

Canada West hockey

Bears host UBC

A recent press release from the department claims that the hockey Thunderbirds to Edmonton, they know will be tackling the number ranked college team in and that they will have exceptionally well to the mighty Golden

Although the release fails to mention it, the Bears are league champions at least in part because they possess a number of individual standouts. Canada West hockey statistics released last week show that five

members of the 1978 national champion Golden Bears occupy spots in the top ten conference scorers.

U of A's Chris Helland is in third place in league scoring, with 10 goals and 17 assists after 16 games. John Devaney, whose recent shoulder injury has been diagnosed as a bad bruise, is fifth with 25 points (eight goals, 17 assists), while Dave Hindmarch sits in seventh spot with 23 points (11 goals, 12 assists). Bears' Mike Broadfoot, (with 21 points) is in ninth place in scoring, followed by Jim Causgrove (20 points).

Games this weekend are Friday and Saturday at 8 pm.



Pandas' Karen Johnson is as happy as a foot in tape to be back with the team. Photo by Jim Connell.

Karen Johnson

Relieved to be back with Pandas

by John Younie

The word relief is usually spelt r-e-l-i-e-f, but in the view of Panda basketball coach Debbie Shogan, relief is spelt J-O-H-N-S-O-N.

Karen Johnson, a four year starter and one of the Panda's floor leaders began practice for the first time this week since breaking her right foot two months ago, and Shogan is relieved.

"I'm happy she's back," Shogan said before Monday's practice. "Karen allows us to do some things with our offence that we can't do without her. I'm not trying to downgrade Glynnis (Griffiths) or Noreen (Mitchell); they've both done well. But Karen seems to lift us somehow."

Karen, who broke her foot in the first game of the season is happy she's able to practice this soon. "Early last week I thought for sure I wouldn't play any more this year, but it seemed to get better in a hurry. I went on it for the first time yesterday (Monday). It still hurts a bit, but I was surprised it felt so good."

"I've been doing weights, swimming and riding the bicycle to keep in condition, but I'm not worried about getting a lot of playing time right away. I just want to get off the bench, cause I can't stand sitting."

Karen's return is one of several good breaks the Pandas have received over the last week. Ann Faulk is practicing as well and will travel with the team to

Victoria this weekend, making it the first weekend since the start of the season that the Pandas have dressed a full complement of players.

Another piece of good luck was the unexpected loss the second place Victoria Vikettes suffered at the hands of Lethbridge this past Friday. Pandas are now in a position to determine their own destiny. A double win this weekend and the Pandas would almost certainly be in the P-L-A-Y-O-F-F-S.

Garry Smith's Golden Bears basketball team also travels to Victoria this weekend to meet the first place Vikings. The Bears must sweep the coast club if they hope to finish on top in Canada West play.

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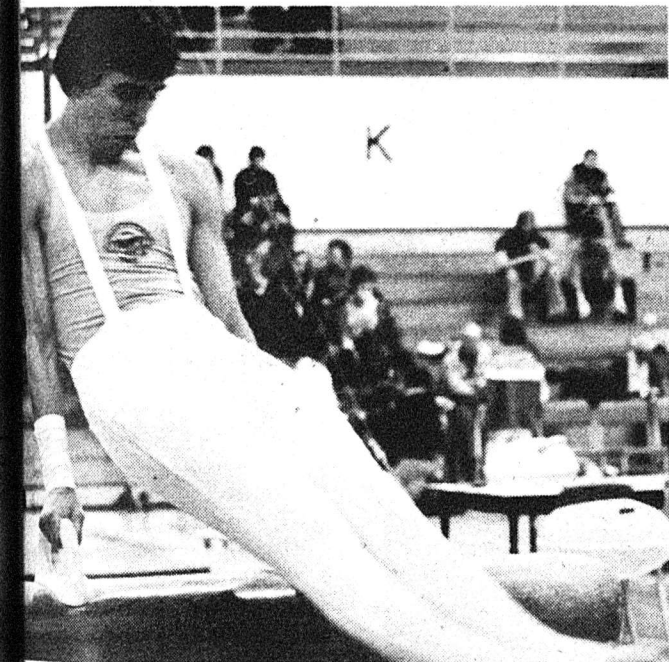
Two events will commence in the men's 1M program. Hockey runs Saturday, February 10, in the Field House. There are 12 teams entered, and the tournament, including consolation round, will be completed on that day. The slalom ski meet, always a great fun at Rabbit Hill, will take place the following day. Entries close this week, the event having been postponed by one week. Bad weather will finish tonight and I'll be back with the results for you next week.

