

# WUAA basketball Bears cling to second

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Saturday night's Canada West University Athletic Association (CWUAA) men's basketball game between the University of Victoria Golden Bears and the University of Alberta Golden Bears was billed as a Robbie Parris night, in honor of the diminutive Viking guard. It was, however, someone forgot to mention Robbie or the Golden Bears. Parris had one of his better games of the season on Friday night, scoring 31 points in leading his teammates to a 108-82 victory, but the Bears conceded the 5'8" Parris the next night, letting him have only 17 points. However, Alberta won that game as well, an 89-82 overtime thriller. The Bears had finished regulation at 79. Bear coach Garry Smith was livid after Friday's game. "The refereeing was a joke," Smith later said. "There has to be something wrong when we have fouls after four minutes and only have two ... and we're in a zone, for pete's sake,

which is supposed to cut down on fouls!"

The Vikings played well enough to win without the officials helping them. As a team they shot 51% from the floor (an incredible 66% in the first half), and completed over 75% of their foul shots.

The Bears did shoot a respectable 48% from the floor, but their downfall was the amount of shots they attempted, only 66. The loss tarnished a fine performance by Saskatoon transfer Tom Groat, who came off the bench to score twenty points, eighteen in the second half. Jim Bonin and Pat Rooney each scored sixteen.

Besides Parris' effort, the Vikings received 18 points from big Rene Dolcetti.

The Bears played another solid game the next night, but a win wasn't in the cards. The officiating wasn't a factor, but Alberta's foul shooting was. In the last five minutes of regulation time and during the overtime, they missed several one-and-one opportunities.

The game was close from the outset, with Alberta ahead 47-42 at the half. The final twenty minutes of the game had the 2000 fans on the edge of their seats as they saw the Vikings blow a seven point lead with four minutes left. The teams entered the final minute tied at 77. Jim Bonin completed a foul shot and a bonus with 44 seconds left, only to see Dolcetti know the score with 26 seconds left.

The final five seconds of regular time was a flurry of action. Alberta had the ball, but the play coach Smith diagrammed for his team malfunctioned, and they turned the ball over to the Vikings. Victoria threw the ball away on the inbounds play, and Brent Patterson's ninety foot desperation shot fell short at the buzzer.

Alberta ran out of luck in the extra session. Consecutive baskets by Dolcetti and Gerald Kazanowski put the Vikings ahead for good. The Bears' failure to convert five bonus situations in overtime was their undoing.

It was fitting that the winning points came from Robbie Parris, who had his number retired at halftime.

Jim Bonin was top point man for Alberta with 24. Pat Rooney scored 22.

Rene Dolcetti finished the game with 32 points for Victoria.

Bear coach Smith was disappointed with the loss, but was philosophical in defeat.

"It would have been nice to win on their court to give them something to think about come playoff time. This kind of game will give us confidence when we come back here ... and we will be back."

## BEAR FACTS

Vikings double win gives them first-place for the second year in a row.

Saturday's game was the final home contest for Parris, who is in his final year of eligibility. Besides having his number retired, Parris received a number of gifts from local sponsors.

Many of the Bears were commenting on how nice it was to play in front of large, enthusiastic, noisy crowds; something that has not occurred at Varsity gym for a long time. Why don't all you apathetic fans out there come out and support the Bears, they play better in front of crowds. You have two chances left this season. This weekend Alberta hosts the Huskies from Saskatoon, and the following weekend they host the pennant-winning, third-ranked nationally Victoria Vikings.

## Orienteering on skis

An orienteering-on-skis event is being scheduled for Friday, February 17 at Terwilligar Park, beginning at 10 p.m. The meet will include a beginners' route and advanced orienteering-on-skis, and will be previewed by a clinic on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. in the Phys. Ed. Building, room W-139.

The Terwilligar Park meeting spot is at 45th Avenue and 156th Street, but if you are unsure of its location, there will be a rendezvous at Southgate Shopping Centre, south west corner, at 12:30 p.m.

Compasses and maps are supplied by you need to bring your own skis.

There is a one dollar fee.

## Panda hockey team

The Panda Hockey team finished their regular season with a 2-2 win over Namao. Again following tradition, the Pandas did not finish in top spot as many predicted. However, according to some observers, this may be an encouraging sign. In the last three years the team has not finished number one in

the league but has championed in the playoffs each year.

The Pandas' win Saturday was a reasonably easy one. The club was up 3-0 at the end of the first and 5-0 by the end of the second. The first goal went in off Paula Ryerson on a slapshot from defenceman Gail Depauli. Depauli struck again minutes later on a breakaway. The third and fourth goals were Joanne Hutsel specials while Lois Walline completed the scoring on a near perfect deflection on a point shot from Holly Meyer.

The outcome of this year's playoffs will be decided within the next 10 days in an as-yet unscheduled double knockout play off. Winner of this playoff is entitled to represent Edmonton in a provincial tournament at Innisfail in March.

The Pandas' fate now rests

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## National basketball finals

The 1979 Canadian University Athletic Union basketball championships are coming west and preparations are being made. The site of the eight team tournament will be the Stampede arena in Calgary and the event will be hosted by the University of Calgary.

The tournament will begin Tuesday, March 9, and run through Saturday, March 10. Tickets are available at Calgary arenas and through the mail, via the University of Calgary athletic department.

"The finest basketball in Canada will be on display at the arena for these three days," says tournament director Dennis Katz. This is the first time since 1972 that the CIAU men's basketball has been held in Western Canada and the first time since they have been held in Calgary.

The eight teams competing for the national crown are the winners of the six regional conferences, the host team — the University of Calgary Dinosaurs — and a wild card team to be chosen by the CIAU prior to the tournament.



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