

Kannekens ignites sweep



Pandas will need some luck to make the playoffs.

A perfect record. The UBC Thunderettes - one of the few university women's basketball teams capable of having a hundred points scored against them - had their winless string stretched to 14 games this season as the Pandas rolled over them twice on the weekend. Trix Kannekens had her second 38 point game of the year to lead a 94-47 slaughter on Friday. The other was against Bishop's in an exhibition game at

Christmas time.

Kannekens, who is chasing Calgary's Janis Paskevich for the league scoring title, also topped the Panda scorers on Saturday with 19 points. Paskevich also had a big weekend in Calgary as the Dinnies split with the Victoria Vikettes. She scored 32 in a Friday win and 18 in a Saturday loss. She leads Kannekens by five points.

Victoria's loss on Friday was their first of the year and further reduces the Panda's chances of

qualifying for post season play. Alberta has to hope for an upset loss by Calgary as well as two victories for themselves when they travel to Cowtown at the end of February.

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Rookie Susan Tokariuk was the best of the supporting cast on Friday with 12 points. In Saturday's 66-48 win Sarah Van Tighem had 13.

Bears hit win column

Finally the Bears' basketball team put as many shots through the hoop as off the hoop.

And it paid off Saturday night as the Bears collected their second Canada West win of the season in a game with the UBC Thunderbirds. Brian Heaney's squad shot 49 percent from the floor and put up a strong second half defense to nip the T'birds 65-64.

On Friday poot shooting (37 percent) and some costly turnovers cost the Bears in a 66-60 loss to the same UBC team.

Bears, who trailed 40-35 at the half on Saturday, held UBC to just seven points in the opening ten minutes of the second half and threw in 12 themselves to tie the game at 47-47. They then built up a six point lead with three minutes to go and hung on for their first victory since November 28.

Heaney said, "They're a very patient team but we didn't let that bother us. We waited them out and let them make the mistakes."

Sophomore Jeff Gourley was Alberta's top point man with 18. Ken Haak chipped in 13 and Tom Groat had 12. On Friday Groat was tops with 17 points.

Though well out of the playoff picture, the Bears can act as spoilers when they travel to Saskatoon this weekend. The Huskies are in a dogfight with Victoria and Calgary for the two playoff berths. Saskatchewan was the Bears' victim last November in their only other win.

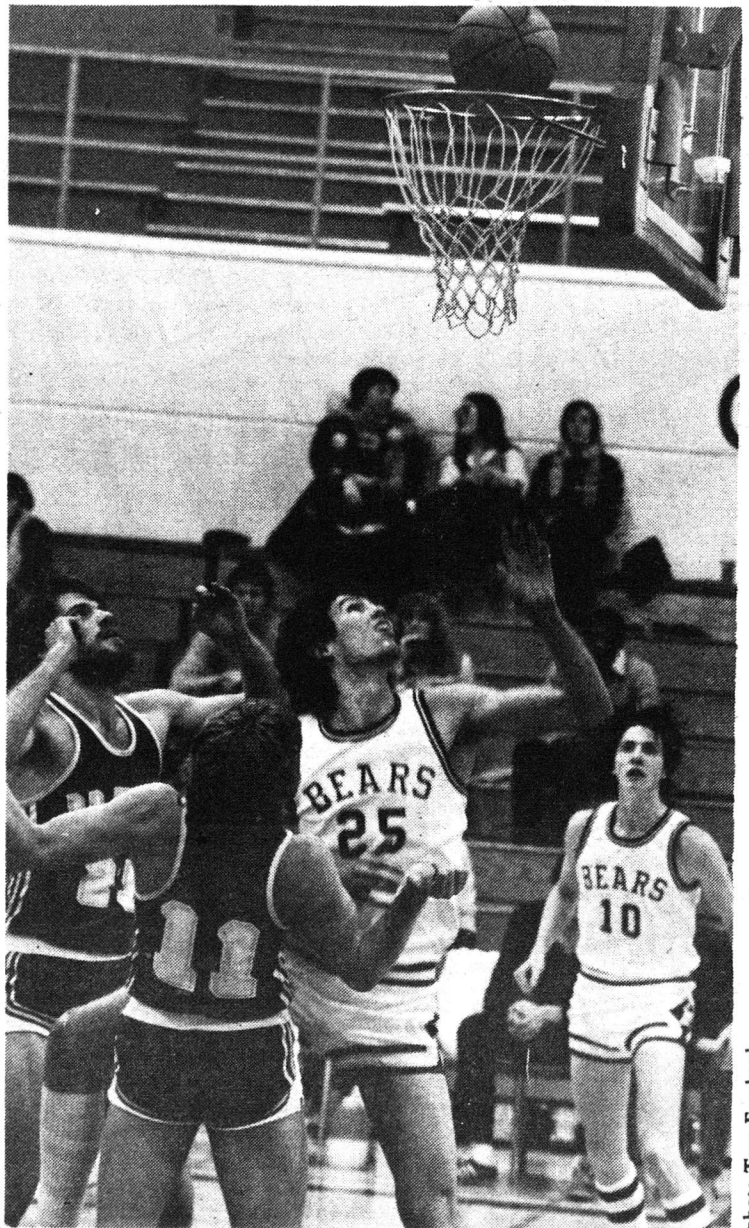


photo Tom Freeland

All eyes were on the ball when the Bears and Thunderbirds met last weekend. Alberta picked up their second win of the season on Saturday.

