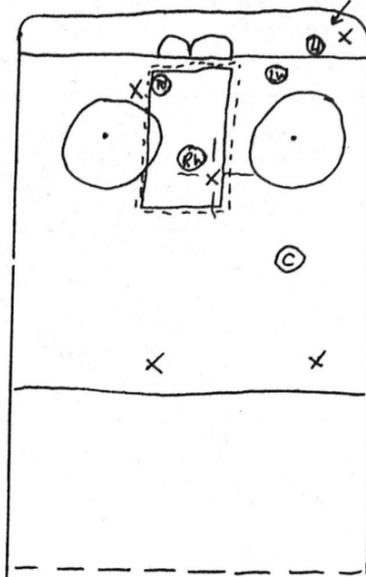




Bears had a field day against Saskatchewan last weekend outscoring them 19-4 in two games. Bruce Crawford scored three goals and helped out on three others.

photo by Paul Cadogan

game analysis



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Part of the reason for Bears' 9-0 shutout over the Huskies last Saturday was good positional play, particularly in their own end. The slot (outlined) is the ideal area for scoring on a goaltender anywhere from 15 to 25 feet out.

Bears did an excellent job of keeping the slot clear in front of Henwood so that Huskies managed a total of one weak shot on goal from that position.

If another Husky moved in there, he was covered by a winger. Bears were always in a position to defend or move the puck ahead as the center was more or less free to pick off the many errant passes that came their way while the wingers didn't have too hard a time breaking.

The only shots Saskatchewan managed were from just inside the blueline.

Henwood's a hero in Bear country

by Allyn Cadogan

Dale Henwood is becoming well known for his stinginess. Saturday night in Varsity Arena he recorded the league's first shut-out of the season as Bears downed University of Saskatchewan Huskies 9-0, following a Friday night 10-4 win.

Admittedly, Huskies didn't give Henwood much of a test, sending a meagre twenty shots in the general direction of the Alberta net. Doug Spitzig and Kevin Migneault combined their efforts to stop 48 of Bears' 57 shots on goal.

More impressive was Henwood's 5-1 victory over University of Calgary Dinosaurs the previous weekend, that lone goal being the only one he's allowed in his last three starts.

At any rate, it would appear that Henwood has won himself a regular spot in the Alberta nets leaving Barry Richardson and Craig Gunther to fight it out for the second spot.

The two wins over Saskatchewan move Alberta into second place in CWUAA standings with six wins and three losses. Calgary, who took two games from University of British Columbia, 8-4 and 2-1, on the weekend, remains in first place with 8-3. BC is now in third with

a 5-4 record, while Saskatchewan has begun thinking about next year with no wins and nine losses.

Dave Smith, Saskatchewan's rookie coach, hoped to keep the score low Friday night, playing three men back and checking close.

Pleased that his team had managed to keep Bears down to a two goal lead by the end of the second period, he told them to go ahead and try to skate with the Alberta squad.

Bears added four more tallies in the final period.

Huskies were never in the game Saturday except to pick up penalties. The obviously frustrated Saskatchewan crew was assessed 15 of the 28 penalties meted out by referee Darryl Haverlock, including four majors and three game misconducts. Bears took two majors and one game misconduct in a fracas late in the third period.

Bears on the other hand discovered that positional play is not a fairy tale dreamed up by Clare Drake in one of his more whimsical moments. With their forward lines being shuffled throughout the game, they resorted to playing positions and popped in goal after goal.

Drake had Rick Wyrozub playing centre for four periods, then moved him back to wing. The change appears to have done him good. Wyrozub didn't score any goals, but seems to have got back into the groove after a three game slump.

Oliver Morris also seems to have benefited from last week's rigorous workouts and the line

changes. He's playing much better and netted three goals on the weekend.

Dwayne Bolkoway and Bruce Crawford led Bears in scoring for the weekend with six points each. Crawford and Bolkoway scored two each Saturday night with John Horcoff, Clarence Wanchulak, Steve McKnight, Abby Hebert,

and Morris netting the singles.

Morris and Oliver Steward scored twice each Friday night while Wanchulak, Horcoff, Crawford, McKnight and Jerry LeGrandeur scored the singles.

Rick Jackson was Huskies' top scorer with two goals while Wayne Knowles and Bill McBain scored one each.

Energy crisis hits Pandas

by Irene Werner

Panda gymnasts nearly defaulted their own meet Sunday due to the energy crisis in the United States.

University of Oregon hosted the Panda's for their first meet of the 1973-74 season on Saturday January 19. It was a high quality meet against three top U.S. teams, University of Oregon finishing first with 91.96, University of Nevada second with 85.60, University of Washington 79.90 and University of Alberta 78.75. Alberta was stepping on the heels of U of Washington with 15;100 of a difference between the two teams.

Lenka Svatek, Alberta's top competitor, placed 2nd all around (28.90) out of 19 all around competitors. Ann Olson of Oregon took first, edging over Svatek by 2.80 points.

