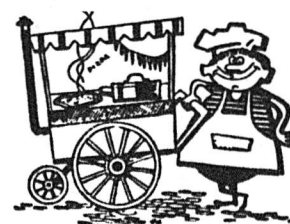
Games will be played Friday and Saturday in the main gym at 6 p.m.

Next weekend the U of M girls visit the Pandas, with games at 8 p.m. Friday and 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

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