

Trix is hot in Saskatoon tourney

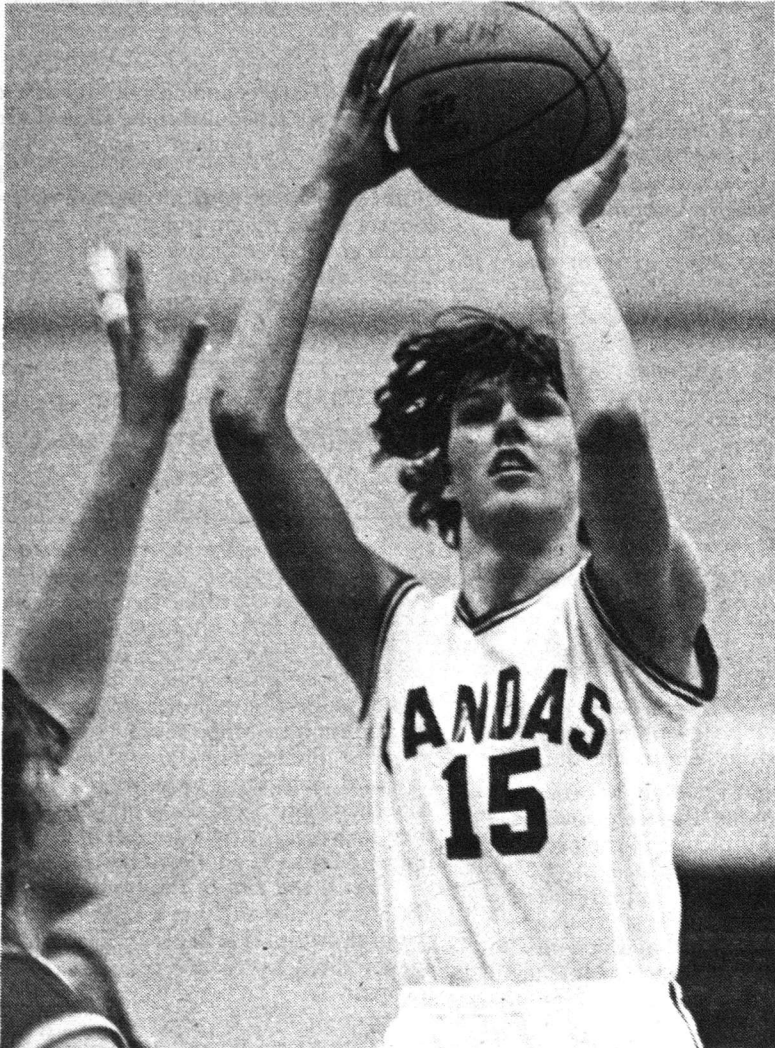


photo Tom Freeland

Trix Kanneken had all the shots and all the moves as the Pandas narrowly lost to Bishop University in a Saskatoon tourney last weekend.

Trix Kanneken and her Panda teammates played their best basketball of the year in Saskatoon this weekend.

Led by Kanneken's 101 points in three games, the Pandas won two of three games to take the bronze medals.

Their only loss was to the tournament champion Bishop's Gaiters. Bishop — ranked number one in Canadian women's university basketball — took a close 72-69 overtime decision despite 38 points from tournament MVP Kanneken. The Gaiters went on to demolish the host Saskatchewan Huskiettes 84-43 in the final. The Pandas defeated Western Ontario 74-60 for third spot. In their first game of the tourney, Alberta scored 64 second half points to swamp Regina 95-47.

Pandas' coach Debra Shogan said that "some good things are starting to happen with the team. Our defense kept us in against Bishop and we could have easily won." According to Shogan, Saskatchewan set up the tourney to almost guarantee themselves a spot in the final. "All the strong teams — Alberta, Bishop and Calgary — were on the same side of the draw. We knocked each other out while Saskatchewan had easier games to reach the final."

December 29 and 30 the Pandas took part in a four team tourney in Vancouver. They didn't have much luck dropping a pair of close games. Simon Fraser took

them by nine while a senior team from Seattle, Washington edged the Pandas 59-55.

This coming weekend the Pandas travel to Lethbridge for a pair of games against the Lady Pronghorns. Shogan says she doesn't think Lethbridge is as strong as the Pandas but they have an advantage playing at home. "They call their court the 'Pit' and referees seem to favor the home teams."

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Besides being named tourna-

ment MVP, Trix Kanneken also hauled down 44 rebounds and won a one-on-one contest played at halftime of each game.

The game against Bishop might open a few eyes across the country. While Bishop was ranked number one, the Pandas were not in the top ten in the first rankings released. Strange considering they had beaten Calgary (3rd) and Brandon (7th) in their only meetings so far this year with those teams.

Heaney's squad looking to future

"We have a problem only time can cure," says Bears' basketball coach Brian Heaney.

Heaney's problem is that his young team doesn't have the strength and size physically of a lot of their opponents. Consequently they are getting out-muscled in areas such as rebounding.