In general Panda's showed well with Barbara Rutherfordors 7th all round and Pam Gilverson 11th.

As a team Panda's proved to be strong in vaulting and floor

exercise. On beam Panda's impressed the judges with and connective elements while the U.S. teams were strong on tricks but seemed to lack dance.

Panda's arrived in Oregon Saturday after a 13 hour drive from Vancouver. The car stiffened gymnasts competed in the Varsity arena with the meet being well attended by a friendly audience. However the energy crisis not only played an important part in the gymnasts performance but also affected their trip back to Vancouver.

One of the cars was running at 1/8 of a tank of gas, threatening to strand the team 160 miles from the airport. Beth Fane came to the rescue and, as on the previous evening, she called the local state and city police. With kind concern for Panda's return for Sunday's meet with the Dinnes, the Everett, Washington, Sheriff guided the two cars to the city pumps and filled the tanks with 27½ gallons of precious, but free gas.

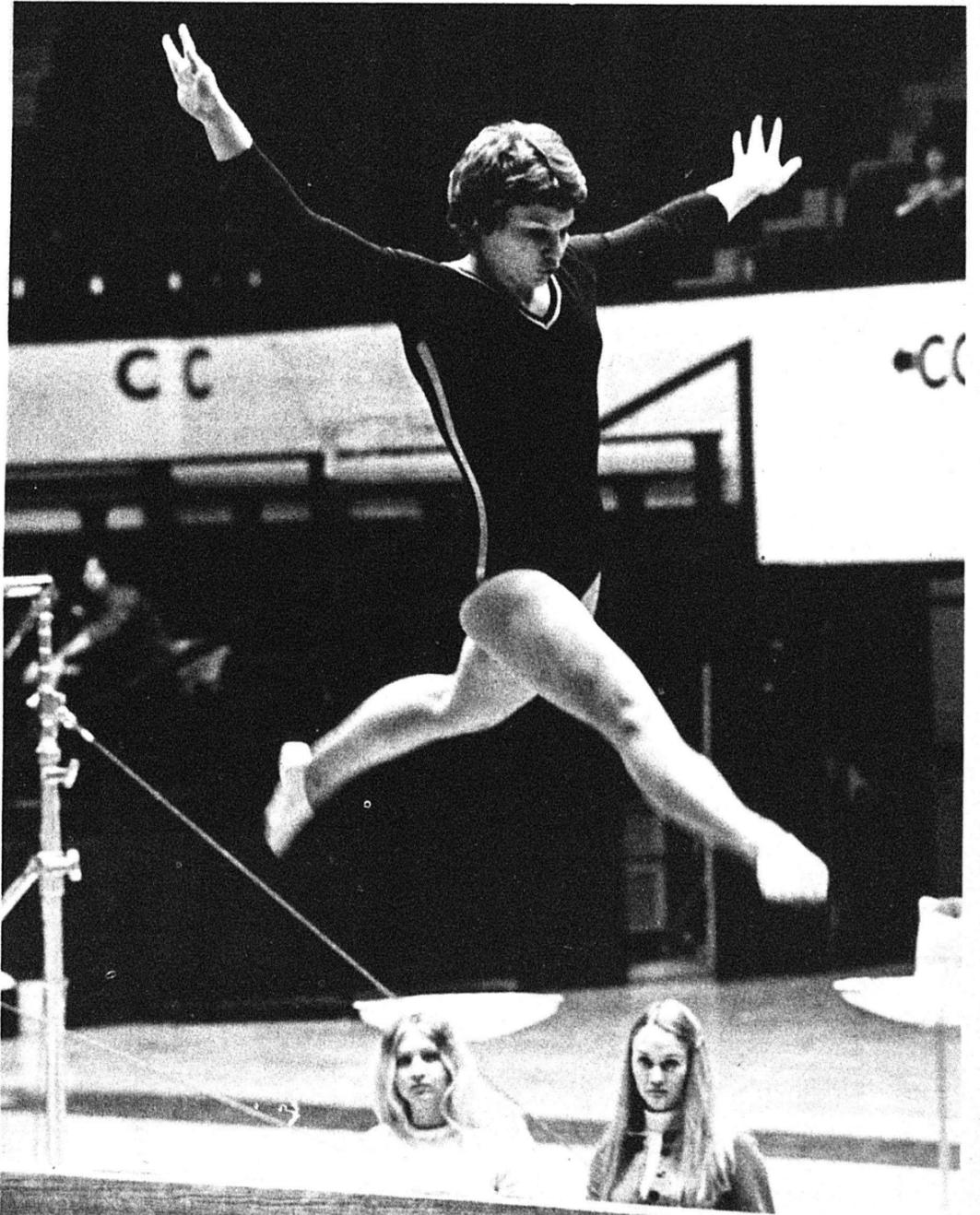


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Panda's Lenka Svatek performed well this weekend placing second overall in a meet in Eugene, Oregon despite the unusual trip down. See story for more info.