

# Pandas go for broke and big time

by Pam Spencer

The Panda hockey club donned their skates in Saskatoon March 1 and 2 at an extremely well organized 2nd Annual Labatt Cup University Women's hockey tournament. The Huskiettes hosted the Calgary Foothills force, the Saskatoon Allstars and a team from St. Andrews college, Saskatoon, as well as teams from most western universities.

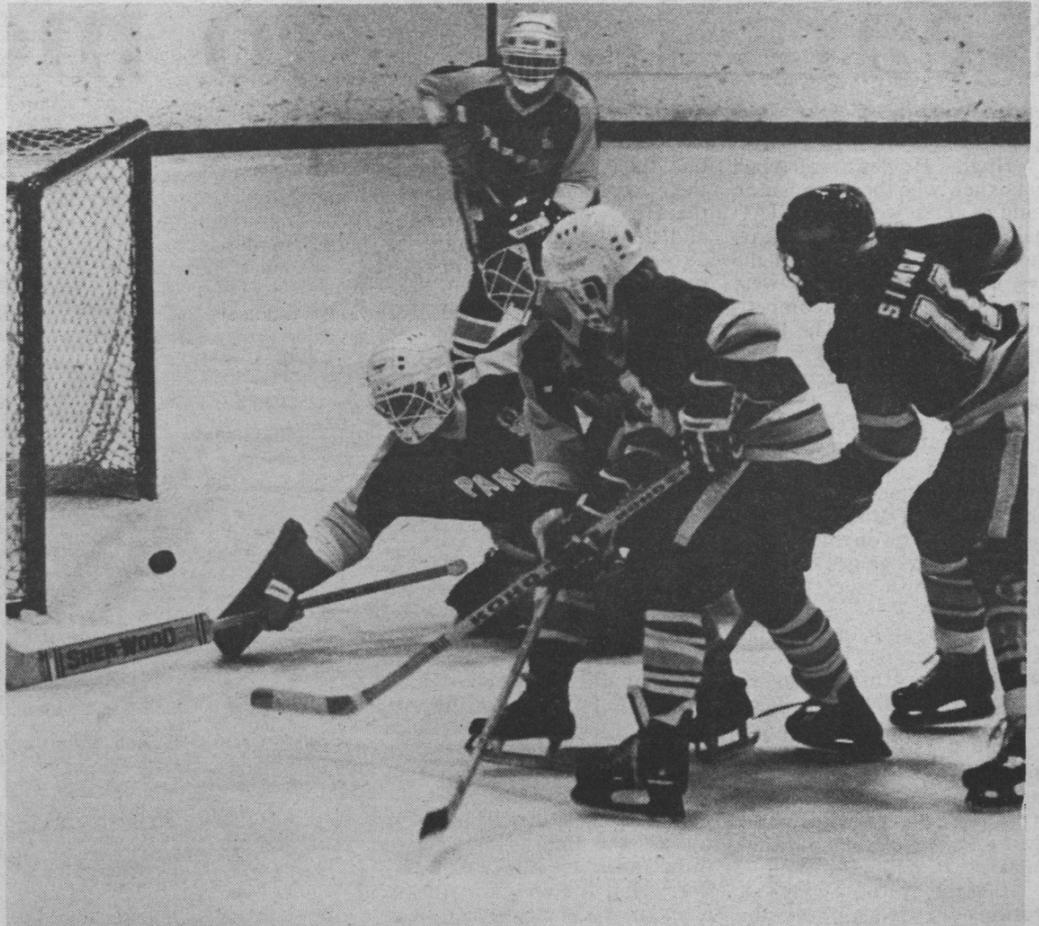
Representing the various universities were the Snohawks from U of C, the Pandas from U of A, the Thunderettes from UBC and the Bisonettes from the U of M. Each of the women's teams raised their own funds to attend the Labatt Cup. Interestingly, the Thunderettes sold 50 lb. bags of manure to Vancouver residents to help pay their way to Saskatoon as well as holding skate-a-thons and raffles.

In the preliminary round the Pandas were drawn to play against St. Andrews College. Panda goalie, Leanne Ekholm saw little action as the green and gold outskated their opponent.

The Pandas implemented their passing skills and used their positions to take a commanding 4-0 lead over the Angels in the first period. The lead continued throughout the game as the Pandas crushed their opponents 10-0. Panda scorers were Joanne Hutsul and Shelley Noton with two goals each. Holly Meyer, Joanne Ripley, Gail DePaoli, Emily Decorby, Norma Mack and Penny Nemeth also contributed to the final 10-0 score.

Immediately following this first game, the Pandas were on the ice facing UBC who had already defeated U of S. Centre, Joanne Ripley, opened up the scoring for the Pandas in the first period. The green and gold dug up their energy as the Thunderettes were an excellent match for the U of A. The Pandas surprised themselves with excellent positional, heads-up hockey coupled with fast accurate passing.

The team worked hard, back checking consistently, to gain control of the puck. Holly Meyer, at the point, picked up a back pass from Joanne Hutsul and fired a long, low shot into the



Panda goalie Ekholm keeps her glove in oven.

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UBC net. Leanne Ekholm made incredible glove saves for the Pandas. The Thunderettes scored in the 3rd period but the game ended with the Pandas in control with a 2-1 win.

On the second day of the tournament, the Pandas met the U of C's Snowhawks who were defeated by the Allstars in the second pool of the preliminary round. The Pandas with renewed confidence and strength defeated U of C 2-1. Joanne Hutsul and Emily Decorby were the Panda

scorers.

With this win the Pandas returned to the ice within an hour to tangle with the Saskatoon Allstars for the Labatt Cup. The Allstars, a more powerful team, took a 1-0 lead in the first period. In spite of the numerous Panda powerplays, the green and gold were unable to penetrate the Allstar defensive system.

Throughout the game the Pandas had to back check furiously but they did it well.

Leanne Ekholm put on

an outstanding goaltending display in spite of the pressure from the Allstars. The third period saw the Allstars score two more goals which allowed them to capture the Labatt Cup with a 3-0 win over the Pandas. The tournament has certainly returned the Pandas confidence and it will help them prepare for the Provincial playoffs later in March.

During the banquet and the awards presentation the guest speaker, Dave King, U of S Husky hockey coach stated that he was thoroughly impressed with the skills and the positional play the teams displayed as well as the goaltending from U of A and UBC.

Shooting, King felt, was an area that needed improvement. He was also surprised at the enthusiasm, seriousness and determination that sparked the atmosphere. He mentioned perhaps it was time that the university teams should strive to be sanctioned by their respective universities.

The coaches met and discussed the possibilities and goals of women's hockey at the university level. One of the main thrusts for each university team is to obtain recognition and to gain tournament status amongst the Western universities. Even though the Pandas lost the tournament they did manage to defeat every university team. With this in mind, it can be said that the Pandas are the top university women's hockey team in Western Canada.



## Answers from p. 17.

1. Dave Hindmarch, John Devaney, Don Spring, Randy Gregg and Kevin Primeau.
2. Sam LoPresti, Boston Bruins, 3 (Boston won 3-2).
3. Carl Brewer
4. Bill Goldsworthy and Danny Grant.
5. Roger Maris (61), Mickey Mantle (54), Bill Skowron (28), Yogi Berra (22), Elston Howard (21), Johnny Blanchard (21).