Ice enthusiasts should be at the curling bonspiel

takes place February 17, from 9-6 pm. All skill levels are welcome, and the entry deadline is Feb. 14. We'd like two men and two ladies per team. Brooms can be rented at the rink in SUB.

Here are some illustrious winners in the men's program: The Fairbanks team, representing LDS, took the "3-on-3" volleyball honors in Event "A", and the Lower Res entry captained by Mr. Goodier, won in Event "B".

Another 3-man team game saw St. John's Hydma team win the "A" event honours, while the top team in "B" event was the Mountford entry from the Mac Hall Alum ranks.



Randy Joines, who aided his team to a third place finish last week at U of C and a Provincial team, displays his form on the pommel. Photo by Jim Connell.

Gymnastics

Bears to Manitoba

A regular event on the gymnastics calendar has been the U of C-Manitoba dual meet, scheduled this year for the gym at the University of Manitoba on Saturday afternoon.

Coached by a former U of A coach and graduate student Lorbach, the U of C team has fallen on hard times since the retirement of team member Keith and have gone down to defeat to the Bears for the last two years straight.

The U of M women's team is expected to give the Pandas a tough battle with a junior-based team. Leading U of M gymnast will be a

silver medallist at last year's CIAU gymnastics final.

While the Pandas took a much needed rest this weekend, the Bears met the U of Calgary team and the Alberta group for the Canada Winter Games in the Main Gym at the University. Two members of the Bears team have qualified for the CIAU finals at UBC in early March while Gary Carleton and Randy Joines are close but require more work on one of the six events, namely the very difficult pommel horse, to push them over the top.

Eric Ruckenthaler has been injured for the past two weeks but Bears coach Francis Tally expects him to be ready for the Manitoba trip.

Hockey

Pandas bound for playoffs

With one game left in league competition, the Panda Hockey Club is starting to burn up the ice, as (finally) their offensive tactics are combining with their defensive efforts to produce an effective and entertaining brand of hockey. The team was fuelled with two wins this past weekend to give them a 7-3-1 record and a goal for/against of 21-2 in the last four games.

Saturday's game against Bon Accord saw the ever-present Joanne Hutsel come away with a goal and an assist. Lois Walline, Mary Kostachuk, Laurie Judin and Sue Knox also scored in the 5-0 win. The hapless Bon Accord crew could not move very well against the forechecking of the Pandas.

Leanne (Little Guba) Ekholm was the owner of the shutout Saturday. Ekholm is in a tight race for the goaltending title for the league.

Sunday night's game against Namao was a 3-0 win that really was a classic example of playing down to the competitor's level of hockey. Although the offensive efforts were at times sporadic, the Pandas' defense remained steady. Caroline Heslop scored twice while Yolande Joly completed the scoring. Goalie Kathy Secord recorded the shut out.

The Pandas' final league game is Saturday, against Namao, at Crestwood Arena at

6:15.

Thank you to those who sponsored the team in their recent Skate-a-thon; it was much appreciated.

The winner of the dinner for two at the Keg 'n Cleaver was Greg Stewart. The Pandas also thank those who aided them in this endeavor.

Sports Quiz

by Jonathan Berkowitz

1. Only four goaltenders have recorded three or more shutouts in the NHL so far this season. Name them.
2. Name all the NHL players who have scored 30 or more goals so far this season. Hint: There are seven.
3. In the 1934 baseball All-Star game, Carl Hubbell of the National League recorded five consecutive strikeouts. Name the players who struck out. (Bonus: Which player broke the streak?)
4. The New York Yankees have retired more uniform numbers than any other baseball team. Who wore these numbers: 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 (worn by two different men), 16, and 37?
5. Dave Schultz holds the record for most penalty minutes by a left winger in one season. Who holds the record for centers and for right wingers?
6. Name the starting five players for the East and for the West in this year's NBA All-Star Game.
7. Which of these former NHL players has more career penalty minutes? a) Eddie Shack b) Bob Baun c) Tim Horton d) Red Horner
8. Name the players to whom each of these nicknames refer: a) Stratford Streak b) Fordham Flash c) Georgia Peach d) The Dutchman
9. Who holds the club records for most career goals for each of the following NHL teams? a) Los Angeles b) Vancouver c) Toronto d) N.Y. Rangers
10. The Toronto Maple Leafs have had nine Calder Trophy winners since the award was instituted. How many can you name?

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