First win for swimming women

The Pandas pulled off seven wins in 13 events to edge the University of Manitoba in a dual swim meet between the two squads on Saturday in the West Pool.

It was the first time in six meets this season the Pandas have come out on top. They had a 67-46 advantage in points.

Cindy Swartzack and Allison Godfrey were once again first and second in the one and three meter

diving competitions. Last weekend they were also one-two in a meet in Calgary.

Other firsts came from Colla MacDonald in the 50 meter and 100 meter freestyle, Randi Stangroom in the 200 meter freestyle, Isabelle Langlois in the 100 meter backstroke and the 4x100 meter medley relay team.

Alberta will be this year's host of the Canada West championships on February 19-21.

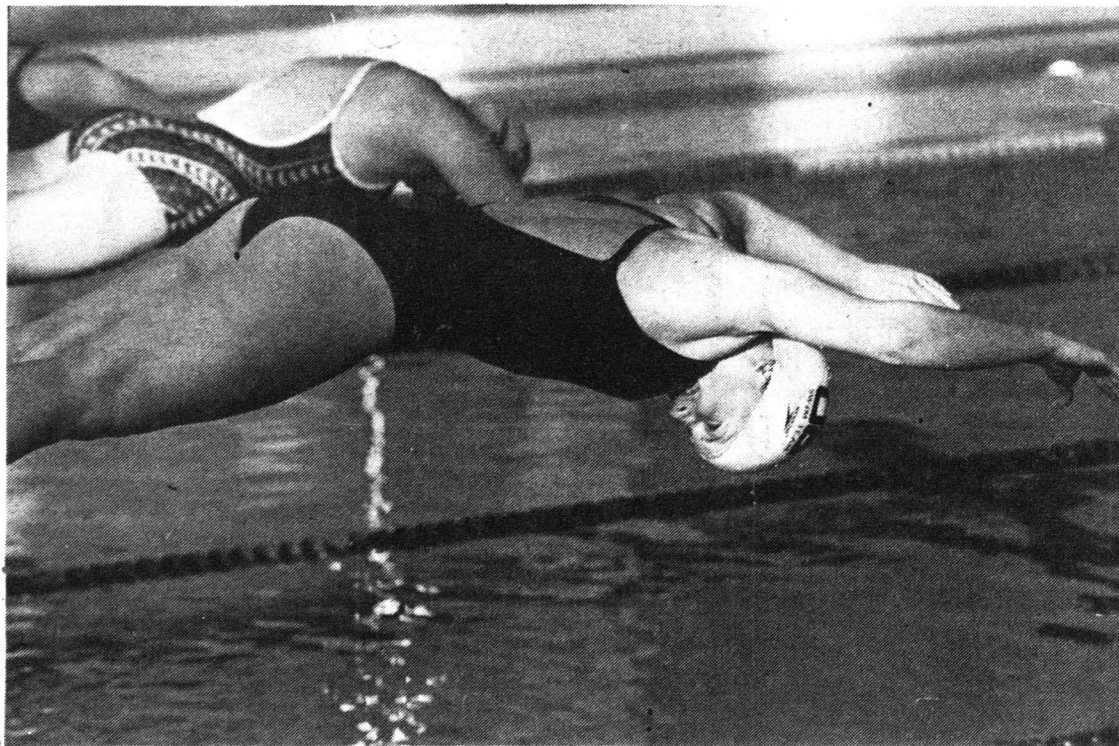


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A Panda swimmer leaves the blocks in a Saturday afternoon meet with the University of Manitoba.

Bears warming up

This past weekend the Golden Bear wrestling team carried out some final research in order to prepare themselves for the upcoming Canada West championships. The wrestlers, competing in Saskatoon, experimented by wrestling in heavier weight classes in order to compete against different opponents.

Scott Tate (134 lb) (and Mark Yurick (167 lb) both wrestled flawlessly to win their respective weight classes. Tom Mckee had an excellent weekend, losing only to last year's CIAU silver medallist. Sean Holmstrom also fought an excellent tournament placing second behind Saskatchewan's provincial coach, Rob Moore.

Unfortunately, the wrestling team is currently plagued with injuries to varsity members David Bush, Earl Binder, Darrell Mykitiuk, Kelly Rich and Mark Grotski. If the majority of these

wrestlers are unable to compete in two weeks time the Bears stand little chance of defending their CWUAA title.

Sorry Steve

A technical error resulted in an incorrect photo appearing in last Thursday's Athlete of the Week ad. Wrestler Steve Hibbard actually looks like this:

