

## Canada West hockey

# Bears take two from UBC Thunderbirds

by Shaune Impey

The Golden Bears continued to dominate the Canada West hockey scene as they swept a pair of games from the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds in weekend action.

Friday night the Bears squeaked out a 2-0 victory in overtime while Saturday evening they rolled over the T'birds by a 9-3 margin.

With the two wins, the Bears have a solid grip on first place with 22 points after twelve league games. Second place belongs to the Calgary Dinosaurs with 18 points while UBC and the Saskatchewan Huskies are deadlocked in third place at six points. Calgary, who defeated

Saskatchewan twice on the weekend, and the Huskies have played fourteen times while UBC has hit the ice twelve times.

Friday's game was a hummer for the first fifty-five minutes as both teams checked closely and kept each other off the scoreboard. The final five minutes of regulation time created some excitement as the Bears swarmed over the T'birds in their efforts to notch the winning goal. Stellar netminding by UBC goalie Ron Paterson thwarted the Bears and after sixty minutes the game remained scoreless.

The T'birds finally succumbed to the pressure in the first overtime period as John Devaney netted the winner at the

8:24 mark. Devaney took a lead pass from Larry Riggan at the UBC blueline and slipped around the defence before beating Paterson with a low fifteen footer from the right side. Stan Swales potted an empty net marker with just fifteen seconds remaining in the ten minute overtime to clinch the victory for the Bears.

Ron Paterson was selected as first star for his efforts in the UBC net. Bears' goalie Ted Poplawski played a strong game also and was the second star. He faced 25 shots while the Bears directed 48 drives at Paterson.

The Bears took four of the seven minor penalties called in the game.

Along with the steady play

of both netminders the teams also got some help from the goalposts and crossbars as those shots which eluded the goalies didn't seem to want to enter the net. Both clubs were also guilty of poor shooting as many good opportunities were missed by both teams.

Saturday the Bears were more opportunistic as they took 4-2 and 8-3 period leads enroute to a 9-3 trouncing of UBC.

The Hindmarch-Helland-Causgrove line did most of the damage as they clicked for thirteen points. Hindmarch and Causgrove each had two goals and three assists while Helland picked up three helpers.

The Bears also got single goals from Ted Olson, Mike Broadfoot, Larry Riggan, Dale Ross, and Jim Lomas.

The T'birds strong checking of the previous game was virtually nonexistent and, combined with so-so goaltending by Paterson, the UBC squad was never really in the game.

Alberta outshot the T'birds 45-21 and took seven of thirteen minor penalties. Each team had

one major with UBC captain Derek Williams taking the misconduct.

Hindmarch, Causgrove and Darrell Zaparniuk were three stars of the game. Zaparniuk, who admits to not being the strongest skater on the team, makes up for his lack of speed with hard work and determination. "Zap" was also involved in the only fight of the game.

Next action for the Bears is this coming weekend when they travel to Calgary for a rematch with the Dinosaurs. Calgary should be up for the game as they lost two close ones to the Bears in their last encounter.

Recently released statistics have Dinosaur captain Robin Laycock tied for the lead with the Bears' Chris Helland. Laycock has a league leading 24 goals and 24 points. Helland, along with Willie Desjardins and Greg Wiebe of Saskatchewan, are the top playmakers with 11 assists each. Other Bears in the top ten are Hindmarch with 10 points and third with 23 points and Larry Riggan who is in ninth spot with 15 points.

## Panda gymnasts impress on coast

The six member Panda gymnastics team soundly defeated the UBC Thunderettes by 18 points in Saturday's invitational competition held in Vancouver.

However, the University of Washington edged U of A in team totals by one tenth of a point. The discrepancy in the totals (128.34 to 128.24) was so minor the result could be labeled a draw.

The Pandas were 3.0 points behind after the vaulting and beam events but managed to catch Washington with excellent floor exercise routines.

Top Panda was second year competitor Sandra Farley who was second all around (all four events totalled) with a score of 32.83. Liz Kite of U of W took first place all around while Ket Wickward, also from Washington, claimed third.

Pandas Peggy Bureau, Trish McMillan and Carol Brinkhurst came fourth, fifth, and sixth all around respectively. As well, Janice Dever's consistent scoring on all events contributed to the high team score,

and gave the Pandas the depth they needed. Each of these Pandas met the 28.00 point qualifying score needed for selection to the national inter-university championships.

In the individual events, Sandra Farley was third place on the bars and beam, then finished sixth in the vault. All of Farley's scores were over 8.0.

Bureau's 8.90 on the floor exercise earned her third position in the event, as well, her 8.4 on the uneven bars was good for second place.

Trish McMillan was second on vault, fifth on bars and fourth in the floor exercise.

Patricia Schoenmann, the sixth member of the U of A team, competed all round for the first time and her performance was very encouraging. Schoenmann's composure and confidence was a helpful contribution to the overall team spirit. Her future in collegiate competition is bright.

The Pandas' next scheduled competition is in Calgary on January 27, beginning at 11:30 am. The Pandas expect to

dominate all the western Canadian teams at that meet.

The Pandas next big challenge comes when they travel to Winnipeg to meet the University of Manitoba squad February 10.

## Mysterious basketball

# Pandas drop a pair to Calgary

by John Younie

"... It is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma..." Winston Churchill, 1939.

The quote is a bit dated, but its contemporary translation more than adequately describes the play of the basketball Pandas. Debbie Shogan's squad continued their disappointing play this weekend, losing a doubleheader matchup to first-place Calgary Dinnies in Calgary, 62-48 on Friday, and 69-53 on Saturday.

Coach Shogan, who was doing a slow burn on the bench watching her charges give both

games away, was completely at a loss for reasons to explain her team's poor play.

"I'm just baffled," she lamented after Friday's game. "We're playing so tentatively. We lack pizzazz or something. I don't know what it is though."

In Friday's match, Dinnies built up a ten-point lead at one point in the first half, only to see Pandas close the margin to 25-21 at the intermission. Early in the second-half, Pandas were down 39-30, but twelve unanswered points gave them their only lead of the game, 42-39. During that spurt, Pandas looked like world-beaters. The bottom fell out though, when Calgary coach Marilyn McNeil inserted guard Darla Wilson to steady the Dinnies. Under Wilson's guidance, the cowtown squad ran off nine straight points and coasted to the victory.

Shogan was worried about Dinnie backcourt star Laura Beuhning who had been averaging 16 points per game. Faith Rostad did a good job on the Calgary guard, holding her to eight points. Unfortunately, the other Dinnie guard (Colleen Finney) had one of her best games of the season, scoring 20 points. The Dinnies shot a low 37% from the field. The only reason they won was because Pandas percentage was even

lower, 33%.

Shogan's starting line-up received little support from the bench; only Panda starter Trix Kannek was top point-getter with Sherry Stevenson and J. Bosscha scored 11 each.

The Dinnies began Saturday's game with a bang, opening up a 16-4 lead before the game was five minutes old. The score at the half was 40-20 for Dinnies.

At times Dinnies made it look easy, bringing the ball into the court, getting it inside, and scoring easily. Holly Pedersen and Laura Beuhning led Calgary with 17 points each. J. Paskevich netted 11. The Pandas had another poor shooting game, reaching only 32% from the field. Kannekans was an offensive standout with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Faith Rostad finished with 13 points.

## PANDA PATTERN

Karen Johnson (foot) and Ann Faulk (hamstring) are out for an undetermined length of time. Both are missed.

The collapse of the Pandas is a real mystery. The reason for their last four losses is hovering around the mark. The shots are there, the team just isn't making them.

## U of A skier victorious

A member of the University of Alberta Ski Team, a squad presently regrouping after the loss of intercollegiate status, has registered his first victory of the season.

Mark Stein of the U of A club, competing in a two day 'B' slalom event at Mount Norquay, last weekend, finished first in Saturday's skiing. Stein's combined two run total Saturday of approximately 85 seconds gave him a one second advantage over his nearest competitor.

Stein just missed the combined two-day trophy, finishing sixth Sunday.

The U of A contingent, composed of 15 skiers, is scheduled to compete again this weekend in Red Deer, where a Pontiac race is scheduled.

The squad presently has only two female racers and is anxious to add women to the group. Anyone interested in being asked to contact Karl Wilber at 469-7643.

## Basketball Bears sweep

# Rooney shows the nation how

by John Younie

Keyed by a superior 27 point - 15 rebound effort from forward Pat Rooney, Alberta Golden Bears basketball team completed a rare doubleheader sweep of the homestanding U of C Dinosaurs, winning 77-62 Saturday afternoon.

The previous night's action saw Bears dump the listless Dinosaurs 84-62.

In Friday's game, Rooney also led all scorers with 20 points, but the outstanding individual performance was put in by Grant Ashlee. The B.C. native finished with 19 points and a dozen rebounds.

Coach Garry Smith was pleased with the effort of the entire team. "I was concerned with our defence," he said later, "because our offence has a way of taking care of itself."

Smith's worries were unfounded as Bears' zone defence continually forced Calgary to shoot from well outside.

The first half was played close to the vest, with neither team able to break the game open. The initial twenty minutes ended with Calgary ahead 32-31.

Bears came out of the dressing room in the second half with fire in their eyes as they built up a seventeen point lead by the eight minute mark. Jim Bonin led the scoring surge with 10 points in that span.

Calgary coach Garry Howard felt his team played right into Alberta's hands. "We did exactly what we couldn't afford to do," he said, "we had enough scoring opportunities in the first-half to build a big lead, but couldn't put a pea in the ocean. Then we let them get the jump on us in the second-half."

The play of Ashlee had the whole coaching staff smiling. "He was aggressive on offence and defence," beamed assistant coach Don Horwood, "and he's a good all-around athlete. There's no reason why he can't do that more often."

The Bears finished with a respectable 49% floor shooting average. Jim Bonin had a good game for Alberta, scoring 18 points, several coming off Ashlee assists.

Paul Babcock came off the bench to score 16 points for Calgary, many from long range.

Ex-Bear Mark Jorgenson netted 12 points.

Saturday's game was a matinee affair, to accommodate the CBC, which was televising the game nationally. Both teams started out with the "oh boy mom's watching back home so I better not make any mistakes" jitters, and it was reflected in the score, which was only 4-0 in favor of Calgary after four minutes. The Bears came out of the trance first and started popping on offence, pulling ahead 34-28 at the half.

Calgary received 14 points from guard Scott Stevenson and 10 from Paul Babcock. Bears shot a torrid 61% in the second-half, but the only Bear other than Rooney in double figures was Jamie Thomas, with 12 points.

**BEAR ESSENTIALS**  
Larry Jacobs (flu) and Dave Reich (elbow) are still out with injuries, but might dress this weekend against Lethbridge.

The Bears (7 wins - 3 losses) are ready to make a run at the first-place Victoria Vikings (9 wins - 1 loss). Their schedule has them at home for eight of their next ten contests.