Heaney says this was evident in the Dino Classic held in Calgary last weekend where the Bears lost three straight games and finished last in the eight team tourney. "We lost out to physically better teams. We didn't play that badly but the size problem is something we're going to have to live with."

The Bears lost the first two games by 19 points. York Yeomen, tournament champions, beat Alberta 82-63 and Calgary handled them 84-65. They had a close final contest with Winnipeg before falling 84-81.

Rookies Greg Dell and Jim Pratt along with Ken Haak did most of the Bears' scoring. Dell had 12 points against York and Calgary and 13 against Winnipeg. Pratt hit for 15 in the York game and 12 against Winnipeg. Heaney says the team started to get their confidence back in the Winnipeg game. "It's going to be a long season. We just have to work hard on the fundamentals and defense and hope for the breaks," he says.

The Bears are in Lethbridge this weekend to take on the Pronghorns. Heaney says, "They're a mature team with lots of muscle. They have a new guy, Al Chapple, who is about seven feet tall and has kicked around a few places like Utah. They'll be tough to beat but we have a chance if we play tough."

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Hockey...in Spain?

Spain is famous for bullfights and revolutions. In less than two months the Golden Bears will find out whether they know anything about hockey.

The Bears hockey team will be part of the 1981 Winter Universiade held in late February in Jaca, Spain.

Like the Olympics, the Universiade (or Student Games) alternates winter and summer

events every two years. Since Edmonton is hosting the 1983 Summer Universiade, the Bears were chosen to represent Canada. They are also the reigning college hockey champions.

Former Olympic and present day Bears' coach Clare Drake will add a few players from other universities to strengthen the club. Possible additions from

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Bears close as Penn wins

The Golden Bear volleyball team ran into some stiff competition in York University's Excalibur Classic last weekend in Toronto.

The Bears won three of five matches to bring home the bronze medals in the eight team tournament.

In round robin play they won matches against Dalhousie and Waterloo, but were dropped two games to one by the host York Yeomen. Penn State Nittany Lions beat Alberta in a best of five semi-final match 3-1 and then went on to defeat York to repeat as tourney champions. The Bears edged Guelph, the other semi-final loser, three games to two for third spot.

Two Bears, Terry Danyluk and Laurence Sedore, were named to the all-star team. Danyluk set tournament records for 'digs' while Sedore set records for 'kills'.

In early December both the Bears and the Pandas were involved in their annual North-Am tournament with 46 teams participating. Both were ousted in the semi-finals after advancing to the playoff rounds. Bears lost to the Canadian National team who went to defeat the Calgary Volleyball Club for top spot. In women's action the Pandas were upset by Grant McEwan College who lost to Calgary in the finals.

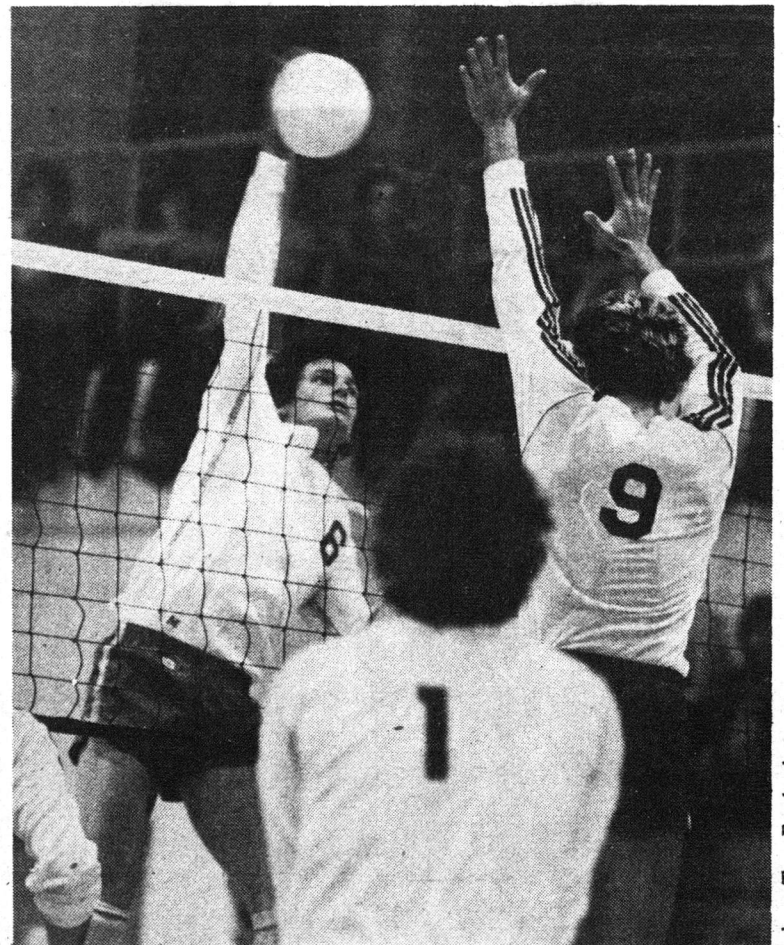


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Unfortunately the Bears couldn't make the finals in their annual North-Am tourney in December.

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